

# Clearwater Soil & Water Conservation District

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## *BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING: August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024*

### *MEETING MINUTES*

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**Board Members Present:** Harlan Strandlien, John Gunvalson, Alroy Lewis, Paul Rydeen and Aaron Kaiser

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

**NRCS Staff:** Nate Brandt

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

**Agenda:** The agenda was reviewed by the board. Powell added a tire quote to the agenda. Rydeen made the motion to approve the agenda with corrections. Seconded by Kaiser. **Motion carried 5-0.**

**Minutes:** Minutes of the July meeting were reviewed by the board. Strandlien noted a correction to be made in the Forest Stewardship section. Strandlien made the motion to approve the minutes with corrections. Seconded by Gunvalson. **Motion carried 5-0.**

### NRCS REPORT:

**Activity Implementations:** Brandt noted the installations of hay plantings and grazing projects.

**EQIP:** Brandt noted the 2025 application deadline is Sept 6<sup>th</sup> and 10 2024 applications had been obligated into contracts.

**CSP:** Brandt noted 4 had been selected for funding for the first round.

**CRP:** Brandt asked to let him know of any interest.

**Other:** Brandt noted that multiple offices were in the process of hiring.

### PROGRAM TECHNICIAN REPORT

**AIS:** Prokosch noted that the watercraft inspector season was going well so far and that zebra mussel veliger sampling had finished for the year. Results had not been received as of yet.

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

Prokosch noted the summer newsletter had been completed and was distributed at the fair as well as online and emailed.

Prokosch noted she had manned the fair booth earlier in the month.

**Water Plan:** Prokosch reported she has been entering rain gauge data.

Prokosch noted the third round of lake monitoring had been completed on 7/29-7/31 and the data had been inputted in excel for the MPCA.

## DISTRICT TECHNICIAN REPORT

**Soil Health:** Buesing had run the drill around this month to renters.  
Buesing had attended a meeting with Beltrami SWCD at Kummer's Landfill.

**Water Plan:** Buesing noted he helped with lake sampling and AIS sampling.  
Buesing noted the boat had been sealed and painted.  
Buesing noted he had checked out Hoverson's property on Long Lake for revegetation.

**Education Outreach:** Buesing noted he had manned the fair booth earlier in the month.  
Buesing noted he had placed the Beltrami drill at the Beltrami fair.

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

## WATER PLAN COORDINATOR/TECHNICIAN REPORT

**Water Planning:** Powell noted Clearwater 1W1P FY25 funding was approved but had yet to receive it. Powell also attended a meeting on 7/24.  
Powell noted that the Mississippi 1W1P FY24 funding was approved.

**Soil Health:** Powell noted the drills had slowed down in July but had started to pick up again.  
Powell noted that Rydeen had completed 104 acres and 2 soil tests for \$4,210.00 of cost share, Oraskovich had completed 2 soil tests for \$50.00 and Jessness had completed 50 acres and 3 soil tests for \$2,075.00 all of which to be spilt from Soil Health funds, Conservation Contract funds or Increase Compacity funds. Kaiser made the motion to approve cost share for each individual in the proper amount. Seconded by Gunvalson. **Motion carried 4-0** with Rydeen abstaining.  
Powell noted that Auforth had completed 8.5 acres for \$340.00 of cost share and Savig completed 95 acres for \$3,800.00 to be taken out of the Wild Rice 1W1P funds. Rydeen made the motion to approve cost share each indivual in the proper amount. Seconded by Strandlien. **Motion carried 5-0.**  
Powell noted that Frees had completed 20 acres and 2 soil tests for cost share to be taken out of Mississippi 1W1P funds. Rydeen made the motion to approve cost share for Frees Seconded by Kaiser. **Motion carried 5-0.**

**Forest Stewardship:** Powell noted that Esposito FSP had completed a forest stewardship plan for 75% of cost share for \$1,251.50. Kaiser made the motion to approve the cost share. Seconded by Strandlien. **Motion carried 5-0.**

**Tires:** Powell noted the Ram need new tires. Gunvalson made the motion to approve purchase for new all-terrain tires quoted at \$692.00. Seconded by Rydeen. **Motion carried 5-0.**

