

Clearwater Soil & Water Conservation District

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING FEBURARY 17th , 2021

MEETING MINUTES

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Board Members Present:

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

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

NRCS Staff: Nate Brant

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 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 the soil program update needed to be removed as it was approved during the January meeting. Lewis made the motion to approve the agenda with corrections. Seconded by Gunvalson. **Motion carried 4-0.**

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

NRCS REPORT

CSP general: Brant reported the application deadline was February 4th with 6 applicants in Clearwater County. Brant noted that applicants would be screened today.

EQIP: Brant noted that there are 16 applications in Clearwater County with estimating requests \$420,000 in planned projects.

Other: Brant attended the Hubbard Grazing Workshop on 2/15.

PROGRAM TECHNICIAN REPORT

AIS Program: Prokosch reported she was writing an article for the Clearwater Lake Association's newsletter.

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

Trees: Prokosch has been entering in sale order forms and noted the 97 six-packs for flower and grasses have been sold and 57% of trees have been sold.

1W1P: Prokosch had attended and took notes for a Policy/Advisory meeting for the Clearwater watershed on 1/26.

Training: Prokosch attended an eLNK training on 2/16.

DISTRISCT TECHNICIAN REPORT

Water Planning: Buesing had attended a Policy/Advisory meeting for the Clearwater watershed on 1/26.

Seed Plan: Busing noted he has worked on a pollinator planting plan and a shoreline planting plan.

Education Outreach: Buesing reported he is working on a proposal for a pollinator education opportunity for the city of Bagley. Buesing noted he is waiting on a final draft from community education for a rain barrel workshop.

Grazing Workshop: Buesing had attended the Hubbard Grazing workshop on 2/15.

Training: Buesing attended an ArcGIS training on 1/25 and an eLINK training on 2/16.

WATER PLAN COORDINATOR/TECHNICIAN REPORT

Water Planning: Powell reported that he attended a Policy/Advisory meeting for the Clearwater watershed on 1/26. Powell reported that the Mississippi 1W1P has implemented their MOA and will be receiving funds by the end of March.

Rydeen arrived at 10:45 a.m.

Forest Stewardship: Powell noted that the 2022 program was to be updated and asked the board whether to base the payments off of proximity to water incentive areas like previous years or to base rates off of 2C and SFIA. After much discussion the board asked Powell to bring back a pro/con write up for the March meeting.

End of Year Reporting: Powell noted he is working on end of year reporting.

Cost Share: Powell reported he was working on the Rydeen WASCOB.

Training: Powell noted he attended the ArcGIS training on 1/25, the Hubbard Grazing workshop on 2/15 and will attend a drought disaster meeting on 3/05.

Statement of Concern: Powell asked the board to sign a statement concerning the SWCD's acknowledgement and transparency of the Embridge Line 3 aquifer breach. Lewis made the motion to sign and approve the statement of concern. Seconded by Rydeen. **Motion carried 5-0.**

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 January the plat book sales (line 6) were up \$528, started recognizing 2022 tree sales (line 12) and 1st quarter county appropriations (line 17).

Expenses: Buell reported that out of usual expenses, a new jack for the aerator (line 55) and a portion of AIS phone bills (line 71).

Monthly Treasurer's Report: Buell noted that for the month of January, outside normal transactions, there was a bank credit error (line 12) otherwise all normal expenses./payroll/taxes/bills.

Deposit Detail: Buell noted that in the month of January there were deposits for: 1. Tree sales and AIS payments 2. Trees sales 3. Interest earned on checking accounts 5. Interest earned on saving accounts

Balance Sheet: Buell reported that at the end of January the Checking Account balance was \$287,170.80 and the Savings Account balance was \$104,108.67. Buell reported that Accounts Receivable was at \$34,718.35 which is invoices to county for AIS and Water Plan. Buell reported that the Deferred Revenue has closed out the 2019 local capacity, the 2019 buffer law, and the 2020 conservation delivery.

A motion to accept the January financial report was made by Lewis. Seconded by Gunvalson. **Motion carried 5-0.**

DISTRICT OPERATION-Board Action Items and Information:

MASWCD Meeting: Buell reported the MASWCD Meeting would be held March 18th in Bemidji and to let her know if any board members wanted to attend.

Overmoe and Nelson Contract: Buell informed the board the 2022 contract would be \$5,721.00. Rydeen made the motion to sign the 2022 contract. Seconded by Lewis. **Motion carried 5-0.**

MASCW Dues: Buell noted the MASWCD dues were due at \$3,733.85. Strandlien made the motion to pay the dues. Seconded by Lewis. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Peterson Contract: Buell noted was to be approved for the audit. Rydeen made the motion to approve the contract. Seconded by Strandlien. **Motion carried 5-0.**

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:08 a.m. was made by Lewis. Seconded by Strandlien. **Motion carried 5-0.**

John Gunvalson, District Secretary

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.