



Board Of Supervisors Regular Meeting Minutes

October 24th, 2024

Board Members Present: Harlan Strandlien, Alroy Lewis and Paul Rydeen

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

NRCS Staff: Nate Brandt

Chair Lewis called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. at the Bagley USDA Service Center. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Agenda: The agenda was reviewed by the board. Rydeen made the motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Strandlien. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Minutes: Minutes of the September meeting were reviewed by the board. Strandlien made the motion to approve the minute. Seconded by Rydeen. **Motion carried 3-0.**

NRCS REPORT:

Activity Implementations: Brandt noted the installations of grazing projects and a stream crossing replacement in the Red Lake Reservation.

EQIP: Brandt noted the 2025 application deadline was 9/6 and had 25 applicants.

Brandt noted he had 10 contracts for the 2024 applications.

CSP: Brandt noted 4 had been selected for funding for the first round and the 2025 application deadline would be 11/15.

Other: Brandt noted NRCS employees held a county tour on 10/2 to visit surrounding operations.

PROGRAM TECHNICIAN REPORT

AIS: Prokosch noted she was currently working on end of season paperwork for the state, including the 2025 budget.

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 lake monitoring had been completed and the data had been sent to the MPCA.

DISTRICT TECHNICIAN REPORT

Soil Health: Buesing had run the drill around this month to renters.

Buesing had replaced the hydraulic cylinder in the Great Plains drill. Buesing winterized the sprayer.

Water Plan: Buesing noted the boat had been winterized.

Training: Buesing had attended a Survey Equipment training on 10/15.

Conservation Farm: Buesing noted he had mowed the trails at the farm.

1W1P: Buesing had attended a Clearwater 1W1P Meeting on 10/23.

WASCOB: Buesing visited the Nordlund WASCOB project with the NRCS engineer and had a project stakeout with Brandt.

WATER PLAN COORDINATOR/TECHNICIAN REPORT

Water Planning: Powell attended a Clearwater 1W1P policy meeting on 10/23 to talk about project and budget updates.

Powell noted that the Wild Rice 1W1P has a policy meeting on 11/25 to talk about financial and project updates.

Soil Health: Powell noted there had been 51 cost share soil health rentals totaling 3,300 acres so far this year.

Powell noted that Nelson had completed 54 acres and 2 soil tests for \$2,210.00 of cost share, Johnson completed 120 acres and 5 soil tests for \$3,125.00, Acree completed 55 acres and 2 soil tests for \$2,250.00, Barnwell completed 36 acres for \$1,440.00 and Nordlund completed 65 acres for \$2,600.00 to be taken out of Clearwater 1W1P funds, increase compaction or soil health funds. Rydeen made the motion to approve cost share for each individual in the proper amount. Seconded by Lewis. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Powell noted that Huschle had completed 14 acres for \$560.00 of cost share to be taken out of the Wild Rice 1W1P funds. Rydeen made the motion to approve cost share each individual in the proper amount. Seconded by Strandlien. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Powell noted that Rhode completed 2 soil tests for \$50.00 of cost share to be taken out of Mississippi 1W1P funds. Rydeen made the motion to approve cost share for each individual in the proper amount. Seconded by Strandlien. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Powell brought up the East Polk SWCD's contributions agreement to have the district help with East Polk's new soil health program again. Powell noted there was no intent to limit those who wanted to participate to 1 county as East Polk's program is so new they do not want to turn anyone away. Powell noted the agreement was for the duration of 1 year and any concerns could be addressed in the future to change the program for the better. Buell noted it was a source of outside income that would support the district. After discussion, Lewis made the motion to approve and sign the agreement. Seconded by Strandlien. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Forest Stewardship: Powell noted that Schommer had completed a forest stewardship plan for 75% of cost share on 258 acres for \$2,476.40 to be taken out of the Wild Rice 1W1P. Strandlien made the motion to approve the cost share. Seconded by Rydeen. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Equipment: Powell noted the hydraulic cylinders on the Great Plains drill had been installed.

Trees: Powell noted 2025 trees had been ordered.

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 3 (1W1P) Billed Clearwater 1W1P, WR 1W1P and Miss 1W1P expenses and hours, Line 7 (No Till Drill Rental) up almost \$7,000 No Till Drill rental payments, Line 29 (BWSR Cost Share) claimed 2023 Cost Share \$7506 and 2024 Conservation Contracts \$10,295

Expenses:

Line 50 (Employee Training Account) up over \$200 rooms for BP and LB for BWSR Academy Line 56 (Office Supplies) up over \$100 folders and office supplies, Line 83 (AIS). Up almost \$2,000 RMB Labs and CD3 Software, Line 103 (Water Plan) up almost \$2,000 for RMN Lab water testing. Line 109 (Miss 1W1P) up over \$5,000 Cronemiller, Platt, Swartz and Frees SH Cost Share, Line 110 (1W1P-WR) up over \$4000 Schultz, Savig and Aufforth SH Cost Share, Line 155 (2023 Local Capacity) up over \$2,000 Jesness SH Cost Share, Line 118 (Soil Health) up \$16,725 all SH Cost Share, Rohde, Larson, Rydeen, Flateland, Eck, Hanson, Oraskovich and Zachman

Monthly Treasurer's Report: Line 7 (Jesness) SH Cost Share payment, Line 17 (Schultz) Soil Health Payment, Line 19-27 (Cronemiller-Hanson) all SH Cost, Line 31-34 (Aufforth-Rydeen) SH Cost Share payment.

Deposit Detail:

Deposit 1: SH payments, Deposit 2: Interest earned on Checking , Deposit 3: Interest Earned on Savings

Balance Sheet:

Buell reported Line 4 (Checking Account): the end September was \$222958.21

Line 10 (Savings Account): the end of September was \$24,764.26

Line 13 (Unearned Revenue): Line 41 2021-1W1P the 10% was approved and should reflect on next months report. (\$23,704.26) claimed 2023 Cost Share (\$7506), claimed 2024 Conservation Delivery (\$10,295.00)

A motion to accept the mostly complete September financial report was made by Strandlien. Seconded by Rydeen. **Motion carried 3-0.**

DISTRICT OPERATION-Board Action Items and Information:

Annual Convention : Buell noted the annual convention would be held in the cities on December 2nd, 3rd and 4th for anyone who wanted to go.

BWSR Academy: Buell noted BWSR Academy would be held Oct. 29th – 31st and staff had signed up to attend.

Resolution Packets: Buell noted the resolution packets had to be read and voted on:

Conservation Easement for Legal Land Survey: yes-0, no-3

Property Tax Evaluation: yes-0, no-3

Maintain Collaboration with NRCS: yes-3, no-0

DNR public Water Map: yes-3, no-0

Exempt Clean Water Permits with DNR: yes-3, no-0

Unified Cost Rates for Forest Stewardship Planning: yes-0, no-3

Expiated MPCA Certification Projects: yes-0, no-3

Climate Change Inclusion in Documenting Principles: yes-0, no-3

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:16 A.M. was made by Rydeen. Seconded by Lewis. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Paul Rydeen, 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.