

Clearwater Soil & Water Conservation District

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 16TH 2023

MEETING MINUTES

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Board Members Present: Harlan Strandlien, John Gunvalson, Payl Rydeen and Aaron Kaiser via ZOOM.

SWCD Staff: Lori Buell, Chester Powell and Kaleb Busing

NRCS Staff: Nate Brant

Guest: John Nelson, Tim Terrill

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. at the Bagley USDA Service Center. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Agenda: It was called for additions or corrections to the agenda. Gunvalson made the motion to approve the agenda as is. Seconded by Kaiser. **Motion carried 4-0.**

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

Mississippi Headwaters: Terrill gave a video presentation about the Mississippi Headwaters Board. A discussion was held afterward.

Rydeen was sworn in by Nelson.

NRCS REPORT

NRCS Employment Opportunities: Brandt reported that the Forester in the Bemidji office has decided to take a job with the Forestry Service. Brandt noted that there will be two potential openings in Bagley for a Soil Conservationist Technician and a Soil Conservationist.

EQIP: Brandt has 16 applications on file and updated the board on application deadline.

CSP: Brandt finished 9 annual CSP producer payments. Brandt reported that he has 26 applications on file and 6 rank “high priority”.

CRP: will be working on re-enrollment and status reviews over the next two year.

RCPP: there is another program like EQIP focus is on Nutrient Management.

PROGRAM TECHNICIAN REPORT

Prokosch was not available during this meeting.

DISTRICT TECHNICIAN REPORT

Trees: Buesing noted tree tubes had been ordered.

Trainings: Busing attended the Wetland Conservation Regulation and Administration MWPCP and Native Vegetation Guidelines on 2/6. Buesing also attended a Grazing Workshop on 2/15.

Water Planning: Buesing attended a Clearwater 1W1P meeting on 1/25 and a Mississippi 1W1P meeting on 1/31.

Noxious Weeds: Buesing noted he had talked to the city of Bagley about the infestation near the airport.

Other: Buesing attended a meeting with USFWS on 2/8 and a Wilton Trail Trestle project meeting on 2/9.

WATER PLAN COORDINATOR/TECHNICIAN REPORT

Water Planning: Powell noted that the Mississippi 1W1p had done their end of season reporting and attended a meeting on 2/28.

Powell noted that the end of year reporting had been finished for Clearwater 1W1P and implementation had been received and attended a policy meeting on 1/25 and 2/22.

Soil Health: Powell attended a grazing workshop on 2/15.

Powell noted the District would be holding a series of cover crop meetings for the public.

Trees: Powell noted tree storage would be at the self-storage unit and that 43% of trees had been sold.

Gunvalson left the meeting.

DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT

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

Profit & Loss:

Income: Buell reported that in the month of January Line 10 (Plat Book) 1 plat book, Line 12 (Tree Accessories) Tree Tubes, Line 15 (Tree Sales) Started taking tree orders end of Jan, Line 22 (County Appropriations) 1st Qtr County Appropriations. Line 38 (Misc interest) Interest earned on accounts.

Expenses: Buell reported that out of usual expenses, Line 70 (Employee Training account) Registration for LB to attend Carbon Sequestration training ,Line 53 (Fees and Dues) MASWCD 2023 Dues Line 54 (Misc) .34 sales tax adjustment, Line 62 (Audit) paid Peterson's for the 2021 financial audit, Line 104 (2021 Local Capacity) Millenacker, Christensen and Gebhardt soil health and Forestry payments, Line 106 (BWSR Cost Share) Ehlers Well sealing, Line 107 (Buffer Law) storage unit and part of newsletter

Monthly Treasurer's Report: Buell noted that for the month of January, outside normal transactions, Line 4 (First National Bank CC) New Credit Card for KB and BP, Line 32 (journal) .99 reconciliation.

Deposit Detail: Buell noted that in the month of January there were deposits for: Deposit 1: 4th Qtr. County Appropriations and 1 plat book 2: Interest Earned on Checking Account 3: Interest Earned on Savings Account.

Balance Sheet: Buell reported that at the end of January the Checking Account balance was \$344,434.32 and the Savings Account balance was \$104,587.23. Buell reported that the 2020 Buffer Law, 2020 Local Capacity and 2020 Cost Share was closed out.

A motion to accept the January financial report was made by Rydeen. Seconded by Kaiser. **Motion carried 3-0.**

DISTRICT OPERATION-Board Action Items and Information:

2023 Meeting Rates and Date: Kaiser made the motion to approve 2023 meeting dates and rates. Seconded by Rydeen. Motion carried 4-0.

Committee Assignments: Rydeen made the motion to approve committee assignments. Seconded by Kaiser. Motion carried 4-0.

Mileage and Per Diem: Kasier made the motion to approve mileage and per diem. Seconded by Rydeen. Motion carried 4-0.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:57 a.m. was made by Kaiser. Seconded by Rydeen. **Motion carried 3-0.**

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.