



Board Of Supervisors Regular Meeting Minutes

October 30th, 2025

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Board Members Present: Alroy Lewis, Paul Rydeen, Doug Sloan and Ken Christenson

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

Guests: Mark Titera

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

Agenda: The agenda was reviewed by the board. Buesing added Prairie Moon Seed. Lewis made the motion to approve the agenda with changes. Seconded by Sloan. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Minutes: The September minutes were reviewed by the board. Christenson made the motion to accept the September minutes. Seconded by Lewis. **Motion carried 4-0.**

PROGRAM TECHNICIAN REPORT

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

Water Plan: Prokosch reported she has been entering rain gauge data. Prokosch noted the lake monitoring data was sent out to both the MPCA and the RLWD.

AIS: Prokosch was currently working on the end of season paperwork for the state. Prokosch also noted she was working on the AIS budget and would present to the county board next week.

Training: Prokosch attended BWSR Academy on 10/21-10/22.

DISTRICT TECHNICIAN REPORT

Training: Buesing attended BWSR Academy 10/21-10/23.

USFWS Partnership: Buesing noted he sprayed for Dickey, saw results of Gile's prescribed burn and finalized plans for Lee. Buesing noted the seeds from Agassiz had arrived. Buesing noted that due to the federal government shutdown payment for the seeds had been suspended. Buesing noted that Prairie Moon Nursery required a payment to be made within 30 days of purchasing seed. In order to fulfill the seed order for upcoming pollinator plantings in the next 2 weeks Buesing noted that the SWCD would have to make the payment of ~\$3,300 and then be reimbursed if the federal government didn't restore power within 30 days. Lewis made the motion to approve paying the bill if the federal government didn't restore power in time. Seconded by Sloan. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Equipment: Buesing noted the boat, sprayer and great plains drill were currently in storage.

1W1P: Buesing attended a Clearwater 1W1P on 10/29.

WATER PLAN COORDINATOR/TECHNICIAN REPORT

Water Planning: Powell attended a Clearwater 1W1P meeting on 10/15 and 10/29 where they went over projects and budget.

Powell noted an informational Wild Rice 1W1P meeting was coming up on 11/24.

Soil Health: Powell noted 1 of the drills was put away for the winter, 1 was ready to be cleaned and 1 will be used for pollinator plantings for the next month.

Powell noted that Johnson completed 120 acres and 5 soil tests for \$4,925.00, Faldet completed 50 acres and 1 soil test for \$2,025.00, Rudnik completed 111 acres and 2 soil tests for \$4,490.00, Westrum completed 105 acres and 2 soil tests for \$4,250.00, Lost River Livestock completed 120 acre and 5 soil tests for \$4,925.00, H. Dickey completed 97 acres and 1 soil test for \$3,905.00, E. Dickey completed 112 acres and 2 soil tests for \$4,505.00, and Hausen completed 20 acres and 2 soil tests for \$850.00 to be taken out of the clearwater 1W1P funds/soil health expansion funds/grant. Lewis made the motion to approve the cost share of each individual. Seconded by Christensen. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Powell noted Fuller completed 30 acres for \$1,200.00 of cost share to be taken out of the Mississippi 1W1P funds. Sloan made the motion to approve the cost share of each individual. Seconded by Lewis. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Training: Powell attended BWSR Academy on 10/21-10/23.

County Aerial Imagery: Powell noted all 1W1P's in the county put up 10% of funds for Clearwater's updated aerial imagery. Titera noted the county had passed the motion to approve flying the drone.

Trees: Powell noted tree ordering was completed.

DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT

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

Profit & Loss:

Income:

Line 6 (No-Till Drill Rental) up over \$6000, Line 8 (Plat Books), up over \$200, Line 20 (County Appropriation) up \$17,340

Expense:

Line 102 (Miss 1W1P) up over \$1400 for SH payments, Line 103 (WR 1W1P) up almost \$12,000 for SH payments, Line 114 (Conservation Contracts) up over \$500 for Well Sealing Cost share, Line 115 (Soil Health Delivery) up over \$1800 for SH Cost Share, Line 118 (Soil Health Expansion) up over \$1900 for SH projects

Monthly Treasurer's Report: Line 8 (Solid Bottom) AIS Expense, Porta John for Long Lost Lake, Line 11 (Beltrami SWCD) Registration for staff/Supervisors to attend Fall Tour and Area Meeting, Line 22 (Soilhein) SH Cost Share. Line 24 (Julin) Well Sealing Cost Share, Line 25-26 (Ramsrud and Jesness) SH Cost Share, Line 28-31 (Huschle-McCollum) SH Cost Share, Line 36-43 (Aufforth-Gebhardt) all SH Cost Share, Line 44 (Nelson), Well Sealing Cost Share, Line 45-49 (Rhode-Riewer) all SH Cost Share, Line 52 (Zimmerman Farms) down payment for No-Till Drill, Line 59 (Kelm) SH Cost Share

Deposit Detail: Deposit 1: SH Payments, Plat Book payment and RLWD 1W1P payment, Deposit 2: Donation for area 8 Envirothon from MASWCD, Aerator payment and SH payment, Deposit 3: Interest Earned in Checking, Deposit 4: Interest Earned in Savings

Balance Sheet:

Line 4 (Checking Account): the end of September was \$258,324.97

Line 10 (Savings Account): the end of September was \$24,988.13

Line 12 (Accounts Receivable) \$30,083.55 Soil Health payments and AIS Billing, Water Plan Billing which have since received most of these

Buell noted the following grants were to be closed out before the end of the year: 2023 buffer law, 2023 local compacity, 2024 buffer law and 2024 conservation delivery.

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

DISTRICT OPERATION-Board Action Items and Information:

Meeting Dates: Buell noted the next 3 months of changed dates for board meetings. The board decided to change the November meeting to the 19th, leaving the December meeting as the 18th. A motion to accept the changed dates was made by Sloan. Seconded by Christensen. **Motion carried 4-0.**

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:31 a.m. was made by Lewis. Seconded by Christensen. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Alroy Lewis, District Secretary

Date

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.