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TO: Carver County Soil and Water Conservation District Board

FROM: Jennifer King, County Executive Director

SUBJECT: August 2026 Board Meeting

**Old Business**

2023/2024 Supplemental Disaster Relief Program (SDRP)

- Deadline extended to August 12, 2026.

Assistance for Specialty Crop Producers (ASCF)

- Application period is open through Aug 7, 2026.
- Payment rates: (crop list is not all-inclusive)
  - Tier 1 - \$650 per acre: Aronia/Garlic/Mushrooms/Strawberries
  - Tier 2 - \$225 per acre: Apple/Broccoli/Cucumbers/Tomatoes/Squash
  - Tier 3 \$65 per acre: Sweet corn
  - Beans and Peas - \$25 per acre

Base Acre Increase for Safety Net Program (ARC/PLC)

- Contact FSA by August 31, 2026:
  - Acreage history data is incorrect or missing,
  - There are "subsequent acres" listed on the producer's Base Allocation summary,
  - If the producer elects to opt out of receiving any additional base acres.

FSA County Committee (COC)

- Nomination period closes August 3.
- Carver-McLeod: LAA1 & LAA5 (see attached map for reference)

**New Business**

CRP Notices

- CRP-1093: Accepting and Rejecting Grassland CRP Signup 208 Offers

County Committee (COC) Meeting: Regular sessions are open to the public (0:15-0:30)

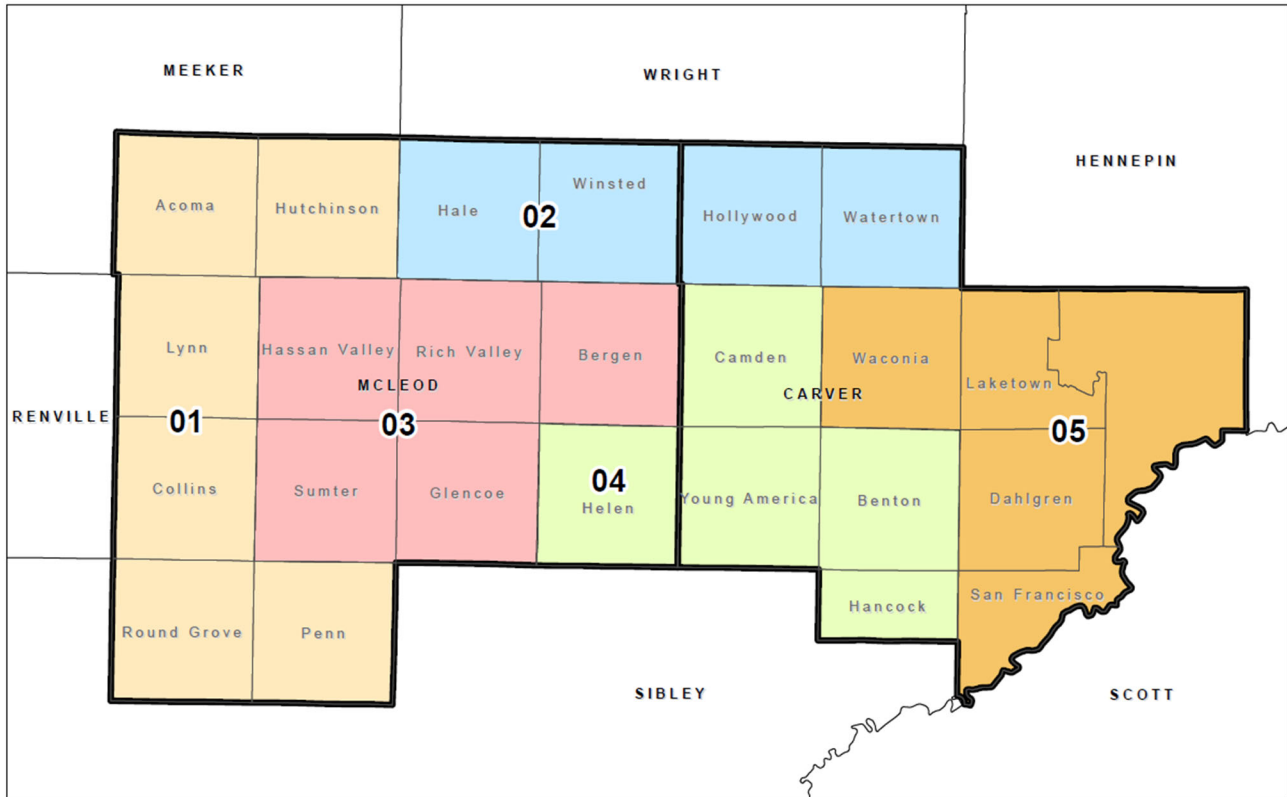
- August 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00AM is the next McLeod-Carver COC Meeting.

\*FSA COC Reference Map:



# LAA Reference Map

Minnesota Farm Service Agency



019 - Carver County\085 - McLeod County

Source: Farm Service Agency

Map is intended for Farm Service Agency (FSA) business purposes only. Map depicted serves only as a general reference map.



May 3, 2022  
UTM Zone 16 NAD 83



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## Carver SWCD Board Meeting Minutes – July 16, 2026

Held in Conference Room 1 at the Carver County Public Works facility in Cologne, MN

### Board Members Present:

Mark Zabel, Chair  
Jeffrey Sons, Secretary/Treasurer  
Karli Wittner, Vice Chair  
Michael Lynch, Member  
Marcus Zbinden, Member

### Others Present:

Katie Matilla, NRCS District Conservationist  
Jennifer King, Farm Service Agency County Executive Director  
Paul Moline, Carver County Public Services Deputy Director

### SWCD Staff Present:

Mike Wanous, District Manager  
Terry Meiller, Resource Conservationist (partial meeting)  
Felicia Brockoff, Administrative & Finance Specialist

### 1. Call to order.

Chair Zabel called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

### 2. Public Comments – None.

### 3. Agenda review and adoption

Terry has an appointment with a landowner at 9:00 AM this morning, so he requested that Regular Agenda Item 6-b be moved to the top of the Agenda.

Resolution 028-2026: Lynch moved, Wittner seconded, to approve the July 16, 2026, Board Meeting Agenda, moving Regular Agenda Item 6-b to the top of the Agenda. Roll call vote: Lynch-aye; Sons-aye; Wittner-aye; Zabel-aye; Zbinden-aye. Motion carried.

### 6. Regular Agenda Item

- b. Two landowners have enrolled in the cover crop implementation practice under the Soil Health Practices RCPP grant (P26-0006). Each application must be batched and ranked before their contracts can be approved. Terry reviewed both projects with the Board and noted that they received scores of 45 (10-1-2), and 60 (10-1-3) out of 100 for this batching period.

Resolution 029-2026: Wittner moved, Sons seconded to approve the July batch of cover crop rankings with two landowners. Roll call vote: Lynch-aye; Sons-aye; Wittner-aye; Zabel-aye; Zbinden-aye. Motion carried.

Resolution 030-2026: Lynch moved, Sons seconded to approve contract 10-1-2 for 56 acres at \$95/acre (\$5,320 total); and contract 10-1-3 for 66.9 acres at \$95/acre (\$6,355.50 total). Roll call vote: Lynch-aye; Sons-aye; Wittner-aye; Zabel-aye; Zbinden-aye. Motion carried.

#### **4. Agency Reports**

- a. FSA report – Jennifer King provided a written report that was included in the Board packets. She mentioned that yesterday was the deadline for landowners to certify their spring planted acres. The supplemental disaster relief program (SDRP) deadline has been extended to August 12, and the specialty crop program is August 31. There is an opening on the FSA County Committee for areas LAA1 and LAA5. Sue Goetz currently holds the position for LAA5 but has reached her 9-year limit.
- b. NRCS report – Katie reported they received one additional pre-approval for an EQIP application, bringing the total to 5 contracts in Carver County. She also mentioned the deadline for the first batching of EQIP and CSP applications is September 11. The ranking and pre-approval dates have not been announced yet. Carver County received 5 CSP applications for 2026. Staff are currently reviewing 39 existing CRP contracts and will be writing up contracts for 19 new applications.
- c. Carver County report – Paul reported the WMO tour was held on June 30. The July WMO committee meeting has been canceled, making August 25 the next meeting date.