**Outreach Education:** Powell noted he had manned the booth at the fair earlier in the month.

## DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT

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

***Profit & Loss:***

Income:

Line 5 (No-Till Rental) up over \$10,000, Line 6 (Ob well) up over \$1440 payment, Line 20 (County Appropriations) received 3rd Qtr. County Appropriations Line 21 (Country Water Plan) billed 1st half of the County Water Plan. Line 22 (County Wetland Act) billed county for 2024 WCA. Line 28 (BWSR Conservation Delivery) billed Unearned revenue for 2023 Conservation Delivery. Line 35 (State Aid) received the 1st half of SWCD State Aid from BWSR

Expenses:

Line 49 (Education/Promotion) up over \$200 for Fair supplies, Line 61 (Vehicle Maintenance) up over \$400 Equipment Maintenance for tree planter and drill, Line 81 (AIS Supplies). Up over \$300 for Porta John. Line 101 (Water Plan) up over \$400 for lake testing. 105-113 Local Capacity-1W1P all SH Cost Share payments

***Monthly Treasurer's Report:*** Line 5 (Sundquist) SH Cost Share payment, Line 9 (Nelson) SH Cost Share payment Line 11 (Browse Blocker) Tree nets, Line 22, (Aakre) SH Cost Share payment, Line 24 (Dickey) SH Cost Share payment, Line 25 ( Zachman) SH Cost Share payment, Line 26, (Horn) SH Cost Share payment, Line 27 ( Rusten) SH Cost Share payment, Line 28 ( Christensen) SH Cost Share payment, Line 29, (Howard Dickey) SH Cost Share payment, Line 30 (Erickson) SH Cost Share payment, Line 32 (Johnson) SH Cost Share payment, Line 33 (BWSR) SWCD Aid, Line 34 ( Bardwell) SH Cost Share payment, Line 35 ( Erickson) SH Cost Share payment, Line 36 ( Titera) SH Cost Share payment, Line 37 (Jansen) SH Cost Share payment, Line 38 (Johnson) SH Cost Share payment, Line 39 (Titera) SH Cost Share payment, Line 42 (Emmerson) SH Cost Share payment, Line 43 (Solid Bottom) AIS expense, Line 44 (Stenseng) SH Cost Share payment, Line 46 (Emerson) SH Cost Share payment, Line 48 (Huschle) SH Cost Share payment, Line 50 (Northome School) Envirothon stipend to school, Line 51 (Rupar) SH Cost Share payment, Line 52 ( MN Dept of Natural Resources) Deposit for Observation Wells, Line 53 (RMB Labs) lake testing. Line 56 (Grand Rapids High School) Envirothon Stipend to school, Line 56 (Simenson) SH Cost Share Payment.

***Deposit Detail:***

Deposit 1: SWCD County Allocations 1st half, Deposit 2: SH payments, quarter county appropriations and Plat Book Sales, Deposit 3: Plat Books, and SH payments, Deposit 4: MN Department of Revenue Ob Well payment, Deposit 5: Interest earned on Checking, Deposit 6: Interest Earned on Savings

***Balance Sheet:***

Buell reported Line 4 (Checking Account): the end July was \$226,728.98

Line 10 (Savings Account): the end of July was \$24,727.04

Line 13 (Accounts Receivable): \$45,791.20 invoices for AIS hours, Water Plan Hour and WCA

Closed out 2023 Conservation Delivery

A motion to accept the mostly complete July financial report was made by Gunvalson. Seconded by Kaiser. **Motion carried 5-0.**

**DISTRICT OPERATION-Board Action Items and Information:**

***Fall Tour:*** Buell noted the fall tour would be held in Wadena County this year on Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. Strandlein made a blanket approval for anyone who wants to attend. Seconded by Gunvalson. **Motion carried 4-0.**

***BWSR Academy:*** Lori noted BWSR Academy would be held Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup>. Kaiser made the motion to approve registration and room cost for all staff to attend. Seconded by Gunvalson. **Motion carried 5-0.**

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:18 A.M. was made by Kaiser. Seconded by Gunvalson. **Motion carried 5-0.**

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Paul Rydeen, District Secretary

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