ISANTI SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Board of Supervisors Meeting
August 19, 2026 9:00 A.M

Mission: To provide guidance; to inspire action; and to bring innovative resources to our communities so that people can become leaders in keeping land and water healthy for future generations.

SUPERVISORS MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
Isanti SWCD
110 Buchanan St. N
Cambridge, MN 55008

Virtual attendance:
https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/29157805225324?p=puTBOUdWHhAhe5kVQC

Call meeting to order, Pledge of Allegiance - 9:02 AM

Individuals present: Dave Medvecky, Tiffany Determan, Tim Kosel, Tom Anderson, Valerie Anderson, Senator Mark Koran, Lacey Johnson, Frank Curtis, County Commissioner Alan Duff

1) **Approve Agenda***

   Motion: V. Anderson motion to approve agenda seconded by D. Medvecky
   Affirmative Action: Unanimous
   Result: Motion Carried

2) **Public Comment/Correspondence**
   Senator Koran Spoke about legislature changes and gave compliments on the work SWCD does.

3) **Consent Agenda**
   a) **Treasurers Report**
      Approved by consent

   b) **Regular Board Meeting Minutes**
      Approved by consent

4) **County Commissioner Report**
   A. Duff provided an update regarding discussions with the Sheriff's Department concerning Flock cameras and the anticipated timeline for their removal. Duff noted that the preliminary County budget is expected September 15 and commended Tiffany Determan on her budget presentation to the County. Senator Koran provided insight regarding government data practices and community perspectives on the matter. Duff also reported that the City of Cambridge intends to deny the introduction of AI data centers.

5) **BWSR Performance Review of Isanti SWCD-Don Bajumppa, BWSR PRAP Coordinator**
Don Bajumpaa presented the District's Organizational Assessment Report Summary. Completed once every ten years. Highlights included positive feedback regarding the District's involvement in watershed plans and programs. Isanti SWCD met all 12 basic performance standards and 19 of 22 high-performance standards, with no required actions identified. Recommendations included providing additional training for Board members, cross-training and succession planning, assessing staff workloads, and continuing to track performance and share completed work with others. Staff and partner surveys reflected strong overall performance, positive feedback regarding District management and staff, and recognition of successful projects.

6) **New Business Items**

a) **FY25 Conservation Contracts Closeout-info only**
T. Determan presented the final summary for the FY25 Conservation Contracts, including activity indicators upon completion.

b) **Personal Committee recommendation, Z. Olson 6-month review***
T. Determan commended Zoe Olson on her outreach performance and provided a summary of Olson's six-month performance review. Determan recommended removing Olson from probationary status and advancing her one level with a corresponding pay increase.

Motion: T. Anderson made a motion to approve removing Z. Olson from probation and advancing level/pay increase, seconded by T. Kosel.
Affirmative Action: Unanimous
Result: Motion approved

c) **Funding Diversification Plan**

T. Determan discussed the preparation of a funding diversification plan to be presented to the Board for input and recommendations regarding options to support ongoing staff and operational funding. A. Duff commended T. Determan on the funding diversification plan and noted that the plan reflects positively on the District when presenting its County allocation needs.

7) **Old Business Items**
a) **Payments*:**
i) **FY23 RRWP WBIF: Contract 2026-2, Raingarden/infiltration project for $6,825.00**
T. Kulaf presented work completed under Contract 2026-2, a raingarden and infiltration project located on Skogman Lake. Kulaf highlighted the installation of rock weepers along a ditch on the landowner's property to promote natural filtration, as well as a raingarden designed to capture stormwater runoff and allow for infiltration before water reaches Skogman Lake. F. Curtis asked about the modeling used to estimate sediment and phosphorus reductions. T. Kulaf provided an overview of recent updates to the modeling methods and discussed the various factors considered when calculating these indicators.

ii) **FY23 RRWP WBIF: Contract 2026-5, raingarden for $3,075**

T. Kulaf presented work completed under Contract 2026-5, a raingarden project located on Green Lake. The project was designed to intercept stormwater from a neighborhood storm drain that had been contributing to flooding near the landowner's garage. The raingarden will capture the runoff and allow it to infiltrate into the ground rather than flowing directly toward Green Lake.

Motion: V. Anderson moved to approve payments for 2026-5 and 2026-2, seconded by F. Curtis
Affirmative Action: Unanimous
Result: Motion Carried

iii) **Soil Health Field Day host stipend for $400**

D. Medvecky commended the District and its partners for the successful completion of the event.

Motion: T. Anderson made a motion to approve payment to Foster, seconded by T. Kosel.
Affirmative: Unanimous.
Result: Motion carried.

b) **Amendment to Contract 2026-3, Cartwright phase 3, wetland restoration***
T. Determan provided an update on the bid for the Cartwright Wetland Restoration Project, noting the updated base cost of 181,000.

Motion: V. Anderson made motion to approve the increase in the base cost to $181,000, seconded by D. Medvecky.
Affirmative Action: Unanimous
Result: Motion Carried

c) **Amendment to TNC Cummins Wetland restoration grant agreement**
T. Determan informed the Board of an extension to the TNC Cummins Wetland Restoration Grant Agreement. No Board action was required.

8) RCPP Contracts
T. Determan informed the Board of cover crop projects being completed under the RCPP contract. Determan also noted an amendment to the contract updating language related to the funding source and project eligibility. No Board action was required.

9) Approve Payment of Bills*
L. Johnson presented bills for board review.
Motion: V. Anderson made motion to approve payment of bills seconded by T. Anderson.
Affirmative Action: Unanimous
Result: Motion Carried

10) Reports & Updates
a) **Staff**
T. Kulaf provided an update on completed and planned projects, highlighting an upcoming stormwater assessment in the City of Braham.

b) **NRCS District Conservationist**
Not present.

c) **Committee Reports**
Committee members noted the success of the Soil Health Field Day. D. Medvecky commended T. Determan for her presentation at the County budget meeting.

11) Board Training: 2026 Work Plan Update
T. Determan presented the progress for the 2026 work plan, highlighting areas where completed work has exceeded expectations as well as areas of ongoing progress and focus.

12) Approve SWCD meetings & Events

Meeting/Event	Approved	Date/time
Treasures Report and Bank Reconciliation Review	T. Anderson	Monthly
Isanti County Budget Meeting	Medvecky	August 11, 9am
Soil Health Field Day	All	August 12, 9am @ Foster Farm
Conservation Club Appreciation BBQ	All	August 20, Beckline Park
Metro Conservation District Meeting	Curtis, Medvecky	August 26th, 4-6PM, Washington Conservation District
Rum River Implementation Planning Committee Meeting	V. Anderson, Medvecky	September 14, virtual

13) Adjourn
D. Medvecky to adjourn at 11:25 AM

Board Secretary: **Date:** 9/16/26