

Hubbard County Soil & Water Conservation District

Wednesday September 10th, 2025, at 9:00 am

Hubbard County Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors met at the office with a Zoom option available.

Office Address: 603 Central Avenue North, Suite 100, Park Rapids, MN 56470.

Members present: Don Rettinger, Vice-Chair – attended via interactive technology
Lynn Goodrich, Secretary - attended via interactive technology
Don Sells, Treasurer - attended via interactive technology
Marcel Noyes, PR&I - attended via interactive technology

Others present: Crystal Mathisrud, District Manager
Dan Pazdernik, District Conservationist
Jake Shaughnessy, Watershed Planner/Coordinator
Jack Slipy, Conservation Project Technician

Vice Chair Rettinger opened the meeting at 9 am and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Quorum established as 4 of 5 supervisors present.

AGENDA

A motion was made by Supervisor Rettinger to approve the agenda. Second by Supervisor Goodrich. Roll call vote: Dist. 1 -Y, Dist. 2-Y, Dist. 4 -Y, Dist. 5-Y. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS ACTION

MYPAY Hubbard SWCD 2024 Taxes – asking for the board to approve the amount needed to be paid in Q1 \$1,224.00, Q2 \$2,028.26, Q3 \$1,224.04, Q4 \$ 1,835.98 to allow MYPAY to pay the back taxes for 2024.

A motion was made by Supervisor Noyes to allow MYPAY to withdraw the correct amount of taxes for each of the four quarters as shown on the email to pay the back taxes for 2024 for the health stipend. Second by Supervisor Sells. Roll call vote: Dist. 1 -Y, Dist. 2-Y, Dist. 4 -Y, Dist. 5-Y. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Information from County board meeting and budget change (Crystal) - Hubbard County is very supportive of what Soil and Water is and has done. The Hubbard County Board is interested in updating and revising and adopting the Local Water Management Plan before January 2026.

They would like to have us revise our letter of request for 2026 funds so they can include the \$20,000 in the budget to support funding further work the Lake Belle Taine project. The \$20,000.00 would be used specifically for contracting with someone that would be able to organize the two committees and the sharing of the information with the public on the project. Crystal understands that it can also be used for our admin time for coordination. Hubbard SWCD will help facilitate but will not take ownership of the Belle Taine project. Crystal will revise the letter for Jeff and make it clear that we are asking for the funds to coordinate the contracted person on behalf of the group which involves the county and the local water management committee.

NEW BUSINESS ACTION

CSC-20250910LLRCCS - cost share contract for soil health grant (Jake) - Chester has the correct JAA and will be signing off on this project. It is 95 acres in the Leech Lake Watershed - Helga township. Three soil tests will also be done. Estimated costs will be \$3,875.00. The cover crop project to be paid for with soil health cost share dollars that expires at the end of this year.

A motion was made by Supervisor Sells to approve the cost share project (CSC-20250910LLRCCS) up to the amount of \$3,875.00. Second by Supervisor Goodrich. Roll call vote: Dist. 1 -Y, Dist. 2-Y, Dist. 4 -Y, Dist. 5-Y. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

CSC-20250910CWRABC - Cost share contract for soil health grant (Jack) - Local producer 120-acre field request to cost share at \$40.00 per acre in the Crow Wing River Watershed with a maximum of \$4008.00 flat rate. This project will also use soil health dollars that will expire at the end of this year.

A motion was made by Supervisor Noyes to approve the soil health cost share project (CSC-20250910CWRABC up to the max of \$4008.00. Second by Supervisor Goodrich. Roll call vote: Dist. 1 -Y, Dist. 2-Y, Dist. 4 -Y, Dist. 5-Y. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting Tuesday, September 23, 2025; Agenda Items:

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 9:24 am

APPROVED: _____ SECRETARY _____
Date Lynn Goodrich, Secretary