

**Agenda for the August 10th, 2017 Meeting of the Norman County
Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors
8:00 to 10:00 am District Office Twin Valley, Mn 56584**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call – Fill out Vouchers and approve agenda**
- 3. Secretaries Report – motion**
- 4. Treasurers Report -- motion**
- 5. Speakers: NRCS, Watershed**
- 6. Unfinished Business**
 - A. Projects & Grants – report
 - B. Buffer Program - report
 - C. Pickup info - report
 - D. Ag Banking – **motion**
 - E. Increase in District Services - **motion**
 - F. Mahnomen Tour – report
 - G. Other
- 7. New Business**
 - A. Cost Share – **motion**
 - B. Nonstructural Practice Cost Share - **motion**
 - C. CWF Grant App - info
 - D. CC Meeting for Buffer Budget – info
 - E. Other
- 8. Adjourn Meeting – motion**

Grants

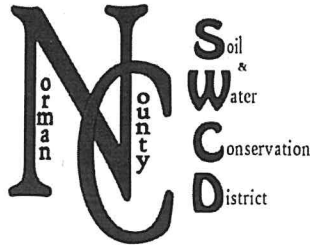
NRBG (Water Plan, Wetland, Feedlot),
Discovery Farms, Capacity, AIS, Cost Share,
RIM, Observation Wells, Cons Delivery
Buffer Law Grant, MAWQCP

Meetings & Training

August 3rd – Mahnomen Project Tour
August 10th – Board Meeting
August 21st – Buffer Meeting
August 31st – CC Meeting
September 4th - Closed
September 5th – 25x25 meeting, Crookston
September 14th – Board Meeting

SWCD Programs and Services

Tree Planting and Maintenance
Conservation Delivery Program
Erosion Control & Water Management
Local Water Management Plan
Rainfall Monitoring Program
Wetland Conservation Act
Observation Well Monitoring
Feedlot Program
Aquatic Invasive Species Program
Reinvest in Minnesota – RIM
Buffer Law Program
Discovery Farms Water Sampling
MAWQCP (Certification Program)
Ag BMP Program
NRCS Programs
Education Days



Minutes for the July 13, 2017, meeting of the Norman County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors, District Office Twin Valley, Mn.

1. Call to Order

The meeting of the Norman County SWCD Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman, Ron Thorsrud at 8:05 AM.

A motion was moved by Skaurud, second by Ueland to approve the July agenda.

**Affirmative: 4 Yays Opposed: 0 Nays
Motion Carried**

2. Roll Call

Members Present

Ron Thorsrud, Chairman

Kelly Skaurud, Vice Chairman

Gene Ueland, Secretary

Erik Rockstad, Treasurer

Members Absent

Bruce Tuft, Reporter

Others Present

Lori Thronson, District Manager

Courtney Habedank, Conservation Technician

Dusty Jasken, NRCS

3. Secretaries Report

A motion was moved by Rockstad, second by Ueland to approve the June 8th Secretaries Report.

**Affirmative: 4 Yays Opposed: 0 Nays
Motion Carried**

4. Treasurers Report

A motion was moved by Rockstad, second by Skaurud to approve the June Treasurers Report.

**Affirmative: 4 Yays Opposed: 0 Nays
Motion Carried**

5. Speakers Reports:

NRCS: EQIP deadline for signup is August 18th, we have some signups for cover cops. We are in the process of ranking the CSP applications with the new software. Norman County might be included as one of the drought status counties because of adjoining counties were declared disaster, because of this, landowners might be able to graze or hay their CRP. Easement monitoring is being worked on. Dusty read the MOU Cooperative Working Agreement with USDA and NRCS.

A motion was moved by Skaurud, second by Rockstad to approve signing the MOU with USDA and NRCS.

**Affirmative: 4 Yays Opposed: 0 Nays
Motion Carried**

6. Unfinished Business

A. Project Reports & Grants

Mark is working with a landowner on an ag banking project. Courtney has been water sampling once a week. Sent out letters to feedlot owners for re-registration. Will be doing spot checks on RIM/WRP sites with NRCS. Will be working with Brett from BWSR to submit CWL funding for sediment basins.

B. Buffer Program

Discussed the flat rate option of \$300/acre for cost share.

A motion was moved by Skaurud, second by Rockstad to approve setting the cost share flat rate at \$300/acre for cost share and designating Mark Christianson as the Technical Approval Authority for approving the cost share.

**Affirmative: 4 Yays Opposed: 0 Nays
Motion Carried**

Talked about the cost share money we received for installing buffers and how we can spend it. Courtney explained what percentage in the county of buffers need to be in compliance, we will be sending out letters next week to the landowners. Lori talked about the manager's meeting with Brett and the discussions about how to spend the buffer cost share and the enforcement duties of the counties that are taking it on.

A motion was moved by Rockstad, second by Skaurud to approve signing the "Other Watercourses" resolution as defined in the Buffer Law. The board had reservations about signing this resolution.

**Affirmative: 3 Yays Opposed: 1 Nays
Motion Carried**

C. Pickup Info

Still looking for a pickup, looked at a couple that didn't turn out.

D. Area 1 Meeting

Ron attended the Area 1 meeting in Crookston, he said it was a good turnout. Talked about the TSA resolution on having staff vote at the meeting if the supervisor can't be there. Mahnomen SWCD still is not in favor of this. Looking at other options to make sure there is a quorum at the meetings.

E. Admin Session

Courtney attended the training in Walker, 34 folks there. Different presenters on issues dealing with SWCD's.

F. Manager's Meeting

Discussed earlier under buffers. Brian Dwight was here to give us tips on submitting the Clean Water Fund Grant. Good attendance. The meeting was held at our office.

G. Other

None

7. New Business

A. Cost Share

A motion was moved by Skaurud, second by Rockstad to approve the following cost share contract not to exceed 75%.

**Affirmative: 4 Yays Opposed: 0 Nays
Motion Carried**

#8-17	Robert Dahlen	Fabric Installation	\$236.25	75%
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B. MOU with Lakes Country Service Center

Discussed the MOU that other SWCD's are doing for sharing of files, office package and IT support. Will have more information and cost as it becomes available.

C. RRV Ag Water Issues Forum

There is a meeting on July 19th at the Neil Rockstad farm by Ada to discuss current water issues with other farmers and presenters.

D. Other

Discussed Governor Dayton's 25 by 25 campaign. There will be townhall meetings this fall.

8. Adjourn meeting at 10:10

A motion was moved by Rockstad, second by Ueland to adjourn the meeting.

**Affirmative: 4 Yays Opposed: 0 Nays
Motion Carried**

Dated _____ Respectfully Submitted:

Gene Ueland, NCSWCD Board Secretary