Paul also reported that the budget hearing for the Public Service division will be held on July 28, in front of the full County Board. He also discussed WBIF funding and the future convene meetings. The funding for the Minnesota River water management area will have the cities of Chaska and Chanhassen attend. He hasn't heard of any city staff that will be attending the Crow River management area meetings but is hoping that Watertown will be interested.

#### **5. Consent Agenda Items**

Resolution 031-2026: Lynch moved, Zbinden seconded to approve the following consent agenda items:

- a. Approval of June 18, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes
- b. Acceptance of the June 2026 Treasurer's Report

Roll call vote: Lynch-aye; Sons-aye; Wittner-aye; Zabel-aye; Zbinden-aye. Motion carried.

#### **6. Regular Agenda Item**

- a. MASWCD award nominations are open through September 4. Staff will put together a list of possible Outstanding Conservationists and bring to the August meeting.

#### **7. SWCD Board Committee & SWCD Staff Monthly Reports**

- a. Personnel Committee (Zabel, Zbinden) – did not meet.
- b. Metro Conservation Districts Committee (Wittner; Lynch alt.) – The next meeting is August 26. Mike reported the managers met at the end of June. Normal program updates were given, Marcey Westrick from BWSR discussed the SWCD Comprehensive Plans process to the metro managers, since there has recently been a legislative change regarding SWCD comprehensive plans and BWSR policy changes to how SWCD's can receive WBIF funding.
- c. Education & Outreach Committee (Sons, Lynch) – did not meet.
- d. Budget Committee (Sons, Zbinden) – did not meet. The budget hearing is scheduled for the last week of July.
- e. WMO Advisory Committee (Zbinden; Wittner alt.) – Zbinden gave the Board a summary of the June 30 WMO tour. Sites visited included East Chaska Creek where a new bridge was constructed, and a stream

connection was completed. The Lake Bavaria boat landing, owned by Carver County, currently has a gravel lot, that will transition to a granite parking lot, to keep sediment out of the lake. They also visited the Seminary Fen where a large ravine was repaired and stabilized.

- f. South Fork Crow River 1W1P (Zabel; Lynch alt.) – Zabel reported on the July 10 meeting. The annual report and budget have been approved. There was a change to non-structural cost-share practices from 3-year contracts to just a 1-year contract. Landowners can still have multiple contracts, but the total contract (3 year) up-front payments will not be made. Payments will only be made on an annual basis.
- g. The SWCD staff monthly progress report was presented and discussed

#### **8. Board of Supervisors announcements**

- a. Upcoming meetings/events:
  - August 20 – SWCD Board Meeting, 8:00 AM
  - September 7 – Labor Day, SWCD office closed
  - September 17 – SWCD Board Meeting, 8:00 AM

#### **9. Adjourn**

Resolution 032-2026: Zbinden moved, Wittner seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 a.m. Roll call vote: Lynch-aye; Sons-aye; Wittner-aye; Zabel-aye; Zbinden-aye. Motion carried.

**Next Board Meeting:** Thursday, August 20, 2026, at 8:00 AM  
**Location:** Public Works Headquarters, Conference Room 2  
11360 Highway 212, Cologne, MN 55322

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Date signed: August 20, 2026  
Secretary/Treasurer

# Carver Soil & Water Conservation District Treasurer's Report

As of July 31, 2026

| Date                                   | Num     | Name                       | Memo                                     | Debit             | Credit            | Balance           |
|----------------------------------------|---------|----------------------------|------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>1000 Checking-Security Bank</b>     |         |                            |                                          |                   |                   | 18,638.52         |
| 07/06/2026                             | 3913    | Elan Financial Services    | 1335                                     |                   | 1,637.22          | 17,001.30         |
| 07/06/2026                             | 3914    | HSA Bank                   | #W716312 June Fees                       |                   | 12.50             | 16,988.80         |
| 07/06/2026                             | 3915    | NCPERS Group Life Ins.     | 910300-072026                            |                   | 16.00             | 16,972.80         |
| 07/10/2026                             |         |                            | Funds Transfer-529287298                 | 30,000.00         |                   | 46,972.80         |
| 07/13/2026                             |         |                            | Deposit-Drill & ETA                      | 2,928.08          |                   | 49,900.88         |
| 07/14/2026                             |         | QuickBooks Payroll Service | Created by Payroll Service on 07/08/2026 |                   | 16,903.98         | 32,996.90         |
| 07/15/2026                             | 3916    | Brockoff, Felicia L.       | Health Incentive                         |                   | 100.00            | 32,896.90         |
| 07/15/2026                             | DD1348  | Brockoff, Felicia L.       | Direct Deposit                           | 0.00              |                   | 32,896.90         |
| 07/15/2026                             | DD1349  | Datres, Benjamin R.        | Direct Deposit                           | 0.00              |                   | 32,896.90         |
| 07/15/2026                             | DD1350  | Genelin, Thomas M.         | Direct Deposit                           | 0.00              |                   | 32,896.90         |
| 07/15/2026                             | DD1351  | Meiller, Terry J.          | Direct Deposit                           | 0.00              |                   | 32,896.90         |
| 07/15/2026                             | DD1352  | Polster, Tyler J.          | Direct Deposit                           | 0.00              |                   | 32,896.90         |
| 07/15/2026                             | DD1353  | Ristow, Seth E.            | Direct Deposit                           | 0.00              |                   | 32,896.90         |
| 07/15/2026                             | DD1354  | Wanous, Richard M.         | Direct Deposit                           | 0.00              |                   | 32,896.90         |
| 07/15/2026                             | EFT-957 | HSA Bank                   | 41-1385530                               |                   | 1,347.95          | 31,548.95         |
| 07/15/2026                             | EFT-958 | Minnesota Revenue          | 7694248                                  |                   | 1,173.00          | 30,375.95         |
| 07/15/2026                             | EFT-959 | MSRS-VOYA                  | 0058 Carver SWCD                         |                   | 1,679.00          | 28,696.95         |
| 07/15/2026                             | EFT-960 | PERA                       | 9103-00                                  |                   | 3,792.61          | 24,904.34         |
| 07/15/2026                             | EFT-961 | US Treasury IRS            | 41-1385530                               |                   | 6,295.40          | 18,608.94         |
| 07/21/2026                             |         |                            | Funds Transfer                           | 35,000.00         |                   | 53,608.94         |
| 07/21/2026                             | 3917    | Carver County              | July Insurance                           |                   | 9,828.87          | 43,780.07         |
| 07/24/2026                             |         |                            | Deposit-Drill Rental                     | 812.81            |                   | 44,592.88         |
| 07/30/2026                             |         | QuickBooks Payroll Service | Created by Payroll Service on 07/20/2026 |                   | 17,219.02         | 27,373.86         |
| 07/31/2026                             | DD1355  | Brockoff, Felicia L.       | Direct Deposit                           | 0.00              |                   | 27,373.86         |
| 07/31/2026                             | DD1356  | Datres, Benjamin R.        | Direct Deposit                           | 0.00              |                   | 27,373.86         |
| 07/31/2026                             | DD1357  | Genelin, Thomas M.         | Direct Deposit                           | 0.00              |                   | 27,373.86         |
| 07/31/2026                             | DD1358  | Meiller, Terry J.          | Direct Deposit                           | 0.00              |                   | 27,373.86         |
| 07/31/2026                             | DD1359  | Polster, Tyler J.          | Direct Deposit                           | 0.00              |                   | 27,373.86         |
| 07/31/2026                             | DD1360  | Ristow, Seth E.            | Direct Deposit                           | 0.00              |                   | 27,373.86         |
| 07/31/2026                             | DD1361  | Wanous, Richard M.         | Direct Deposit                           | 0.00              |                   | 27,373.86         |
| 07/31/2026                             | EFT-962 | HSA Bank                   | 41-1385530                               |                   | 1,347.95          | 26,025.91         |
| 07/31/2026                             | EFT-963 | Minnesota Revenue          | 7694248                                  |                   | 1,173.00          | 24,852.91         |
| 07/31/2026                             | EFT-964 | MSRS-VOYA                  | 0058 Carver SWCD                         |                   | 1,679.00          | 23,173.91         |
| 07/31/2026                             | EFT-965 | PERA                       | 9103-00                                  |                   | 3,792.61          | 19,381.30         |
| 07/31/2026                             | EFT-966 | US Treasury IRS            | 41-1385530                               |                   | 6,278.72          | 13,102.58         |
| 07/31/2026                             |         |                            | Interest                                 | 0.57              |                   | 13,103.15         |
| Total 1000 Checking-Security Bank      |         |                            |                                          | 68,741.46         | 74,276.83         | 13,103.15         |
| <b>1100 Savings-Security Bank</b>      |         |                            |                                          |                   |                   | 410,988.72        |
| 07/10/2026                             |         |                            | Funds Transfer-529287298                 |                   | 30,000.00         | 380,988.72        |
| 07/20/2026                             |         |                            | Deposit-SWCD Aid                         | 66,552.62         |                   | 447,541.34        |
| 07/21/2026                             |         |                            | Funds Transfer-531114614                 |                   | 35,000.00         | 412,541.34        |
| 07/31/2026                             |         |                            | Interest                                 | 445.00            |                   | 412,986.34        |
| Total 1100 Savings-Security Bank       |         |                            |                                          | 66,997.62         | 65,000.00         | 412,986.34        |
| <b>1110 Member Savings-SouthPoint</b>  |         |                            |                                          |                   |                   | 10.30             |
| Total 1110 Member Savings-SouthPoint   |         |                            |                                          |                   |                   | 10.30             |
| <b>1150 Savings Citizens NYA</b>       |         |                            |                                          |                   |                   | 82,997.44         |
| 07/31/2026                             |         |                            | Interest                                 | 78.45             |                   | 83,075.89         |
| Total 1150 Savings Citizens NYA        |         |                            |                                          | 78.45             | 0.00              | 83,075.89         |
| <b>1200 Investments CD's</b>           |         |                            |                                          |                   |                   | 431,904.51        |
| <b>12.SPFCU*024 (3.8%-08/23/26)</b>    |         |                            |                                          |                   |                   | 115,055.87        |
| Total 12.SPFCU*024 (3.8%-08/23/26)     |         |                            |                                          |                   |                   | 115,055.87        |
| <b>12.ONB*141 (3.75%-08/24/26)</b>     |         |                            |                                          |                   |                   | 101,636.44        |
| Total 12.ONB*141 (3.75%-08/24/26)      |         |                            |                                          |                   |                   | 101,636.44        |
| <b>12.SB&amp;T*266 (3.7%-02/07/27)</b> |         |                            |                                          |                   |                   | 102,095.58        |
| Total 12.SB&T*266 (3.7%-02/07/27)      |         |                            |                                          |                   |                   | 102,095.58        |
| <b>12.ONB*968 (4.0%-11/06/26)</b>      |         |                            |                                          |                   |                   | 113,116.62        |
| 07/06/2026                             | 2026-14 |                            | Interest Earned on CD                    | 1,723.42          |                   | 114,840.04        |
| Total 12.ONB*968 (4.0%-11/06/26)       |         |                            |                                          | 1,723.42          | 0.00              | 114,840.04        |
| Total 1200 Investments CD's            |         |                            |                                          | 1,723.42          | 0.00              | 433,627.93        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                           |         |                            |                                          | <b>137,540.95</b> | <b>139,276.83</b> | <b>942,803.61</b> |



