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Board Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, January 20, 2026  
District Office

**DIRECTORS PRESENT**

Justin Krohn  
Jim Morrison  
Mike Leick  
Paul Beuth  
Sue Bates

**DIRECTORS ABSENT**

None

**ASSOCIATE DIRECTORS PRESENT**

Dwayne Proctor  
Tom Walsh

**ASSOCIATE DIRECTORS ABSENT**

Judy Barnard  
Harlan Tipton  
Dave Mullen  
Larry McPheron

**SWCD STAFF PRESENT**

Melisa Long  
Dennis Anthony  
Katie Peterson

**NRCS STAFF PRESENT**

Josh Franks  
Colton Asche

**PCM STAFF PRESENT**

None

**NGRREC PRESENT**

Heather Herakovich

**NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION**

Connor Evans

**CALL TO ORDER**

8:07 a.m. – Justin Krohn called meeting to order.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

minutes, correspondence & monthly transactions

- AISWCD – Advocacy Day is February 24

Jim Morrison made a motion to accept the consent agenda, Paul Beuth seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

**MID-YEAR FINANCIAL REVIEW**

- \$354,285 total current assets, \$528,228 total liabilities & equity, -\$4,530 net income
- accounts receivable - \$44,069 (main outstanding - USDA agreements & Local Work Group)
- seal coating of parking lot was budgeted for fall – anticipate summer completion
- NRCS Admin & CRP agreements are now invoiced quarterly vs. monthly

**REPORTS**

Staff Reports

- Administrative Coordinator – Melisa Long (attached)
- Resource Conservationist – Katie Peterson (attached)
- Executive Director/Soil Scientist – Dennis Anthony (attached)

Mike Leick made a motion to approve the staff reports as presented, Jim Morrison seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Partner Reports

- NRCS – Josh Franks, Colton Asche
- NGRREC – Heather Herakovich
- NWTF – Connor Evans

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

AFR, 3/5 majority form

- The FY25 AFR compiled by Steve Stadel Tax Service, was reviewed.

Jim Morrison made a motion to approve the FY25 Annual Financial Report (AFR), Sue Bates seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote. Jim Morrison will sign and will get notarized the 3/5 Majority Vote form and return to Melisa Long.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Region 1 Planning Council – Technical Committee

- With our involvement in various other committees and work groups with the Region 1 Planning where we provide technical input, it is no longer necessary to be part of the technical committee as it is more transportational in nature.

Jim Morrison made a motion to dissolve from the Region 1 Planning Council, Sue Bates seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

The next board meeting will be on Tuesday, February 10 at 8:00 a.m.

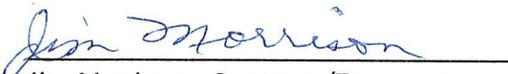
Jim Morrison made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:33 a.m., Sue Bates seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

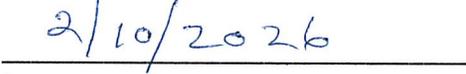
**ADJOURNMENT** – 9:33 a.m.

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Minutes taken & submitted by:  
Melisa Long, Administrative Coordinator

Approved by:

  
Jim Morrison – Secretary/Treasurer

  
Date