

Clearwater Soil & Water Conservation District

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 17th, 2022

MEETING MINUTES

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Board Members Present: Harlan Strandlien, Alroy Lewis, Paul Rydeen and Jackie Ulrich.

SWCD Staff: Lori Buell, Chester Powell, Brielle Prokosch and Kaleb Busing

NRCS Staff: Nate Brant

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Chair Ulrich at the Bagley USDA Service Center. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Agenda: Ulrich called for additions or corrections to the agenda. Powell noted that Anderson should be removed from the agenda. Lewis made the motion to approve the agenda with corrections. Seconded by Strandlien. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Minutes: Minutes of the October meeting were reviewed by the board. It was noted a 76% should be changed to 75%. Rydeen made a motion to approve the September minutes with corrections. Seconded by Lewis. **Motion carried 4-0.**

NRCS REPORT

EQIP: Brant noted the 2023 application deadline is November 18th.

CSP: Brant noted there were 2 renewals being finalized.

CRP: Brant noted continued CRP is an option available for some contracts.

Other: Brant noted he attended a UTV training and will attend a district conservation training on 11/29-11/30

PROGRAM TECHNICIAN REPORT

AIS Program: Prokosch is in communication with CLAA, the Clearwater County Commissioners and the DNR to work together to purchase and install a CD3 at the Clearwater
Prokosch reported the AIS budget is being worked on with the county and is possible a raise and mileage will be given to the watercraft inspectors next 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 that she has started on the winter newsletter to be put in the local paper.

Training: Prokosch attended the 2022 BWSR Academy training from 10/25-10/27.

1W1P: Prokosch attended and took minutes for the Clearwater 1W1P meeting on 10/31.

Trees: Prokosch helped bud capping pines on 11/8.

DISTRICT TECHNICIAN REPORT

1W1P: Buesing attended a Clearwater 1W1P meeting on 10/31.

Training: Buesing attended BWSR Academy from 10/25-10/27 and a WASCOD training from 10/31-11/2. Buesing noted he will attend another WASCOD training on 12/6 and a Soil Summit training on 12/15.

Education Outreach: Buesing noted he was working on creating another educational rain barrel class.

Cost Share: Buesing attended a field visit for Rydeen's project. Buesing planted a pollinator plot for Bjerke.

Trees: Buesing helped bud cap on 11/8.

WATER PLAN COORDINATOR/TECHNICIAN REPORT

Water Planning: Powell attended a Clearwater River 1W1P meeting on 10/31. Powell noted that BWSR had accepted the plan the completed plan. Powell reported the board was needed to approve signing the MOA and noted that Clearwater would continue being the plan coordinator and that Red Lake Watershed District would act as the fiscal agent. Lewis made the motion to agree to sign the MOA. Seconded by Rydeen. **Motion carried 4-0.** Powell noted that the Mississippi 1W1P was working on getting landowners paid since it was the end of the season.

Soil Health: Powell reported that Rydeen had qualified for soil health cost share in the amount of \$2500.00 and Gebhart, along with 4 soil tests, the amount of \$1,390.0. Lewis made the motion to approve all soil health cost share to the qualified candidates. Seconded by Strandlien with Rydeen abstaining. **Motion carried 3-0.** Powell noted the district would like to buy an additional no-till drill, an Esch with 12 ft planting width and 8 ft pulling width. Powell noted the total fees would come to around \$46,200 with a \$5,000 down payment which would come out of buffer, district, local compacity and Clearwater 1W1P funds. Rydeen made the motion to approve purchasing the Esch drill. Seconded by Lewis. **Motion carried 4-0**

Forest Stewardship: Powell reported that Amundson had completed a forest stewardship plan on 37.2 acres with 75% cost share totaling \$476.10. Rydeen made the motion to approve cost share for the plan. Seconded by Lewis. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Trees: Powell noted that trees had been ordered.

Powell also noted that it was hoped to use the local hockey building to store trees during the sale next year and was waiting for a call back. Rydeen suggested paying for expenses for a month's worth of utilities during the district's use.

Training: Powell attended BWSR Academy from 10/25-10/27 and will attend a Soil Summit on 12/15.

DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT

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

Profit & Loss:

Income: Buell reported that in the month of October the Platbooks were up \$200 (line 10), the 4th quarter appropriations (line 22), the 1W1P claimed hours were up over \$2,000 (line 24), the BWSR easement up over \$150 (line 35), and MN buffer law claimed hours up over \$2,000 (line 39).

Expenses: Buell reported that out of usual expenses, the employee training account for BWSR Academy expenses were up over \$400 (line 53), and the soil health and forest stewardship payments were up over \$9,000 (line 104).

Monthly Treasurer's Report: Buell noted that for the month of October, outside normal transactions, the rooms for BWSR Academy at Cragun's (line 5) and registrations costs (line 16).

Deposit Detail: Buell noted that in the month of October there were deposits for: 1. RIM easement payment 2. 4th quarter appropriations, AIS payment, platbooks, tree tubes and soil health payments 3. Interest earned on checking accounts 4. Interest earned on saving accounts

Balance Sheet: Buell reported that at the end of October the Checking Account balance was \$455,086.35 and the Savings Account balance was \$104,339.96. Buell reported that she was working on closing out the 2020 buffer law, the 2020 local compacity and the 2021 conservation delivery.

A motion to accept the September financial report was made by Rydeen. Seconded by Strandlien. **Motion carried 4-0.**

DISTRICT OPERATION-Board Action Items and Information:

BWSR Academy: Buell attended BWSR Academy from 10/25-10/27.

Annual Convention: Buell reported that the annual convention would be on December 12th - 14th and that an Area 8 meeting would be during that time as well.

The board decided it would be in the best interest to invite Aaron Kaiser, as the member replacing Ulrich next year, to the next meeting.

The board also decided since the next board meeting would fall on a date where Buesing and Powell would be at a training the December board meeting would be on 12/20.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:16 a.m. was made by Strandlien. Seconded by Rydeen. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Alroy Lewis, District Secretary

Date

"I am grateful for what I am and have. My thanksgiving is perpetual."

—Henry David Thoreau

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