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## Treasurer's Monthly Report Program Summary - July 2026

|                             | Cash Balance<br><u>6/30/2026</u> | <u>Receipts</u>           | <u>Disbursements</u>      | Cash Balance<br><u>7/31/2026</u> |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b><u>Funds</u></b>         |                                  |                           |                           |                                  |
| BWSR Soil Health Delivery   | \$4,954.04                       |                           |                           | \$4,954.04                       |
| BWSR Buffer Implementation  | \$4,491.92                       |                           |                           | \$4,491.92                       |
| BWSR Conservation Delivery  | \$0.00                           |                           |                           | \$0.00                           |
| BWSR Soil Health Practices  | \$180,000.00                     |                           |                           | \$180,000.00                     |
| BWSR State Cost Share       | \$38,924.00                      |                           |                           | \$38,924.00                      |
| BWSR WBIF (Waconia & Eagle) | \$0.00                           |                           |                           | \$0.00                           |
| SWCD Operating Funds        | \$596,749.53                     | \$72,540.95               | \$74,276.83               | \$595,013.65                     |
| District Escrow             | \$119,420.00                     |                           |                           | \$119,420.00                     |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                | <b><u>\$944,539.49</u></b>       | <b><u>\$72,540.95</u></b> | <b><u>\$74,276.83</u></b> | <b><u>\$942,803.61</u></b>       |

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|-----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b><u>Use of Cash</u></b>   |                            |                            |                            |                            |
| 1000 Checking Security Bank | \$18,638.52                | \$68,741.46                | \$74,276.83                | \$13,103.15                |
| 1100 Savings-Security Bank  | \$410,988.72               | \$66,997.62                | \$65,000.00                | \$412,986.34               |
| 1110 Savings-South Point CU | \$10.30                    |                            |                            | \$10.30                    |
| 1150 Savings-Citizens NYA   | \$82,997.44                | \$78.45                    |                            | \$83,075.89                |
| 1200 Investments CD's       | \$431,904.51               | \$1,723.42                 |                            | \$433,627.93               |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                | <b><u>\$944,539.49</u></b> | <b><u>\$137,540.95</u></b> | <b><u>\$139,276.83</u></b> | <b><u>\$942,803.61</u></b> |

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Carver SWCD Board Treasurer

8/20/2026  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Carver Soil & Water Conservation District**  
**Balance Sheet**  
As of July 31, 2026

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|                                             | <u>Jul 31, 26</u>          |
|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                               |                            |
| <b>Current Assets</b>                       |                            |
| <b>Checking/Savings</b>                     |                            |
| 1000 Checking-Security Bank                 | 13,103.15                  |
| 1100 Savings-Security Bank                  | 412,986.34                 |
| 1110 Member Savings-SouthPoint              | 10.30                      |
| 1150 Savings Citizens NYA                   | 83,075.89                  |
| 1200 Investments CD's                       | 433,627.93                 |
|                                             | <hr/>                      |
| <b>Total Checking/Savings</b>               | 942,803.61                 |
| <b>Accounts Receivable</b>                  |                            |
| 1300 Accounts Receivable                    | 144,933.00                 |
|                                             | <hr/>                      |
| <b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>            | 144,933.00                 |
|                                             | <hr/>                      |
| <b>Total Current Assets</b>                 | 1,087,736.61               |
|                                             | <hr/>                      |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                         | <b><u>1,087,736.61</u></b> |
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| <b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>             |                            |
| <b>Liabilities</b>                          |                            |
| <b>Current Liabilities</b>                  |                            |
| <b>Other Current Liabilities</b>            |                            |
| 2200 Payroll Liabilities                    | 365.81                     |
| 2300 Sales Tax Payable                      | -0.10                      |
| 2400 Unearned-Deferred Revenue              |                            |
| 2402 Buffer Implementation                  | 4,491.92                   |
| 2405 Cost-Share                             | 38,924.00                  |
| 2407 Soil Health Grants                     | 184,954.04                 |
|                                             | <hr/>                      |
| <b>Total 2400 Unearned-Deferred Revenue</b> | 228,369.96                 |
|                                             | <hr/>                      |
| <b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>      | 228,735.67                 |
|                                             | <hr/>                      |
| <b>Total Current Liabilities</b>            | 228,735.67                 |
|                                             | <hr/>                      |
| <b>Total Liabilities</b>                    | 228,735.67                 |
|                                             | <hr/>                      |
| <b>Equity</b>                               |                            |
| 3000 FUND BALANCE                           | 825,887.29                 |
| Net Income                                  | 33,113.65                  |
|                                             | <hr/>                      |
| <b>Total Equity</b>                         | 859,000.94                 |
|                                             | <hr/>                      |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>       | <b><u>1,087,736.61</u></b> |

