

Clearwater Soil & Water Conservation District

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING MARCH 21st, 2019

MEETING MINUTES

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Board Members Present:

Marty Cobenais, Harlan Strandlien and John Gunvalson

SWCD Staff: Lori Buell and Chester Powell

NRCS Staff: Cari Roepke

Guests: Dale Krystosek-BWSR, John Nelson-County Commissioner

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. by Vice Chair Strandlien in the USDA Service Center. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Agenda: Vice Chair Strandlien called for additions or corrections to the agenda. Buell requested that PRAP update by Dale Krystosek, be added to the agenda ahead of the NRCS report. Cobenais made a motion to approve the agenda with the additions as requested by Buell. Second by Gunvalson. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Minutes: Minutes of the regular February meeting were reviewed by the board. Cobenais made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Second by Gunvalson. **Motion carried 5-0.**

PRAP Update: Dale Krystosek from BWSR informed the board that Clearwater SWCD was up for PRAP review. Krystosek explained how the PRAP works and what part the board and staff play in the process.

NRCS: Roepke reported that she is back in Clearwater County full time. Roepke reported that the first EQIP sign up ended January 18th and are currently pending approval. Roepke noted that the 2nd sign up begins on April 19th and she has two potential Grazing Plans. Roepke reported that there will be a Local Work Group Meeting on April 16th.

PROGRAM TECHNICIAN REPORT

AIS Program: Powell reported that the agreement with the Always There Staffing has been approved and signed by the County Board. Powell noted that he attended annual Spring Kick Off hosted by the DNR on 03/19.

Forestry: Powell reported that Bruce Thielen has completed his Forest Stewardship Plan. Powell noted that Thielen is Eligible for 50% Cost Share on 67 acres. Gunvalson made a motion to pay Thielen Cost Share incentive in the amount of \$372.30. Second by Cobenais. **Motion Carried 3-0.**

Soil Health Program: Powell reported that he has been busy working on inquiries and program preparations for the 2019 season. Powell presented the board with the 2019 Nonstructural Land Management Policy, Powell noted that the policy meets NRCS standards. Gunvalson made a motion to adopt the plan as submitted by Powell. Second by Cobenais. **Motion Carried 3-0.**

Buffer Law: Powell reported that the inspection plan has been posted on the website.

Cost Share: Powell reported that he has been working with the TSA8/JPB on potential 2019 projects. Powell submitted a copy of an updated Cost Share Policy. Powell noted that the only changes made were to the Soil Health Program. Cobenais made a motion to approve the updated policy as submitted. Second by Gunvalson. **Motion Carried 3-0.**

1W1P update: Powell reported that there was a Mississippi Policy meeting on 02/28 and a Wild Rice policy meeting on 03/06. Powell noted that the County Board submitted a 1W1P letter of concern on 03/08.

Local Capacity Match Funding: Powell reported that the county has not completed the Lake Access Project and would like an extension. Powell noted that the funding comes for the 2017-2019 Local Capacity funds and there the grant will expire on Dec 31st, 2019. Cobenais made a motion to amend the contract and extend the Lake Access Program to December 31st, 2019. Second by Strandlien. **Motion Carried 3-0.**

Meetings:

-Powell will be attending 1W1P policy meeting on 3/28/19

-Powell will be attending the Wild Rice 1W1P steering meeting on 4/03/19

DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT

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

Profit & Loss: Income: Buell reported that in the month of February the SWCD recognized revenue from tree sales and plat book sales. **Expenses:** Buell noted that outside of regular expenses for the month of February additional charges were made to Area VIII for registration fees.

Monthly Treasurer's Report: Buell noted that for the month of February, outside of normal transactions there was an expense to MN Department of Ag for the tree stock certificate renewal.

Deposit Detail: Buell noted that in the month of February deposits included tree sales, Envirothon donations, 4th QTR AIS billing and Interest earned on accounts.

Balance Sheet: Buell reported that at the end of February the Checking Account balance was \$401,440.80. Buell noted that the Accounts Receivable balance in February was \$1004.00. Buell noted that this amount was mostly plat book invoices and tree sales. Buell reported that in Deferred Revenue the 2016 Cost Share, 2016 Local Capacity and 2017 Cost Share have been closed out. Buell noted that the 2019 Conservation Delivery, 2019 Local Capacity and 2019 Buffer Law have been added to Deferred Revenue.

A motion to accept the February financial reports was made by Gunvalson. Second by Cobenais. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Other Reports/Meetings:

DISTRICT OPERATION-Board Action Items

PRAP: Buell reported that Dale Krystosek had met with the SWCD staff, Dan Hecht, and Mike Stenseng earlier that day to start the PRAP process. Buell reminded the board that she will be sending out the PRAP surveys in the mail and to please fill them out and return them as soon as possible.

Water Plan Coordinator: Buell reported that Brielle Prokosch accepted the offer of starting at \$16.50 and will begin employment on Monday, April 1st.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:45 p.m. was made by Cobenais. Second by Gunvalson. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Paul Rydeen, District Secretary

Date

"Leadership is the art of giving people a platform for spreading ideas that work." --Seth Godin

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