COTTONWOOD SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING
March 27, 2026
Cottonwood SWCD Office – 210 10th Street, Windom, MN

CALL TO ORDER and ROLL CALL
AGENDA – Approval
MINUTES of February 26, 2026 Board Meeting

1. FINANCIAL – Annitra Moody •Financial Report •Accounts Payable •First Quarter Compensation and Expenses •Acquired Additional Public Employee Dishonesty Coverage $50,000

2. COMMITTEE REPORTS and ACTION ITEMS

RCRCA – **Dave Bucklin, Becky Buchholz, Kay Gross**

GBERBA – Kay Gross, Becky Buchholz, Dave Bucklin

DES MOINES PARTNERSHIP – Becky Buchholz, Kay Gross, Tom Muller/Daryl Tasler

1W1P BLUE EARTH – Kay Gross

- Resolution to Adopt and Implement the Blue Earth River Watershed Comprehensive Watershed Mgmt Plan

SOUTHWEST PRAIRIE JPO – Tom Muller

- Southwest Prairie TSA Vouchers, Financial and Administrative Report
- Prevailing Wage and Resolution to Increase Funding
- Next Meeting – Monday, March 30 - 10:30 a.m. - Marshall

AREA V – Kay Gross – Next Meeting – Thursday, June 18 (Lac Qui Parle Co – Dawson, MN)

MASWCD – Becky Buchholz – Legislative Day Report

NRCS – Loren Clark, Acting CST Lead

FSA – Rhonda Crowell, County Executive Director

COMMISSIONER REPORT – Tom Appel

- County Update

3. ADMINISTRATIVE – Kay Gross

- **Cottonwood SWCD – Local Cost-Share Contract Approval – County Capacity 2023**

Todd Franz	SWCD-24-08	Carson 16	Farmstead Windbreak	Cost $5,523.30	C-S $2,500.00
John Regier	SWCD-24-09	Midway 13	Farmstead Windbreak	Cost $2,285.70	C-S $1,828.00

- **BWSR Cost-Share Contract Approval – FY26/27 – Conservation Contracts Grant Agreement (P26-0316)**

Ryan Lepp	26-02	Midway 13	Farmstead Windbreak	Cost $2,616.00	C-S $2,092.00
Michael Mueller	26-03	Midway 29	Farmstead Windbreak	Cost $1,254.00	C-S $1,003.00

- **BWSR Cost-Share Contract Approval - WBIF FY25-27 - Des Moines River Watershed Implementation Grant Agreement (C25-0177)**

Abe Crowell 25-DMRW-COT-012 Great Bend 32 No-Till – 221.59 ac - $30/ac – 3 yrs C-S $19,943.10

- **BWSR Cost-Share Contract Approval - WBIF FY25-27 – Cottonwood-Middle Minnesota Watershed Implementation Grant Agreement (C25-0341)**

Erin Asche 25-CWMM-COT-011 Westbrook 23 SSTS Incentive Incentive $5,000.00

- **GBERBA MAWQCP Certification Program Contract and Payment Approval**

Smith Farm LLC TS-17-5-43 Worksheet Completion Incentive $100.00

- **RCPP (Grant #7) – Ranking and Committee Batching-Approval – 3-27-26 - $120,000 (March)**

