

**Minutes of the meeting of the
Rock County Soil and Water Conservation District
Monday, January 20, 2026**

A meeting of the Rock County Soil and Water District Board was held on Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 8:00 AM at the Rock County Land Management Office with the following members present: Josh Ossefoort, Matt VanGrootheest, Dave Esselink, Roger Hoff, Jim Veldkamp, Director Eric Hartman, Assistant Director Arlyn Gehrke, Office Manager Mary Thompson and Office Manager Shayla Rock. Absent: County Commissioner Stan Williamson

Chair Hoff called the meeting to order and asked for any additions to the agenda. Hartman stated there needed to be a couple amendments to the budget. With the addition, motion to approve by Ossefoort, second by Esselink. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Election of Officers and Committee Appointments

Chair – Motion to appoint Ossefoort by Hoff, second by Esselink. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Vice Chair – Motion to appoint Hoff by Veldkamp, second by Esselink. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Secretary – Motion by Ossefoort to re-appoint Esselink, second by Veldkamp. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Treasurer – Motion by Hoff to re-appoint VanGrootheest by Hoff, second by Veldkamp. All ayes, no opposes. All ayes, no oppose, motion carried.

Committee Appointments

Current:

TSA: Roger Hoff

KLR: Dave Esselink

Waterplan: Dave Esselink; alternate Josh Ossefoort

PR & I: Jim Veldkamp

Motion to keep committee members as is by Esselink, second by Ossefoort. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Official Depository Designation

The board approved Security Savings Bank as the official depository for 2025. Motion to approve by Esselink, second by Hoff. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Official Newspaper Designation

The board approved the Rock County Star Herald as the official newspaper for 2025. Motion to approve by Hoff, second by Esselink. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

RCPP Update

Gehrke stated the contracts are in place with 80% of the last round of RCPP allocated. The request will be made for another \$120,000 by the end of January.

RCPP – Amend Approval Authority

Gehrke/Thompson requested an amendment to the RCPP Contract Approval Authority to include contract amendments in order to continue streamlining the allocation of funds. Director and Assistant Director would have the authority to approve. Motion to approve by Esselink, second by VanGrootheest. All ayes, no oppose, motion carried.

RCPP Contract Amendments

Since the board was convened, Thompson presented the amendment to RCPP Contract 67-3-4 for cover crops to amend the number of acres from 160 to 125. Motion to approve by Hoff, second by Ossefoort. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried. Thompson presented the amendment to RCPP Contract 67-3-3 for strip till/no till to amend the acres from 160 to 125. Motion to approve by Esselink, second by VanGrootheest. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Bills for Approval

Thompson presented the following bills for approval:

A/P Date	Vendor Number	Vendor Name	Total Amount
01/20/2026	1620	AUKES/TERRY	\$255.00
01/20/2026	1588	CHS-MAGNOLIA	\$382.50
01/20/2026	990	FICK/TOM	\$225.00
01/20/2026	1590	FLUIT/BRENT	\$262.50
01/20/2026	392	MN ASSOC OF SOIL & WATER CONSERV DIST	\$7,043.18
01/20/2026	3445	MN COUNTIES INTERGOVERNMENTAL TRUST	\$2,236.00
01/20/2026	3794	NOBLES SWCD	\$1,250.00
01/20/2026	3479	PETERSEN/BRAD	\$600.00
01/20/2026	391	SWMN ASSOC OF SOIL & WATER CONSERV DIST	\$400.00

Total \$ 12,654.18

Motion to approve by Veldkamp, second by Van Grootheest. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Financial Statement

Hartman presented the December financial statement. After review, motion to approve by Van Grootheest, second by Hoff. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Budget Amendment

Hartman reviewed the amendments to the 2026 budget. Motion to approve by Esselink, second by Veldkamp. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Approval Minutes

After review, motion to approve December 22, 2025 minutes by Veldkamp, second by Hoff. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Upcoming Meeting

Next meeting will be Tuesday, February 17, 2026.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Hoff, second by Esselink. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mary Thompson
Office Manager