**Carver Soil & Water Conservation District**  
**Budget vs. Actual**  
January through July 2026

|                                           | <u>Jan - Jul 26</u> | <u>Budget</u> | <u>\$ Over Bud...</u> | <u>% of Budget</u> |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Income</b>                             |                     |               |                       |                    |
| <b>4000 Intergovernmental County</b>      | 430,246.50          | 608,581.00    | -178,334.50           | 70.7%              |
| <b>4100 Intergovernmental Local</b>       | 32,503.58           | 55,000.00     | -22,496.42            | 59.1%              |
| <b>4200 Intergovernmental State</b>       | 114,598.22          | 362,000.00    | -247,401.78           | 31.7%              |
| <b>4300 Charges for Services</b>          | 33,390.41           | 37,500.00     | -4,109.59             | 89.0%              |
| <b>4400 Interest Earnings</b>             | 9,304.70            | 20,000.00     | -10,695.30            | 46.5%              |
| <b>4500 Miscellaneous Revenues</b>        | 0.00                | 5,000.00      | -5,000.00             | 0.0%               |
| <b>Total Income</b>                       | 620,043.41          | 1,088,081.00  | -468,037.59           | 57.0%              |
| <b>Expense</b>                            |                     |               |                       |                    |
| <b>5000 District Operations</b>           |                     |               |                       |                    |
| <b>5100 Personnel Services</b>            | 519,262.32          | 922,513.00    | -403,250.68           | 56.3%              |
| <b>5200 Other Services &amp; Charges</b>  | 32,876.01           | 48,500.00     | -15,623.99            | 67.8%              |
| <b>5300 Supplies - Office &amp; Field</b> | 174.00              | 2,500.00      | -2,326.00             | 7.0%               |
| <b>5400 Capital Outlay</b>                | 0.00                | 10,000.00     | -10,000.00            | 0.0%               |
| <b>Total 5000 District Operations</b>     | 552,312.33          | 983,513.00    | -431,200.67           | 56.2%              |
| <b>6000 Project Expenses</b>              |                     |               |                       |                    |
| <b>6100 District Projects</b>             | 34,617.43           | 40,000.00     | -5,382.57             | 86.5%              |
| <b>6200 State Projects</b>                | 0.00                | 64,568.00     | -64,568.00            | 0.0%               |
| <b>Total 6000 Project Expenses</b>        | 34,617.43           | 104,568.00    | -69,950.57            | 33.1%              |
| <b>Total Expense</b>                      | 586,929.76          | 1,088,081.00  | -501,151.24           | 53.9%              |
| <b>Net Income</b>                         | <b>33,113.65</b>    | <b>0.00</b>   | <b>33,113.65</b>      | <b>100.0%</b>      |



## Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts

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July 17, 2026

Soil and Water Conservation Districts:

2026 is an election year for the offices of MASWCD President and Vice President. Any supervisor of a member district is eligible to run for these offices.

**Please review the attached 2026 Candidate Prospectus.** The document provides basic information about the roles of MASWCD President and MASWCD Vice President.

**Supervisors interested in running for one of these offices should send a letter of interest to [sheila.vanney@maswcd.org](mailto:sheila.vanney@maswcd.org) by September 9.** The letter should state motivations for seeking MASWCD office and a brief synopsis of background and experience. This will be shared with the Nominating Committee, tasked with selecting a candidate or candidates for each office and reporting to the board at the September 15 MASWCD Board of Directors Meeting. Nominating Committee members are

- Jake Janski, Mille Lacs SWCD Supervisor, MASWCD Secretary/Treasurer, MASWCD Resolutions/Policy Committee Chair, NE Area 3 Director
- Jayne Hager Dee, Dakota SWCD Supervisor, MASWCD Resolutions/Policy Committee member, SWCD representative to the BWSR Board
- Tom Schulz, Wadena SWCD Supervisor, former MASWCD board member and former SWCD representative to the BWSR Board

Profiles of all candidates will be compiled and distributed to SWCDs by November 1.

Elections will be conducted during the business meeting at the MASWCD Annual Convention. Candidates will be introduced during the business meeting on December 1, and elections will take place during the business meeting on December 2, 2026.

Thank you for your consideration. Please contact MASWCD with questions.



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August 7, 2026

Peterson Company Ltd  
570 Cherry Drive  
Waconia, MN 55387

Dear Peterson Company Ltd:

This representation letter is provided in connection with your audit of the governmental activities and General Fund of Carver Soil and Water Conservation District which comprise the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2025, and the respective change in financial position and the related notes to the financial statements, for the purpose of expressing an opinion on whether the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted for governments in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP).

Certain representations in this letter are described as being limited to matters that are material. Items are considered material, regardless of size, if they involve an omission or misstatement of accounting information such that, in the light of surrounding circumstances, there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

Except where otherwise stated below, immaterial matters less than \$700 collectively are not considered to be exceptions that require disclosure for the purpose of the following representations. This amount is not necessarily indicative of amounts that would require adjustment to or disclosure in the financial statements.

We confirm that, to the best of our knowledge and belief, having made such inquiries as we considered necessary for the purpose of appropriately informing ourselves as of August 7, 2026:

#### **Financial Statements**

- We have fulfilled our responsibilities, as set out in the terms of the audit engagement letter dated January 5, 2026, for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements of the various opinion units referred to above in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
- The financial statement referred to above have been fairly presented in accordance with U.S. GAAP and include all properly classified funds, required supplementary information, and notes to the basic financial statements.
- We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation, and maintenance of the system of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.
- We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control to prevent and detect fraud.
- The methods, data, and significant assumptions used by us in making accounting estimates and their related disclosures, are appropriate to achieve recognition, measurement, or disclosure that is reasonable in the context of U.S. GAAP.
- All related party relationships and transactions have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the requirements of U.S. GAAP.
- All events subsequent to the date of the financial statements and for which U.S. GAAP required adjustment or disclosure have been adjusted or disclosed.
- We are not aware of any pending or threatened litigation, claims, or assessments, or unasserted claims or assessments that are required to be accrued or disclosed in the financial statements in accordance with U.S. GASB Statement No. 62, *Codification of Accounting and Financial Reporting Guidance Contained in Pre-*

*November 30, 1989 FASB and AICPA Pronouncements* with codifies FASB Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 450, *Contingencies*, and we have not consulted a lawyer concerning litigation, claims, or assessments.

