

**DOUGLAS SOIL & WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT MINUTES
Monday, February 9, 2026–8:00 A.M.**

The Douglas Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors met at the Douglas SWCD Conference Room on Monday February 9, 2026. Vice - Chairman Rutten called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Members attending were Dropik, Rutten, and Ledermann. Members absent were Barsness and Froemming, Also, in attendance were Commissioner Way, Staff attending Haggemiller, Albertsen, Arceneau, Jenc, Rice and Olson.

Pledge was recited.

Minutes of the regular January 14, 2026, meeting were discussed. Motion by Ledermann to approve subject to audit, seconded by Dropik Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report was read. Motion by Dropik to approve, subject to audit, seconded by Ledermann. Motion carried.

Reports

- A. Coordinator's Report** – Haggemiller handed out his monthly report.
- B. Pomme de Terre Update** – No report was given
- C. Sauk River Report** – No report was given
- D. Chippewa River Report** – No report was given
- E. Long Prairie Report** – No report was given
- F. Water Quality Legacy Fund** – No report was given
- G. Douglas County Commissioner Report-** Way reported on AIS meeting, .0225% sales tax on November Ballet, Public Forum on February 18 regarding shotgun & Rifle zone, Rush went over the new ordinances. Re-organization of Board.

Old Business – No Old Business

New Business

- A. NRCS Field Office** Cole Montgomery reported Lance Smith will be acting in the NE & replaced by Jon Matz from the SW for 120 days. Cory & Cole will attend a meeting for DCs and leadership in Brainerd at the end of month. The sign-up deadline for FY26 EQIP & CSP that national had set for January 15th The Regenerative Pilot Program was included in this deadline. Minnesota guidance is that the only EQIP applications taken between December 11th and January 15th are eligible & must have requested the program. General EQIP ranking deadline will be set for March 20th. RPP ranking deadline will be April 10th

NRCS currently does not have payment schedules or scenarios that will be offered in EQIP. They have been given a draft of the payment schedule which contains varying percentages and scaling. CSP will be coming in April 2026.

B. MASWCD Legislative Webinar- February 17

C. MASWCD Legislative Day- March 17-18

D. Area II Meeting March 12 in Morris

E. BWSR Overpayment – Reimburse BWSR Lake Ida CD 23 Grant. for \$52,702.00 since the wetland diversion was not completed.

F. Cost Share Application - LPWBIF Well Sealing Carlos Township Section 24 Total Cost Share \$850.00 Cost Share 75% \$637.50 Motion by Dropik to approve the LPWBIF Well Sealing Carlos Township Section 24 Total Cost Share \$850.00 Cost Share 75% \$637.50, seconded by Ledermann. Motion carried.

Bills to Pay. During the month of February, the Douglas SWCD issued Checks #12147-12168 for a total of \$138,194.83 including eFile (State Withholding) and EFTP (Federal Withholding). Motion by Ledermann to pay the bills, seconded by Rutten. Motion carried.

Adjournment. Motion by Rutten to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dropik. Motion carried.

Secretary,

Bill Dropik, Secretary