

**Agenda for the March 9<sup>th</sup>, 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**
- 3. Secretaries Report – motion**
- 4. Treasurers Report -- motion**
- 5. Speakers: NRCS, Watershed**
- 6. Unfinished Business**
  - A. Projects & Grants – report
  - B. Buffer Program – report
  - C. County Commissioner meeting – report
  - D. Water Plan Hearing - report
  - E. Area 1 Meeting – report
  - F. Other
- 7. New Business**
  - A. Cost Share – **motion**
  - B. Approve Expenses for Feedlot Conference- **motion**
  - C. Master Joint Powers Agreement - **motion**
  - D. Pickup and Ranger - info
  - E. Other
- 8. Adjourn Meeting – motion**

**Grants**

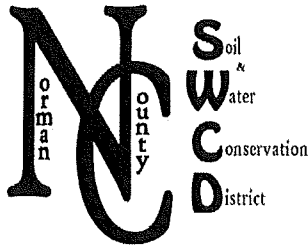
NRBG (Water Plan, Wetland, Feedlot),  
Discovery Farms, Capacity, AIS, Cost Share,  
RIM, Observation Wells, Cons Delivery  
Buffer Law Grant, MAWQCP

**Meetings & Training**

March 6 – Buffer meeting, Halstad 10:00  
March 9 – Board Meeting  
March 10 – Erik’s Birthday  
March 14 - TSA meeting, Mahnomen  
March 15 - Buffer meeting, Gary 10:00  
March 20-21 - Day at the Capitol  
March 22-23 – RRB FDR Conference Moorhead  
April 5 – TSA meeting, Mahnomen  
April 11-13 – Feedlot Conference, Moorhead  
April 13 – 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 February 9, 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 8:00 AM.

**A motion was moved by Rockstad, second by Tufte to approve the February agenda.**

**Affirmative: 3 Yays    Opposed: 0 Nays  
Motion Carried**

**2. Roll Call**

Members Present

Ron Thorsrud, Chairman

Erik Rockstad, Treasurer

Bruce Tufte, Reporter

Members Absent

Kelly Skaurud, Vice Chairman

Gene Ueland, Secretary

Others Present

Mark Christianson, District Technician

Courtney Habedank, Conservation Technician

Josh Bork, NRCS

Ileane Rodriguez, NRCS

Duane Erickson

**3. Secretaries Report**

**A motion was moved by Rockstad, second by Tufte to approve the January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Secretaries Report.**

**Affirmative: 3 Yays    Opposed: 0 Nays  
Motion Carried**

**4. Treasurers Report**

**A motion was moved by Tufte, second by Rockstad to approve the January Treasurers Report.**

**Affirmative: 3 Yays    Opposed: 0 Nays  
Motion Carried**

**5. Speakers Reports:**

NRCS: Josh's last day in Ada will be on February 24<sup>th</sup>. A hiring freeze is on for NRCS and he isn't sure who and when someone will replace him in Ada. There are 20 applications for EQIP, mostly cover crops, high priority applications will be funded first. CSP signup ended on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Working on CCRP and the CP38 Safe Program.

Watershed: Duane Erickson spoke on behalf of the watershed. An analysis on the Green Meadow Dam suggested the need for more permanent grass cover and less cropland. Looking at getting a \$500,000 grant to study the Moccasin Creek and the South Branch. One half of the property taxes collected by the watershed is given to the Red River Basin Board. The board approved increasing their donation to the SWCD's from \$100 to \$200 for the Envirothon.

**6. Unfinished Business**

**A. Project Reports & Grants**

Lori finished reporting in eLink, waiting for ok from Brett on them. Mark is working with the engineer on 7 water control structures for a landowner and 1 project site in Flom Township. Working with a landowner on a possible wetland banking site.

**B. Buffer Program**

Courtney is working on labels so we can send out the buffer letter to landowners explaining the program with the deadlines. We will be holding 2 meetings in the county explaining the buffer program. We are waiting for guidance on buffer alternative practices. NRCS training here on February 22<sup>nd</sup> for conservation planning.

**C. Open Pasture Rent Bids**

3 bids were opened for the rent on our pasture.

**A motion was moved by Rockstad, second by Tufte to accept the high bid from Andrew Austinson of \$2,450 for the yearly rent on the pasture.**

**Affirmative: 3 Yays    Opposed: 0 Nays**

**Motion Carried**

**D. Remodel Office**

**A motion was moved by Tufte, second by Rockstad to hire Thronson Construction to remodel the office with an estimate of \$5,075, there were no other interested contractors.**

**Affirmative: 3 Yays    Opposed: 0 Nays**

**Motion Carried**

**E. Other**

None

**7. New Business**

**A. Cost Share**

None

**B. Water Plan Hearing & County Commissioner Meeting**

The supervisors looked at the water plan. A public hearing on the water plan will be on February 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 at the courthouse in Ada. We will also be discussing buffers at their board meeting at 10:30 on February 16<sup>th</sup>.

**C. Upcoming Meetings**

There is an Area 1 meeting on February 21<sup>st</sup> at the Holiday Inn in Detroit Lakes.

**D. Annual Plan**

**A motion was moved by Rockstad, second by Tufte to approve the 2017 Annual Plan.**

**Affirmative: 3 Yays    Opposed: 0 Nays**

**Motion Carried**

**E. Approve Expenses for AIS Meeting**

**A motion was moved by Tufte, second by Rockstad to approve paying expenses for the staff to attend the AIS meeting in Alexandria.**

**Affirmative: 3 Yays    Opposed: 0 Nays**

**Motion Carried**

**F. Other**

None

**8. Adjourn meeting at 9:30**

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

**Affirmative: 3 Yays    Opposed: 0 Nays**

**Motion Carried**

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ Respectfully Submitted:

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Gene Ueland, NCSWCD Board Secretary