- All component units, as well as joint ventures with an equity interest, are included and other joint ventures and related organizations are properly disclosed.
- All funds and activities are properly classified.
- All funds that meet the quantitative criteria in Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements—and Management's Discussion and Analysis—for State and Local Governments*, GASB Statement No. 37, *Basic Financial Statements—and Management's Discussion and Analysis—for State and Local Governments: Omnibus*, and GASB Statement No. 65, *Items Previously Reported as Assets and Liabilities*, for presentation as major are identified and presented as such and all other funds that are presented as major are considered important to financial statement users.
- All net position components and fund balance classifications have been properly reported and, if applicable, approved.
- All revenues within the statement of activities have been properly classified as program revenues, general revenues, contributions to term or permanent endowments, or contributions to permanent fund principal.
- All expenses have been properly classified in or allocated to functions and programs in the statement of activities, and allocations, if any, have been made on a reasonable basis.
- Deposit and investment risks have been properly and fully disclosed.
- Capital assets, including infrastructure assets, are properly capitalized, reported, and if applicable, depreciated.
- All required supplementary information is measured and presented within the prescribed guidelines.
- Nonexchange and exchange financial guarantees, either written or oral, under which it is more likely than not that a liability exists have been properly recorded, or if we are obligated in any manner, are disclosed.
- We acknowledge our responsibility for compliance with the laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts and grant agreements.
- We have reviewed, approved, and taken responsibility for the financial statements and related notes.
- We have a process to track the status of audit findings and recommendations.
- We have identified and communicated to you all previous audits, attestation engagements, and other studies related to the audit objectives and whether related recommendations have been implemented.
- With regard to items reported at fair value:
  - The underlying assumptions are reasonable and they appropriately reflect management's intent and ability to carry out its stated courses of action.
  - The measurement methods and related assumptions used in determining fair value are appropriate in the circumstances and have been consistently applied.
  - The disclosures related to fair values are complete, adequate, and in conformity with U.S. GAAP.
  - There are no subsequent events that require adjustments to the fair value measurements and disclosures included in the financial statements.
- With regard to pensions:
  - We believe that the actuarial assumptions and methods used to measure pension liabilities and costs for financial accounting purposes are appropriate in the circumstances.
  - Increases in benefits, elimination of benefits and all similar amendments have been disclosed in accordance with U.S. GAAP and are included in the most recent actuarial valuation, or disclosed as a subsequent event.
- We have conducted a comprehensive risk assessment and disclosed all material concentrations and constraints in accordance with GASB Statement No. 102, *Certain Risk Disclosures*. These disclosures provide sufficient detail to enable users of financial statements to understand the nature of the circumstances disclosed and the government's vulnerability to the risk of a substantial impact associated with the concentration or constraint, if applicable.
- We have evaluated the concentrations and constraints, including those that occur subsequent to the statement of net position date but before the financial statements are issued and have been properly disclosed in the financial statements as subsequent events.

- With respect to the preparation of the financial statements and PERA calculations, we have performed the following:
  - Made all management decisions and performed all management functions;
  - Assigned a competent individual to oversee the services;
  - Evaluated the adequacy of the services performed;
  - Evaluated and accepted responsibility for the result of the service performed; and
  - Established and maintained controls, including a process to monitor the system of internal control.

### **Information Provided**

- We have provided you with:
  - Access to all information, of which we are aware that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements of the various opinion units referred to above, such as records, documentation, meeting minutes, and other matters;
  - Additional information that you have requested from us for the purpose of the audit;
  - Unrestricted access to persons within the entity and others from whom you determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence.
- All transactions have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the financial statements.
- We have disclosed to you the results of our assessment of the risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud.
- We have provided to you our evaluation of the entity's ability to continue as a going concern, including significant conditions, events present, concentrations and constraints, and we believe that our use of the going concern basis of accounting is appropriate.
- We have no knowledge of any fraud or suspected fraud that affects the entity and involves:
  - Management;
  - Employees who have significant roles in internal control; or
  - Others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements.
- We have no knowledge of any instances, that have occurred or are likely to have occurred, of fraud and noncompliance with provisions of laws and regulations that have a material effect on the financial statements or other financial data significant to the audit objectives, and any other instances that warrant the attention of those charged with governance, whether communicated by employees, former employees, vendors (contractors), analysts, regulators, or others.
- We have no knowledge of any instances that have occurred or are likely to have occurred, of noncompliance with provisions of contracts and grant agreements that has a material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts or other financial data significant to the audit objections.
- We have no knowledge of any instances that have occurred or are likely to have occurred of abuse that could be quantitatively or qualitatively material to the financial statements or other financial data significant to the audit objectives.
- We have a process to track the status of audit findings and recommendations.
- We have identified for you all previous audits, attestation engagements, and other studies related to the audit objects and whether related recommendations have been implemented.
- We have provided views on your reported audit findings, conclusions, and recommendations, as well as our planned correct actions, for the report.
- We are not aware of any pending or threatened litigation, claims, and assessments whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements and we have not consulted legal counsel concerning litigation, claims, or assessments.
- We have disclosed to you the identity of all the entity's related parties and the nature of all the related party relationships and transactions of which we are aware.
- There have been no communications from regulatory agencies concerning noncompliance with or deficiencies in accounting, internal control, or financial reporting practices.
- Carver Soil and Water Conservation District has no plans or intentions that may materially affect the carrying value or classification of assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources.

- We have disclosed to you all guarantees, whether written or oral, under which Carver Soil and Water Conservation District is contingently liable.
- We have disclosed to you all nonexchange financial guarantees, under which we are obligated and have declared liabilities and disclosed properly in accordance with GASB Statement No. 70, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Financial Guarantees*, for those guarantees where it is more likely than not that the entity will make a payment on any guarantee.
- For nonexchange financial guarantees where we have declared liabilities, the amount of the liability recognized is the discounted present value of the best estimate of the future outflows expected to be incurred as a result of the guarantee. Where there was no best estimate but a range of estimated future outflows has been established, we have recognized the minimum amount within the range.
- We have disclosed to you all significant estimates and material concentrations known to management that are required to be disclosed in accordance with GASB Statement No. 62 (GASB-62), *Codification of Accounting and Financial Reporting Guidance Contained in Pre-November 30, 1989 FASB and AICPA Pronouncements*. Significant estimates are estimates at the balance sheet date that could change materially within the next year. Concentrations refer to volumes of business, revenues, available sources of supply, or markets or geographic areas for which events could occur that would significantly disrupt normal finances within the next year.
- We have identified and disclosed to you the laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts and grant agreements that could have a direct and material effect on financial statement amounts, including legal and contractual provisions for reporting specific activities in separate funds.
- There are no:
  - Violations or possible violations of laws or regulations, or provisions of contracts or grant agreements whose effects should be considered for disclosure in the financial statements or as a basis for recording a loss contingency, including applicable budget laws and regulations.
  - Unasserted claims or assessments that our lawyer has advised are probable of assertion and must be disclosed in accordance with GASB-62.
  - Other liabilities or gain or loss contingencies that are required to be accrued or disclosed by GASB-62
- Carver Soil and Water Conservation District has satisfactory title to all owned assets, and there are no liens or encumbrances on such assets nor has any asset or future revenue been pledged as collateral, except as disclosed to you.
- We have complied with all aspects of grant agreements and other contractual agreements that would have a material effect on the financial statements in the event of noncompliance.

### **Information Provided**

We have provided you all minutes of the meetings of those charged with governance, committees, or summaries of actions of recent meetings for which minutes have not yet been prepared.

### **Reported Findings**

We have provided to you our views on reported audit findings, conclusions, and recommendations, as well as planned corrective actions.

### **Cybersecurity**

There have been no cybersecurity breaches or other cyber events whose effects should be considered for disclosure in the financial statements, as a basis for recording a loss contingency, or otherwise considered when preparing the financial statements.

### **Accounting Estimates and Related Disclosures**

- The significant judgments made in making the accounting estimates have taken into account all relevant information of which we are aware.
- We have consistently and appropriately selected and applied methods, assumptions, and data when making accounting estimates.
- The assumptions we used in making and disclosing accounting estimates appropriately reflect our intent and ability to carry out specific courses of action on behalf of Carver Soil and Water Conservation District, when relevant to the accounting estimates and disclosures.
- The disclosures related to accounting estimates, including those disclosures describing estimation uncertainty, are complete and are reasonable in the context of the applicable financial reporting framework.
- We have obtained and applied appropriate specialized skills and expertise in making accounting estimates.
- We are not aware of any events subsequent to the date of the financial statements that require adjustment to our accounting estimates and related disclosures included in the financial statements.