Contract 17-7-1	Ranking Points 45	Total Acres 72.0 – 3 yrs	Strip-Till-No-Till Total Payment $7,560.00
Contract 17-7-2	Ranking Points 25	Total Acres 153.56 – 1 yr	Strip-Till-No-Till Total Payment $5,374.60
Contract 17-7-3	Ranking Points 55	Total Acres 116 – 1 yr	Strip-Till-No-Till Total Payment $4,060.00
Contract 17-7-4	Ranking Points 11	Total Acres 305.55 ac - 1 yr	Strip-Till-No-Till Total Payment $10,694.25
Contract 17-7-5	Ranking Points 36	Total Acres 236.71 ac - 1 yrs	Strip-Till-No-Till Total Payment $8,284.85
Contract 17-7-6	Ranking Points 31	Total Acres 103.38 – 1 yr	Strip-Till-No-Till Total Payment $3,618.30
Contract 17-7-7	Ranking Points 35	Total Acres 976.71 – 1 yr	Strip-Till-No-Till Total Payment $34,184.85
Contract 17-7-8	Ranking Points 11	Total Acres 155.18 – 1 yr	Strip-Till-No-Till Total Payment $5,431.30
Contract 17-7-9	Ranking Points 36	Total Acres 72.3 – 1 yr	Strip-Till-No-Till Total Payment $2,530.50
Contract 17-7-10	Ranking Points 31	Total Acres 129.74 – 1 yr	Strip-Till-No-Till Total Payment $4,540.90
Contract 17-7-11	Ranking Points 35	Total Acres 951.69 – 1 yr	Strip-Till-No-Till Total Payment $33,309.15
Contract 17-7-12	Ranking Points 11	Total Acres 305.55 – 1 yr	Strip-Till-No-Till Total Payment $10,694.25
Contract 17-7-13	Ranking Points 36	Total Acres 236.71 – 1 yr	Strip-Till-No-Till Total Payment $8,284.85
Contract 17-7-14	Ranking Points 31	Total Acres 103.38 – 1 yr	Strip-Till-No-Till Total Payment $3,618.30
Contract 17-7-15	Ranking Points 35	Total Acres 976.71 – 1 yr	Strip-Till-No-Till Total Payment $34,184.85

Contract 17-6-1 Will move funds to Grant #7 (March) when allocation and grant agreement is completed $13,435.40

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- **FY26 BWSR Soil Health Practices Grant Agreement – (February) - $120,000**
- **MN River Basin Committee**
- **PRAP Survey**
- **Website – ADA Compliance – Proposals – On Hold**
- **Staff Payout –** Administrative Assistant – 200 Hours of Comp Time - $27.46
- **Training** – TEP Academy (WCA) – April 14 – St Cloud – Becky - $90 Registration, lodging and meals
  HGM Training (WCA) – April 28 – Rochester – Becky - $90 Registration, lodging and meals
  Wetland Delineation Training (WCA) June 8-12 – Shoreview Nathan/Breanna - $600/each Registration, lodging & meal
- **Board Meeting Change** – May 28 (Change) – New Date at 8:30 a.m.
- **Talcot Lake Project** – Approved for Engineering – DNR will be working on a JPA
- **String Lake Project** – Have a shot at a new funding source through DNR under

- **Meetings**

March	30	Southwest Prairie TSA Meeting – Marshall	Tom, Kay, Becky
March	30	Hazardous Mitigation Plan Meeting – Virtual	Alex, Kay, Becky
April	1	Horticulture Workshop – Lamberton	Breanna
April	1	JD24 Meeting – Comfrey	Dylan, Tom A.
April	2	Area II/RCRCA – Redwood Falls	Dave
April	7	SSTS Talking Point Tour – Redwood Falls	Becky
April	8	Des Moines Technical Meeting – Virtual/Office	Becky, Staff
April	8-9	Manager Co-Hort – St Paul	Kay
April	11	DU Banquet – Windom	Breanna, Nathan
April	13	Mankato WRAPS Meeting – Virtual	Staff
April	14	TEP Academy – St Could	Becky
April	15	Ag Inspectors Training – St Cloud	Alex
April	16	Des Moines Policy Committee Meeting – LEC/Virtual	Tom/Daryl Staff
April	17	Schumacher Nursery Delivery	Staff
April	22	GBERBA Technical Committee Meeting – Virtual	Kay, Becky
April	23	Cottonwood SWCD Board Meeting – Office/Virtual	Supervisors and Staff
April	23-24	Tree Handout – Office/Tree Barn	Staff
April	24	GBERBA Executive Board Meeting – Virtual	Dave, Staff
April	27	MACDE 2nd Quarter Meeting – Virtual	Kay
April	28	HGM Training (WCA) – Rochester	Becky
April	29	Blue Thumb Workshop – Cities	Breanna

4. **SENIOR TECHNICIAN – Becky Buchholz**
5. **PROGRAM TECHNICIAN – Breanna Wagner**
6. **PROGRAM TECHNICIAN – Nathan Harder**
7. **MAWQCP SPECIALIST – Herman Bartsch**
8. **MAWQCP SPECIALIST – Danielle Evers**
9. **PLANNING & ZONING TECH – Alex Schultz**
10. **COTTONWOOD COUNTY DRAINAGE INSPECTOR – Dylan Oeltjenbruns**

Next Regular Meeting – April 23, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. – Cottonwood SWCD Office