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District Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
August 19, 2026

1. Call to order: Chair David Coon called the meeting to order at 7:21pm

2. Roll Call: Present: David Coon: Chair; Murray Johnson: Vice-Chair; David Koehler; Michael Lawrence; and Chris Drago
   Others Present: Brian Scoralick: Executive Director; Denise Bermudez: Secretary to Board

3. Public Comments: None

4. Approval of the previous month's meeting minutes: David Koehler made the motion to accept July 15, 2026, minutes as presented. Murray Johnson seconded. Motion Carried.

5. Treasurer's Report: A motion was made by Murray Johnson to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Second, David Koehler, Motion Carried.

6. Bills: A motion was made by Michael Lawrence to pay the District Bills as presented. Second, Murray Johnson. Motion Carried.

7. Correspondence: None

8. Reports: Executive Director's Report: Brian Scoralick discussed the progress of the 3-Towns grant and how our two new technicians have been doing well with collecting data. Brian also discussed the possibility of putting together an ag tour for the fall, the district has been receiving many calls about ponds and dry hydrants, cover crop application deadline ended in July, Lauren received several new applications from farmers.

9. New Business:

   a. Part C – Amend fencing implementation for Robert Kondas. Michael Lawrence made an amendment to increase the fencing implementation project amount for Robert Kondas to $16,445.00, an increase of ???? due to a calculation error on original plan approval. Murray Johnson, Seconded. Motion carried.
   b. Ag 101 for Conservation Professionals subscription – A motion was made by David Koehler to approve 5 seats at $99.00 per seat for Ag 101for Conservation Professionals training subscription. Murray Johnson, Seconded. Motion carried.
   c. Canva business yearly subscription – A motion was made by Michael Lawrence to approve 2 extra seats in Canva business for $500. Totaling $750 a year. David Koehler, Seconded. Motion carried.

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d. 2026 Conservation skills workshop – A motion was made by Chris Drago to approve the expenses for 2 technicians to attend the Conservation Skills Workshop covering up to 3 nights, meals and travel expenses. Michael Lawrence seconded. Motion carried.
e. North Country Stormwater Conference – A motion was made by Michael Lawrence to approve $280.00 for 2 employees to attend the North Country Stormwater Conference. Murray Johnson seconded. Motion carried.
f. Cover Crop Allocation addition – A report was provided in regard to the applications received and a request for additional funding into the 2026 sign-up round. Four farms were discussed, as two did not align with the intent of the cover crop program and two applied after the sign-up period had closed. A motion was made by Chris Drago to approve an additional $13,760.00 to the previously approved cover crop allocation of $80,000.00, allowing the two late applicants to participate in this year's program. Additionally, staff should work with the remaining two farms that did not align with the cover cropping program to seek alternative practices and/or funding opportunities. Second Michael Lawrence. Motion carried.

10. Next Meeting Date: September 16, 2026. At 7:00pm

11. David Koehler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Murray Johnson seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:12pm

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