### **Use of a Specialist**

We agree with the findings of specialists in evaluating the accuracy of the pension valuations and have adequately considered the qualifications of the specialist in determining the amounts and disclosures used in the financial statements and underlying accounting records. We did not give or cause any instructions to be given to specialists with respect to the values or amounts derived in an attempt to bias their work, and we are not otherwise aware of any matters that have had an effect on the independence or objectivity of the specialists.

### **Required Supplementary Information**

With respect to the budgetary comparison schedule and the PERA reports accompanying the financial statements:

- a. We acknowledge our responsibility for the presentation of the budgetary comparison schedule and the PERA reports in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
- b. We believe the budgetary comparison schedule and the PERA reports, including its form and content, is measured and fairly presented in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
- c. The methods of measurement or presentation have not changed from those used in the prior period.

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Mike Wanous, District Manager

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Mark Zabel, Board Chair



## REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

### Regular Agenda

Meeting Date: August 20, 2026

Prepared by: Terry Meiller

#### **PURPOSE/ACTION REQUESTED:**

Approve batching and cost-share contract 10-1-4, 10-1-5 and 10-1-6 for cover crop implementation under RCPP requirements.

#### **SUMMARY:**

Per RCPP guidelines, the board must first approve batching prior to contract approval.

Contract 10-1-4 is a single year agreement for cover crops and no-till implementation on 486.0 acres. The landowner is requesting board approval for multi-species cover crop mixes that will be seeded per NRCS seeding rates/dates following the 2026 crop harvest. Total cost-share request is \$46,170.00.

Contract 10-1-5 is a single year agreement for cover crops and no-till implementation on 143.5 acres. The landowner is requesting board approval for multi-species cover crop mixes that will be seeded per NRCS seeding rates/dates following the 2026 crop harvest. Total cost-share request is \$13,632.50.

Contract 10-1-6 is a single year agreement for cover crops on 178.5 acres. The landowner is requesting board approval for multi-species cover crop mixes that will be seeded per NRCS seeding rates/dates following the 2026 crop harvest. Total cost-share request is \$10,710.00.

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve batching and cost-share contracts 10-1-4, 10-1-5, and 10-1-6.

#### **EXPLANATION OF FISCAL/FTE IMPACT:**

Funding is available through the Soil Health Practices Grant (MN RCPP)

#### **Supporting Documents:**

Ranking sheets, fact sheets with maps attached

#### **Previous Board Action:**

None

## Ranking Form Carver SWCD – Contract 10-1-4

**Batching Frequency:** Monthly.

| Ranking Criteria                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Answer       | Points |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------|
| Does this project address at least one required resource concern?                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Yes / No     | N/A    |
| 1. Does the applicant identify as a Historically Underserved Farmer/Rancher? (5 pts)                                                                                                                                                                                           | Yes / No     |        |
| 2. Is this the first time the applicant has utilized the proposed practice? (15 pts)                                                                                                                                                                                           | Yes / No     |        |
| 3. Does the proposed project fall within a Drinking Water Supply Management Area? (5 pts)                                                                                                                                                                                      | Yes / No     |        |
| 4. Is the proposed project located adjacent to a high priority area within a CWMP? (20 pts Max)<br><br>a) Drains directly to a Priority 1 waterbody (20 pts)<br>b) Drains directly to a Priority 2 waterbody (15 pts)<br>c) Drains directly to a Priority 3 waterbody (10 pts) | Yes / No     |        |
| 5. Does the proposed project fall within a sensitive ground water area? (5pts)                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Yes / No     |        |
| 6. Does the proposed practice include more than a single species? (5pts)                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Yes / No     | 5      |
| 7. How far away is the proposed practice from a surface water? (25 pts Max)<br><br>a) Within 500' (25 pts)<br>b) 501' – 1000' (20 pts)<br>c) 1001' – 3000' (15 pts)<br>d) 3001' or greater (10 pts)                                                                            | a.           | 25     |
| 8. How many acres will the proposed practice be applied to? (20 pts Max)<br><br>a) 50 acres or more (20 pts)<br>b) 25-49 acres (15 pts)<br>c) Less than 25 acres (10 pts)                                                                                                      | a.           | 20     |
| Total Available Points = 100                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Total Points | 50     |

Tier 1 = 100-50, Tier 2 = 25-49, and Tier 3 = <25.

## Cover Crop Contract 10-1-4

Young America  
 Township

Cover Crops (340)  
 No-till (329)

### Project Location

City/Twp. Hamburg, MN  
 Norwood Young America  
 Township  
 Watershed South Fork Crow River and  
 Bevens Creek

### Project Details

Practice Cover Crops (340) / No-till  
 (329)  
 Quantity 486.0 Acres  
 Project ID 10-1-4  
 Planting Date Sept & Oct, 2026

### Funding

Grant Soil Health Practices Grant  
 (RCPP – P26-0006)  
 Total Cost-share \$46,170.00  
 Requested

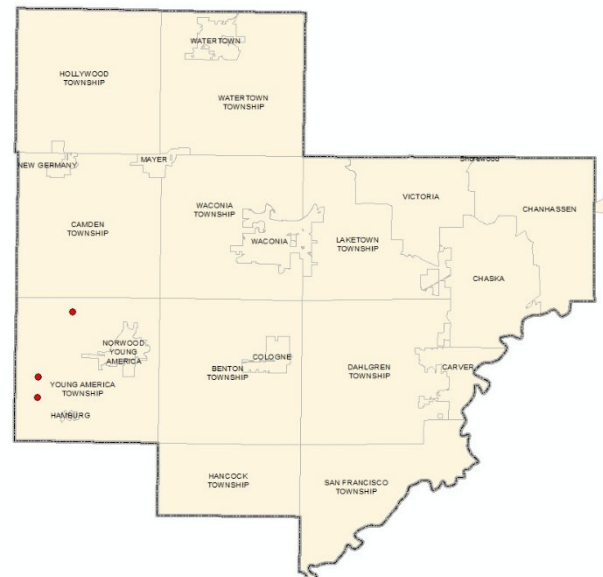
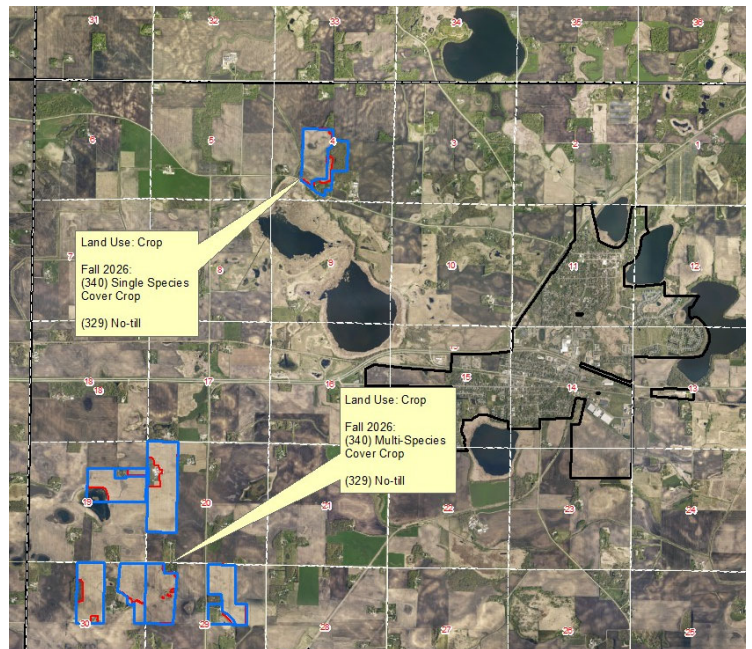
### Project Overview

Contract 10-1-4 is a single year agreement for multiple cover crop mixes on 486 acres to help address local water quality concerns.

