

Clearwater Soil & Water Conservation District

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING January 27th , 2022

MEETING MINUTES

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Board Members Present:

Harlan Strandlien, Jackie Ulrich via Teams, Paul Rydeen via Phone, Alroy Lewis via proxy.

SWCD Staff: Chester Powell

NRCS Staff: N/A

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. by Ulrich via Teams at the Bagley USDA Service Center. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Agenda: Ulrich called for additions or corrections to the agenda. The Powell confirmed there were no additions. Strandlien made the motion to approve the agenda with corrections. Seconded by Ulrich. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Minutes: Minutes of the December meeting were reviewed by the board. Strandlien made a motion to approve the November minutes. Seconded by Ulrich. **Motion carried 4-0.**

NRCS REPORT

N/A

PROGRAM TECHNICIAN REPORT -Reported by Powell

Education/Outreach: Prokosch noted that most of her time had been spent on creating the winter newsletter for the newspaper in January.

Prokosch reported that she has been continuously working on the district website and facebook keeping the public updated on multiple programs.

Prokosch noted she is working on making labels for the Fish & Wildlife pollinator seed mix.

Trees: 39% of trees have been sold, 36 six packs of native forbs have been sold

1W1P: Took notes and minutes at Clearwater River Watershed AC/PC meeting 1/26

DISTRISCT TECHNICIAN REPORT - Reported by Powell

Water Planning: Buesing attended the Clearwater 1W1P planning work group meeting 1/19 and AC/PC meeting on 1/26 and a Mississippi 1W1P meeting on 1/12.

Education Outreach: Buesing reported that he has been researching urban conservation practices and had created outline for rain barrel education class.

Trainings: Buesing had attended the BWSR Hydrology training 1/18&20 and the GIS training on 1/25.

Trees: Buesing reported he had found forb plugs from MN Native Landscapes to be on the order form with the Tree Sale.

Native Seed Handout: Buesing reported FWS seed has been bagged and O&M has been created

WATER PLAN COORDINATOR/TECHNICIAN REPORT

Water Planning: Powell reported that he attended Clearwater River 1W1P work group meeting on 1/19 and AC/PC meeting 1/25, Mississippi 1W1P Policy meeting on 1/12 where they approved full plan draft and to be sent to LGU's for approval.

Powell requested for board approval of waterplan funding budget and workplan and signature of Mississippi HW MOA to be signed. Ulrich made the motion to approve signing the MOA second by Strandlien. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Soil Health: Powell reported that the Ken Oraskivich submitted 4 soil tests for approval. Strandlien made the motion to pay Oraskivich the \$100 for the soil tests. Seconded by Ulrich. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Powell reported that there has been producer interest to raise soil health program acres cap from 80acres/year. Stranlien recommended a new acre cap of 120 acres/year. Strandlien made the motion to approve raising the acre cap, Seconded by Ulrich

Forest Stewardship: Powell provided the forest stewardship program is due to be updated and approved for 2022. Stranlien inquired about the number of plans that are enrolled in SFIA. Powell stated that number is unknown for 2021 at this time. Board requested bringing program updates back to February meeting to discuss SFIA/2c tax requirement options.

Cost Share: Powell reported Jeremy Kent has submitted well sealing invoice from Anderson Well Drilling. Powell asked the board for approval amount of \$362.50 for 50% cost share of total project amount. Ulrich motions to approve payment, Strandlien second. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Newsletter: Powell reported that bids have been received by Farmers Independent to print and mail SWCD newsletter. Powell listed bid options of distribution in the paper, the shopper or both and in color or black and white. Ulrich motions to approve the paper and shopper in color bit option for \$1525.55 Second by Strandlien. **Motion carried 3-1**

Committee Assignments, 2022 meeting rates and times: Powell presented the 2022 meeting dates, time, officer positions, and committee assignments. Strandlien motioned to approve dates, time, and position assignments. Second by Ulrich. **Motion carried 4-0**

Financials: Board members reviewed financials provided in board packets. Strandlien motioned to approve financials as printed. Second by Ulrich. **Motion carried 4-0**

Training: Powell noted he attended the MASWCD Convention on 12/13 and the Soil Management Summit on 12/14 and 12/15.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:48 a.m. was made by Strandlien. Seconded by Ulrich. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Alroy Lewis, District Secretary

Date

“The true meaning of life is to plant trees under whose shade you do not expect to sit”
-Nelson Henderson

Our mission is simple - to promote the wise use and improvement of our county resources, in order that future generations will inherit an economically viable county that has made wise choices in resource management.