

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

Guest: Aaron Kaiser

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 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. Lewis made the motion to approve the agenda as is. Seconded by Strandlien. **Motion carried 4-0.**

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

NRCS REPORT

EQIP: Brant noted the 2023 ranking deadline was February 3rd and had 22 applicants in Clearwater.

CSP: Brant finished 9 payments for Clearwater with 2 renewal contracts.

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

Other: Brant noted a new program would be coming out focusing on nutrient management.

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 inspector next year would have a wage increase to \$15 for starting pay and the budget has been submitted to the state.

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 the winter newsletter had been finished.

Rain Gage: Prokosch had been inputting end of year data.

Trees: Prokosch created the revamped flower form for 2023.

DISTRICT TECHNICIAN REPORT

1W1P: Buesing attended a Mississippi meeting on 11/29 and a Wild Rice meeting on 12/19.

Training: Buesing attended a WASCOP training on 12/6, Annual Convention on 12/12-12/14 and a Soil Summit training on 12/15.

Education Outreach: Buesing noted he was working on creating a education class for 2023.

WATER PLAN COORDINATOR/TECHNICIAN REPORT

Water Planning: Powell noted that the Mississippi 1W1p had done their end of season reporting.

Powell attended an end of year update meeting on 12/19.

Powell noted that the end of year reporting had been finished for Clearwater 1W1p and had submitted for implementations funds.

Soil Health: Powell attended a SMS training on 12/15.

Trees: Powell noted that trees had been ordered.

Powell also noted he was still figuring out storage for 2023 and still hoped to use the local hockey building.

Training: Powell attended annual convention on 12-12/12/14.

DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT

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

Profit & Loss:

Income: Buell reported that in the month of November the Platbooks were up \$200 (line 10), the 4th quarter appropriations (line 22), the 4th quarter country appropriations were up \$2,000 with claimed WP hours (line 24), and the buffer law claimed hours over \$2,000 (line 39).

Expenses: Buell reported that out of usual expenses, the employee training for U of M training and Zoom membership was up over \$400 (line 62), the office supplies for the new year were up over \$100 (line 68), the audit was up \$3,100 (line 73) and 2020 local compacity was up over \$4,000 for RMB lake testing services (118).

Monthly Treasurer's Report: Buell noted that for the month of November, outside normal transactions, Jessen forest stewardship plan (line 3), soil health payments (line 6 &7), more soil health payments (lines 9-11), well decommissioning (line 12), another soil health payment (line 14), ad for 1W1P in the newspaper (line 18), another forest stewardship plan (line 19), nurse stock certificate renewal (line 21), hours billed for 1W1P (line 23), down payment for the new no-till drill (line 35), \$140 reimbursement (line 36), payment for annual audit of 2021 financials (line 41) and another forest stewardship plan (line 43).

Deposit Detail: Buell noted that in the month of November there were deposits for: 1. MCIT dividend 2. Plat books 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 November the Checking Account balance was \$404,912.06 and the Savings Account balance was \$104,409.73. 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 November financial report was made by Rydeen. Seconded by Strandlien. **Motion carried 4-0.**

DISTRICT OPERATION-Board Action Items and Information:

BWSR Academy: Buell attended annual convention 12/12-12/14.

TSA 8: Buell noted that the TSA 8 had made the decision to forgo the use of the on staff engineer and would allow funds to be used to hire outside resources.

Buell noted the annual office closure of Dec 24th through Jan 1st.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m. was made by Rydeen. Seconded by Lewis. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Happy New Year!

Alroy Lewis, District Secretary

Date

"Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year."

—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.