The cover crop mix was selected based on its ability to effectively utilize nutrients (N-Scavenging) and increase organic matter over time, while not adversely affecting the landowners harvest process. The landowner intends to implement no-till practices during the contract period.

### Environmental Benefits

Reduce Soil Loss and Erosion  
 Improve Water Quality  
 Improve Soil Health and Soil Tilth



## Ranking Form Carver SWCD – Contract 10-1-5

**Batching Frequency:** Monthly.

| Ranking Criteria                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Answer       | Points |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------|
| Does this project address at least one required resource concern?                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Yes / No     | N/A    |
| 1. Does the applicant identify as a Historically Underserved Farmer/Rancher? (5 pts)                                                                                                                                                                                           | Yes / No     | 5      |
| 2. Is this the first time the applicant has utilized the proposed practice? (15 pts)                                                                                                                                                                                           | Yes / No     |        |
| 3. Does the proposed project fall within a Drinking Water Supply Management Area? (5 pts)                                                                                                                                                                                      | Yes / No     |        |
| 4. Is the proposed project located adjacent to a high priority area within a CWMP? (20 pts Max)<br><br>a) Drains directly to a Priority 1 waterbody (20 pts)<br>b) Drains directly to a Priority 2 waterbody (15 pts)<br>c) Drains directly to a Priority 3 waterbody (10 pts) | Yes / No     |        |
| 5. Does the proposed project fall within a sensitive ground water area? (5pts)                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Yes / No     |        |
| 6. Does the proposed practice include more than a single species? (5pts)                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Yes / No     | 5      |
| 7. How far away is the proposed practice from a surface water? (25 pts Max)<br><br>a) Within 500' (25 pts)<br>b) 501' – 1000' (20 pts)<br>c) 1001' – 3000' (15 pts)<br>d) 3001' or greater (10 pts)                                                                            | a.           | 25     |
| 8. How many acres will the proposed practice be applied to? (20 pts Max)<br><br>a) 50 acres or more (20 pts)<br>b) 25-49 acres (15 pts)<br>c) Less than 25 acres (10 pts)                                                                                                      | a.           | 20     |
| Total Available Points = 100                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Total Points | 55     |

Tier 1 = 100-50, Tier 2 = 25-49, and Tier 3 = <25.

## Cover Crop Contract 10-1-5

Young America  
Township

Cover Crops (340)  
No-till (329)

### Project Location

City/Twp. Hamburg, MN  
Norwood Young America  
Township  
Watershed Bevens Creek

### Project Details

Practice Cover Crops (340) / No-till  
(329)  
Quantity 143.5 Acres  
Project ID 10-1-5  
Planting Date Sept & Oct, 2026

### Funding

Grant Soil Health Practices Grant  
(RCPP – P26-0006)  
Total Cost-share \$13,632.50  
Requested

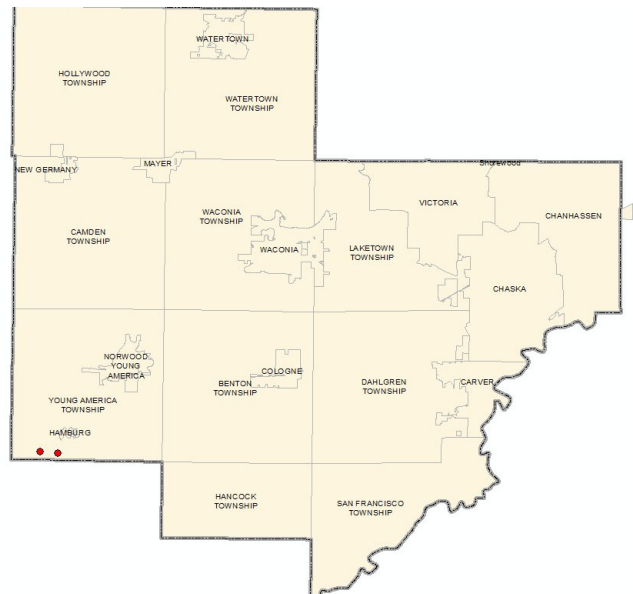
### Project Overview

Contract 10-1-5 is a single year agreement for multiple cover crop mixes on 143.5 acres to help address local water quality concerns.

The cover crop mix was selected based on its ability to effectively utilize nutrients (N-Scavenging) and increase organic matter over time, while not adversely affecting the landowners harvest process. The landowner intends to implement no-till practices during the contract period.

### Environmental Benefits

Reduce Soil Loss and Erosion  
Improve Water Quality  
Improve Soil Health and Soil Tilth



## Ranking Form Carver SWCD – Contract 10-1-6

**Batching Frequency:** Monthly.

| Ranking Criteria                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Answer       | Points |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------|
| Does this project address at least one required resource concern?                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Yes / No     | N/A    |
| 1. Does the applicant identify as a Historically Underserved Farmer/Rancher? (5 pts)                                                                                                                                                                                           | Yes / No     |        |
| 2. Is this the first time the applicant has utilized the proposed practice? (15 pts)                                                                                                                                                                                           | Yes / No     |        |
| 3. Does the proposed project fall within a Drinking Water Supply Management Area? (5 pts)                                                                                                                                                                                      | Yes / No     |        |
| 4. Is the proposed project located adjacent to a high priority area within a CWMP? (20 pts Max)<br><br>a) Drains directly to a Priority 1 waterbody (20 pts)<br>b) Drains directly to a Priority 2 waterbody (15 pts)<br>c) Drains directly to a Priority 3 waterbody (10 pts) | Yes / No     | 15     |
| 5. Does the proposed project fall within a sensitive ground water area? (5pts)                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Yes / No     |        |
| 6. Does the proposed practice include more than a single species? (5pts)                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Yes / No     | 5      |
| 7. How far away is the proposed practice from a surface water? (25 pts Max)<br><br>a) Within 500' (25 pts)<br>b) 501' – 1000' (20 pts)<br>c) 1001' – 3000' (15 pts)<br>d) 3001' or greater (10 pts)                                                                            | a.           | 25     |
| 8. How many acres will the proposed practice be applied to? (20 pts Max)<br><br>a) 50 acres or more (20 pts)<br>b) 25-49 acres (15 pts)<br>c) Less than 25 acres (10 pts)                                                                                                      | a.           | 20     |
| Total Available Points = 100                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Total Points | 65     |

Tier 1 = 100-50, Tier 2 = 25-49, and Tier 3 = <25.

## Cover Crop Contract 10-1-6

Hollywood Township

Cover Crops (340)

### Project Location

City/Twp. Watertown, MN  
Hollywood Twsp. – Sec. 11  
Watershed South Fork Crow River

### Project Details

Practice Cover Crops (340)  
Quantity 178.5 Acres  
Project ID 10-1-6  
Planting Date September, 2026

### Funding

Grant Soil Health Practices Grant  
(RCPP – P26-0006)  
Total Cost-share \$10,710.00  
Requested

### Project Overview

Contract 10-1-6 is a single year agreement for a multi-species cover crop mix on 178.5 acres to help address local water quality concerns.

The cover crop mix was selected based on its ability to effectively utilize nutrients (N-Scavenging) and the planting dates/growth habit that maximizes plant biomass production and nutrient uptake, while not adversely affecting the landowners harvest process.

### Environmental Benefits

Reduce Soil Loss and Erosion  
Improve Water Quality  
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## REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

### Regular Agenda

**Meeting Date:** 08/20/2026

**Prepared by:** Felicia Brockoff

#### **PURPOSE/ACTION REQUESTED:**

- 1) Consider the new 2026 Mileage Rate.
- 2) Update current policy removing the motorcycle mileage rate.

#### **SUMMARY:**

- 1) The IRS has updated the standard mileage rate to \$0.76/mile, effective July 2, 2026. The current SWCD rate is \$0.725/mile.
- 2) The wording for the mileage policy should be updated, to remove the motorcycle reimbursement rate reference. The IRS does not list out a separate motorcycle rate.

