

Clearwater Soil & Water Conservation District

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 16th, 2021

MEETING MINUTES

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Board Members Present:

Harlan Strandlien with Jackie Ulrich, Paul Rydeen and John Gunvalson via ZOOM.

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

NRCS Staff: Nate Brant

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Ulrich at the Bagley USDA Service Center. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Agenda: Ulrich called for additions or corrections to the agenda. The District confirmed there were no additions. Strandlien made the motion to approve the agenda with corrections. Seconded by Ulrich. **Motion carried 3-0.**

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

Gunvalson arrived at 10:03 a.m.

NRCS REPORT

CSP renewals: Brant noted that Clearwater had no renewals in CSP. Brant noted that there was \$1.1 million allotted for renewals but \$2.6 millions in requests.

CSP general: Brant reported there is a few applications on file with the application deadline in February.

EQIP: Brant noted that the application deadline was November 19th and has 16 applications on file.

Outreach: Brant noted he had presented a wind simulation machine to the children at the Schoolcraft Learning Center.

PROGRAM TECHNICIAN REPORT

AIS Program: Prokosch reported she and the Clearwater Lake Association had talked with the Clearwater County board about purchasing a CD3 unit for the association out of AIS funds on 12/10. There was not a definite answer and they would talk more in the following month.

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: Prokosch noted that Buesing forb plug would be turned into an excel sheet.

DISTRISCT TECHNICIAN REPORT

Water Planning: Buesing attended the Clearwater 1W1P work group meeting on 12/16 and a Mississippi 1W1P meeting on 11/19.

Cost Share: Buesing noted that he had created a plan for the Heart Lake Shoreline project and has been tracking a total order for forb plugs for the summer project(s).

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

Buesing reported he had written an article for the winter Newsletter for Prokosch.

Trainings: Buesing had attended the MASWCD Convention on 12/13 and the Soil Management Summit on 12/14 and 12/15.

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

WATER PLAN COORDINATOR/TECHNICIAN REPORT

Water Planning: Powell reported that he attended Clearwater River 1W1P work group meeting on 12/15, a Wild Rice 1W1P meeting on 12/1 to wrap up the end of the year and a Mississippi 1W1P meeting on 11/19 where they discussed the soil health section that the Clearwater District would run.

Soil Health: Powell reported that the Lewis cover crop was now to be paid from the Distrct instead of Clearwater1W1P funds that had been previously voted on. Ulrich made the motion to pay Lewis the \$1,925 for cost share and the soil test. Seconded by Gunvalson. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Trees: Powell noted he is working on trees for the 2022 tree sale.

Cost Share: Powell reported he was working with NRCS on the WASCOB project, the Pine Lake Stabilization Project had received design, cost estimate and specs from TSA8 and the Heart Lake Stabilization had a final walkthrough.

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

DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT

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

Profit & Loss:

Income: Buell reported that in the month of November the plat book sales (line 6) were up over \$1,000 with the new plat books, and Misc Revenue (line 33) was up \$1,370 for a Dividend from MCIT.

Expenses: Buell reported that out of usual expenses, employee training (line 42) was up over \$360 for annual convention, telephone and postage (line 51) was up \$123 for the new cell phone, 2019 local capacity (line 94) up over \$1,150 for the Juberian forest stewardship.

Monthly Treasurer's Report: Buell noted that for the month of November, outside normal transactions, Houston Engineering (line 12) for 1W1P expenses, MCIT (line 19) for the annual dividend, Juberian forest stewardship plan (line 21), Mn Department of Agriculture (line 32) for the nursery certificate renewal, and Pennington SWCD (line 34) for 1W1P expenses.

Deposit Detail: Buell noted that in the month of November there were deposits for: 1. Plat book sales and no-till rentals 2. MCIT dividend 3. Interest earned on checking accounts 4. Plat books sales and no-till rentals 5. Interest earned on saving accounts

Balance Sheet: Buell reported that at the end of November the Checking Account balance was \$403,675.42 and the Savings Account balance was \$104,073.31. Buell reported that Accounts Receivable was at \$5,865.96 which is soil health invoices and plat book sales.

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

DISTRICT OPERATION-Board Action Items and Information:

Billing Grants: Buell reported that she would be billing the billing soon.

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.

Platbooks: Buell noted there were still plenty of 2019 plat books left over and asked the board if they wanted to donate to the schools as in previous years. Strandlien made the motion to donate the old plat books to the locals schools. Seconded by Gunvalson. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Other: Buell noted they the District would be closed December 24th through January 2nd for the holiday season.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:24 a.m. was made by Strandlien. Seconded by Gunvalson. **Motion carried 4-0.**

John Gunvalson, District Secretary

Date

“Between every two pines is a doorway to a new world.” (and a new year!)
-John Muir

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.