



Dodge Soil and Water Conservation District

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Minutes of the March 17, 2026

Dodge Soil & Water Conservation District

Regular Board of Supervisors Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Larry Scherger, Board Chair, at 6:34 P.M.

Members Present: Larry Scherger, Chair
Rick Alberts, Vice-Chair
Glenn Hahn, Treasurer
David Livingston, Secretary

Members Absent: Bruce Freerksen, PR&I

Others Present: Jessica Klingfus, District Manager, Dodge Soil and Water Conservation District; Allison English, Administrative Professional, Dodge Soil and Water Conservation District

Approval of Meeting Agenda: There were no additions to the March 17, 2026 board meeting agenda. A motion was made to approve the March 17, 2026 meeting agenda as presented.
Motion: David Livingston
Seconded: Glenn Hahn
The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the Board Meeting Minutes The supervisors discussed the February 17, 2026 board meeting minutes. There were four corrections including changing '4.45%' to '4.1%' under Certificates of Deposit Renewal action item. Under Glenn Hahn's supervisors report add 'in Rochester' after 'he attended the I90 tour' and update the word 'tour' to 'presenters.' On page 4 under the action item Watershed Cost-share 2024WAGZ- DC-12 (Brooks) Payment update the name 'Craig Koop' to 'Michael Brooks' in the last sentence. The last correction is under the Next Meeting section, change April 21, 2026 to March 17, 2026. A motion was made to approve the February 17, 2026 Dodge Soil and Water Conservation District's Regular Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes as corrected.
Motion: David Livingston
Seconded: Glenn Hahn
The motion carried unanimously.

Partner Agency Reports

Natural Resource Conservation Service Report

Nathan Bird, District Conservationist, United States Department of Agriculture – Natural Resources Conservation Service, was unable to attend the meeting but sent the following up date via email:

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- Ranking EQIP applications now through 3/20th
- CRP signup Continuous started 2/12 through 3/20th – 1.9 million acres available.
- General signup starts 3/9 through 4/17
- MASWCD agreement in place – reduced funding from previous years due to last year of agreement
- NRCS will be looking at expiring 2028 contracts spring/summer
- PF biologist in Austin last day was 2/13. PF will be looking to fill this position.
- PF – Your Land Your Legacy event held 3/17/26 – well attended - Nathan attended and spoke at event.

Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources Report

Ann Gunness, Board Conservationist, Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources, was unable to attend the meeting.

Dodge County Commissioner's Report

John Allen, Dodge County District I Commissioner, was unable to attend the meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Approval of the Treasurer's Financial Statements, Payment of New Bills

Glenn Hahn, Treasure, presented the February 2026 Financial Report, including the Balance Sheet covering what is in checking and savings, revenues of \$16,309.48 for February, and expenditures of \$39,946.49 for February, the general ledger and aging summary, with a payables total of \$614.51. A motion was made to approve the January 2026 Treasurer's Report, pay bills on the aging summary, for a payables total of \$614.51.

Motion: Bruce Freerksen **DL**

Seconded: David Livingston **GL**

The motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Reports

David Livingston, District IV Supervisor

David Livingston, District IV Supervisor, shared he was unable to attend the Cedar River Meeting due to weather. The strategic planning meeting went well and he got a lot out of it. Livingston shared he is excited to see how the county reacts to the new ideas and how it will affect funding.

Glenn Hahn, District V Supervisor

Glenn Hahn, District V Supervisor, shared he attended the Root River Meeting. At the meeting Rachel **Olm** ~~ELB~~ from Houston engineering went over the plan for the amendment. The spending is on track for the budget. The Root River announced the CRP rates for the year. Glenn Hahn shared spreadsheets with all 24-25 cost-share projects broke down by each project type, maps that show resource concerns, and shared different stats. Hahn also attended a meeting about the oats program. 170 people attended and it was a very interesting meeting with a lot of discussion and questions.

Larry Scherger, District III Supervisor

Larry Scherger, District III Supervisor, did not provide a report.

Bruce Freerksen, District II Supervisor

Bruce Freerksen, District II Supervisor, did not attend the meeting.

Rick Alberts, District I Supervisor

Rick Alberts, District I Supervisor, did not provide a report.

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Unfinished Business

Review Encumbered Non- Structural Projects

Jessica Klingfus, District Manager, shared there has been no new encumbered Non-Structural Projects approved since the last board meeting.

Tree Update

Allison English, Administrative Professional, shared the tree sale is going well. English presented a spreadsheet with each individual price per tree and the profit/loss breakdown.

New Business

There was no New Business

Other New Business

There was no Other New Business

Correspondence & Staff Report

Jessica Klingfus, District Manager, shared the strategic planning meeting went extremely well. Root River planning meeting will be in May. The staff will be attending the Area 7 staff meeting on March 24th. Klingfus shared CREP ranking ends this week and 2 easements have been ~~approved~~ ^{Submitted}.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Dodge Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors will be held Tuesday, April 21, 2026 at 6:30 P.M. in the conference room of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Service Center, 916 2nd Street SE, Dodge Center, MN.

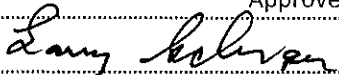
Adjournment

Hearing no further business, Larry Scherger, Chair, called for a motion for adjournment.

Motion: Glenn Hahn

Seconded: David Livingston

The motion carried unanimously.

Approved:	Date:	Recorder:
	4-21-26	Allison English