[Current] Mileage Policy

*Approved: January 15, 2026*

The District established the following mileage rates for Supervisors, employees, and volunteers of the District: effective 01/01/2026, \$0.725 per mile to use personal vehicles for District business. Anyone using a motorcycle for District business shall receive \$0.15 per mile, which was set at the February 19, 1998 Board meeting.

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

- 1) SWCD Board decision to either raise the mileage rate OR keep our current rate.
- 2) Remove the last sentence of our current policy.

#### **EXPLANATION OF FISCAL/FTE IMPACT:**

Minimal fiscal impact. With the SWCD owning 4 vehicles, mileage costs are minimal.

#### **Supporting Documents:**

None

#### **Previous Board Action:**

01/15/2026

## **Mike Wanous – District Manager**

- Continue to have meetings for the Watershed Based Implementation Funding (WBIF) grants to review potential projects for funding
- Completed mid-year, informal reviews with staff
- Prepared for and attended the budget hearing with Public Services departments and County Board
- Worked on a few drainage issues for JD1 and CD6
- Watertown wetland bank – worked with county staff on putting together a request for credit release, reviewed history with PW staff
- Continue working with the Local Government Road Wetland Replacement Program and a project selected for funding, met with attorneys and representatives from two impacted properties
- Other meetings – MCD manager mtg, drainage coordination mtg, staff mtg, WMO staff mtgs

## **Felicia Brockoff – Administrative & Finance Specialist**

- Accounting: Verified and paid regular monthly expenses. Completed July Treasurer's Report, semi-monthly payroll, and paid all liabilities. Drill billings to landowners. Sent Peterson Company Ltd. more information for the audit, answered their fraud questions, and pulled out copies of checks they requested (state C/S payments).
- Admin: Completed the Minutes for the July meeting, updated 2026 resolutions document with approved Board meeting motions. Prepared August Agenda packets and posted online. Finished working through our Personnel Handbook making suggested updates. Contacted the Attorney's office to get their opinions on what is statutorily required to be included, and how much detail is needed. They have a new staff attorney starting soon, who will be assigned to review our suggested changes. Informal review with Mike.
- Education: Reached out to several SWCDs to gather information about their recent anniversary celebration events.
- Records Management: As time allows, I am scanning historical cooperators paper files, verifying if the PID is correct, and importing these historical items into OnBase.

## **Terry Meiller – Resource Conservationist**

- Soil Health RCPP: Landowner contacts/meetings to discuss cover crop planning alternatives. Conservation planning, eligibility requests/determinations completed for Contracts 10-1-4, 10-1-5 and 10-1-6. All documents loaded to SharePoint site. Met with NRCS staff to discuss Farmer Led Workshop initiative (discussed with producer for possibility of hosting). Updates to eligibility and design documents following spot checks of contracts 10-1-2 and 10-1-3. Attended 2-day Soil Health School (training) in Redwood Falls.
- Crow WBIF: Landowner/contractor follow up re: bid received and to award contract for project in Watertown Twp.
- Misc.: Great Plains drill delivery and calibration (1 landowner). Staff meeting, Informal Review completed.

## **Seth Ristow – Resource Conservation Technician**

- Began discussing Fall Native Seed Collection Workshop with Native Plant Group
- Reviewed seeding plans for weekly development review
- Met with homeowners interested in cost share for RPBCWD Stewardship Program (7 sites)
- Inspected City of Waconia native plant buffer variance requirements with city staff (5 sites)
- Reviewed and requested clarification on year 3-4 solar assessment sheets for BWSR Habitat Friendly Solar Site Program
- Met with homeowner on Spring Creek in Carver to discuss potential building conveyance and restoration to the creek

- Met with the City of Carver to discuss and give recommendations on maintenance of native plants on center medians of Jonathan Carver Pkwy.
- Participated in weekly development review meeting with WMO
- Worked with Tom L. on evaluating quality of habitat of past cost share projects. Reviewed Chaska and Chan projects (7 sites)
- Met with Judy and Steve Harder at ECC District building grounds to discuss potential school project plantings around the grounds

**Tom Genelín – Senior District Technician**

- Meetings/Plan Review:
  - Attended native seedling ID training with Pheasants Forever/Xerces Society/Brown SWCD
  - Summerfield (Carver) preconstruction meeting
  - Xcel Pipeline Replacement (Chaska) plan review
  - Chaska North Water Treatment Plant (Chaska) plan review
  - Victoria Kwik Trip (Victoria) plan review
  - Woodland Trail (Waconia) plan review
  - GVT Auto (Waconia) preconstruction meeting
- Site Inspections –
  - Highpoint Vista (Chaska) site inspection
  - Waterford (Waconia) site inspection
  - Woodland Creek (Waconia) site inspection
  - Timber Creek (Carver) topsoil site inspection
  - The Preserve (Carver) topsoil site inspection
  - The Fields (Waconia) site inspection
  - Carlson Bluffs (Chaska) site inspection
  - Rivertown Heights (Chaska) topsoil site inspection
  - Huntersbrook Creekside (Victoria) site inspection
  - Clubs West 11<sup>th</sup> (Chaska) topsoil inspection
  - Fultonwood (Chaska) site inspection
  - Winkler’s Crossing (Cologne) site inspection
  - Oakwood Community Church (Waconia) site inspection
  - Norwood Flats Apartments (NYA) site inspection
  - Eischen’s Driveway (NYA) site inspection
  - Boulder Images (Waconia) site inspection
  - Carver Oaks (Carver) final inspection
  - Carver Place Oaks (Carver) final inspection
  - Carver Commons Phase 2 (Carver) final inspection
  - Creekside Park (Carver) final inspection
  - Ironwood Park (Carver) final inspection
  - Industrial Park Expansion (NYA) final inspection
  - NYA Railroad Street (NYA) final inspection
  - Nordic Site (NYA) final inspection
  - Greenwood Marina (NYA) final inspection
  - Yaeger Machine (NYA) final inspection
  - TCO Waconia Expansion (Waconia) final inspection
  - Waconia Self Storage (Waconia) final inspection
  - Line 0717 Rebuild (NYA Twp.) final inspection
  - Sackett Waconia (NYA) final inspection

### **Ben Datres – Farm Bill Technician**

- CREP/RIM:
  - Kullman & Philp Easement- Cover crop seeded. Waiting on final restoration design from BWSR engineers.
  - Updating RIM ownership changes and property splits. Updated our records and submitted updates to BWSR for processing
  - 30 easement inspections for 2026. Inspection letters and maps sent to landowners. Started desktop review, in the field inspections next.
  - RIM/WRP easement site visit with NRCS, reviewing management options for trees
  - RIM buffer proposal.
- MN Buffer Law:
  - Annual buffer compliance checks for eastern 1/3 of the county- started in Chaska.
  - Drafted inspection letters for questionable parcels that can't be seen from the road.
  - Continuing to update procedures for documenting buffer status, landowner folders etc.
- Other:
  - Great Plains Drill: One last delivery and calibration until fall planting starts again.
  - Week-long vacation August 6-13.

### **Tyler Polster – District Technician**

- WCA
  - Chaska: Reviewed plans and applications for business park expansion.
  - Watertown: Attended TEP meeting for river bridge replacement.
  - Waconia: Attended TEP meeting for delineation expansion along Airport Rd. The original delineation was Spring 2026.
  - Mayer: Attended TEP meeting for vegetation monitoring of city wetland bank. A follow up meeting to happen in September to go over final plant community map and credit release request.
  - Minnehaha Creek Watershed District: Reviewed plan and application for City of Victoria sewer line replacement. Reviewed plan and application for delineation done on behalf of Island View Golf Course.
  - Carver County WMO:
    - Reviewed updated plan and application for CSAH 11.
    - Investigated wetland concerns and possibility of beaver dam along CD6. No issues found for either concern.
    - Reviewed multiple "Notice of Decisions" for multiple approved permits.
    - Reviewed updated LGRWRP application.