

# Clearwater Soil & Water Conservation District

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## *BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021*

### *MEETING MINUTES*

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#### **Board Members Present:**

Harlan Strandlien and Alroy Lewis with John Gunvalson via ZOOM.

**SWCD Staff:** Lori Buell, Chester Powell, and Brielle Prokosch

**NRCS Staff:** Nate Brant

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m. by Lewis at the Bagley USDA Service Center. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Agenda:** Lewis called for additions or corrections to the agenda. Powel added Lost River Livestock and Soil Management Summit Training to the agenda. Strandlien made the motion to approve the agenda with corrections. Seconded by Gunvalson. **Motion carried 3-0.**

**Minutes:** Minutes of the August meeting were reviewed by the board. Gunvalson made a motion to approve the October minutes. Seconded by Strandlien. **Motion carried 3-0.**

#### **NRCS REPORT**

**CSP:** Brant noted that Clearwater had no renewals in CSP. Brant noted that the CSP general deadline was in February and had a few applications on file. Brant noted he is finishing up certifications and payments.

**EQIP:** Brant reported that the application deadline is November 19<sup>th</sup> and is reviewing previous applications.

#### **PROGRAM TECHNICIAN REPORT**

**AIS Program:** Prokosch reported that the AIS guidelines and metric were completed and sent to the State as mandated.

**Lake Monitoring:** Prokosch reported the lake data gathered over the summer had it's final review completed and is done for the year.

**Education/Outreach:** 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 a custom services page. Prokosch noted she is working on the winter newsletter.

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

**Conservation Farm:** Prokosch reported she had created a pamphlet for the hunters at the conservation farm including a map and rules of the farm.

**1W1P:** Prokosch noted that she had attended and took minutes for the Clearwater 1W1P policy and advisory meeting on 11/3.

**Training:** Prokosch attended BWSR Academy online on 10/26, 10/27, 10/28.

**Other:** Prokosch had attended an office planning meeting on 11/2.

## DISTRISCT TECHNICIAN REPORT

**Water Planning:** Buesing attended the Clearwater 1W1P policy and advisory meeting on 11/3.

**Soil Health:** Buesing noted he had delivered the drill for a pollinator planting on 11/1.

**Conservation Farm:** Buesing noted he had completed mapping the trails at the farm.

**Seed Plan:** Buesing reported he had calculated a seed rate for the Fish & Wildlife pollinator seed mix.

**Pine Lake Shoreline Stabilization:** Buesing reported that he had been choosing native plants to plant at the project site after installation.

**Imle Property:** Buesing noted he had walked the trails at the property to reassess future tree planting needs.

## WATER PLAN COORDINATOR/TECHNICIAN REPORT

**Water Planning:** Powell reported that he attended Clearwater River 1W1P Advisory and Policy meeting on 11/3. Powell reported that he had attended a Clearwater 1W1P planning work group meeting on 11/17 where they had assessed the goals to be accomplished in the next 3, 5, and 10 years.

**Soil Health:** Powell noted that the Lost River Livestock had completed 3 soil tests qualifying for a cost share amount of \$75.00. Lewis made the motion to provide cost share in the amount of \$75.00. Seconded by Strandlien. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Powell reported that Norgaard had used the no-till for 66 acres of cover crop with 1 soil test qualifying for cost share in the amount of \$1,675.00. Lewis made the motion to provide cost share in the amount of \$1,675.00. Seconded by Strandlien. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Powell noted that the drill, aerator and sprayer had been winterized and put away.

**Forest Stewardship:** Powell reported that Juberian had completed a forest stewardship plan on 106 acres and is eligible for cost share in the amount of \$1,150.58. Strandlien made the motion to provide cost share of \$1,150.58. Seconded by Gunderson. **Motion carried 3-0.**

**Trees:** Powell noted he ordered trees for the 2022 tree sale and is waiting to hear back on a couple species.

**Cost Share:** Powell reported a WASCOB project survey, and a Pine Lake Stabilization Project were to be installed next spring and a Heart Lake Stabilization and buffer to be completed next July.

**Training:** Powell noted he and Buesing would like to attend a Soil Management Summit Training on 12/14 and 12/15 costing \$155.00 for tickets and \$120.00 rooms each. Strandlien made the motion to allow anyone who wanted to go, including board members, to attend. Seconded by Gunvalson. **Motion carried 3-0.**

**Conservation Farm:** Powell noted that the DNR will burn the pollinator plot at the farm next spring and the District will replant with a better variety of pollinator seeds in a test plot fashion with the no-till drill, broadcast seeder, etc.

## DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT

**Financial Reports:** Financial statements showing revenue and expenditures for the month of October were presented to the Board for review.

### ***Profit & Loss:***

**Income:** Buell reported that in the month of October the no-till (line 4) was up over \$2,000, plat book sales (line 6) were up over \$300 with the new plat books, and Misc Revenue (line 42) was up \$26 for a Dividend from Farmer's Independent.

**Expenses:** Buell reported that out of usual expenses, vehicle gas (line 67) had gas up about \$200, 2019 local capacity (line 105) was up \$6,000 for forest stewardship and soil health payments, BWSR cost share (line 108) up over \$350 for the Nelson cost share project.

**Monthly Treasurer's Report:** Buell noted that for the month of October, outside normal transactions, Parker Haman (line 9) for the gate at the conservation farm, Houston Engineering (line 14) for 1W1P bill, Pennington (line 16) 1W1P hours, AIS (line 19) Solid Bottom expense, Jon Nelson (line 27) for a well sealing, Sundquist (line 35) for soil health payments, Sletten (line 36) for another soil health payment, and Christensen (line 37) for yet another soil health payment.

**Deposit Detail:** Buell noted that in the month of October there were deposits for: 1. 4<sup>th</sup> quarter county appropriations, the Farmer's dividend, platbooks sales and no-till drill rentals 2. Interest earned on accounts 3. Interest earned on accounts

**Balance Sheet:** Buell reported that at the end of October the Checking Account balance was \$431,936.93 and the Savings Account balance was \$104,056.20. Buell reported that Accounts Receivable was at \$8,508.11 which is soil health invoices and plat book sales.

A motion to accept the October financial report was made by Lewis. Seconded by Strandlien. **Motion carried 3-0.**

## **DISTRICT OPERATION-Board Action Items and Information:**

**Billing Grants:** Buell reported that she would be billing the billing soon including AIS and Water Plan.

**Closing out:** Buell informed the board that the 2019 local compacity, the 2019 buffer law and the 2020 conservation delivery would be closed out at the end of the year.

***Annual Convention:*** Buell noted that the annual convention would be in-person this on December 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> of this year and asked that the board members to decide within the next week if they wanted to go.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:44 a.m. was made by Gunvalson. Seconded by Strandlien. **Motion carried 3-0.**

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John Gunvalson, District Secretary

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Date

The creation of a thousand forests is in one acorn." — Ralph Waldo Emerson

*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.*