

Clearwater Soil & Water Conservation District

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING March 16TH 2023

MEETING MINUTES

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

SWCD Staff: Lori Buell, Chester Powell and Brielle Prokosch

NRCS Staff: Nate Brant

Guest: John Nelson

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 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. Rydeen made the motion to approve the agenda as is. Seconded by Lewis. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Minutes: Minutes of the February meeting were reviewed by the board. It was noted Lewis was mistakenly on the minutes. Strandlien made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections. Seconded by Lewis. **Motion carried 5-0.**

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.

EQIP: Brandt has 16 applications on file and updated the board on application deadline with 8 selected for funding.

CSP: Brandt has 6 rank “high priority” in Clearwater.

CRP: Brandt noted there was a general signup going on and is working on re-enrollments.

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

PROGRAM TECHNICIAN REPORT

AIS: Prokosch is in communication with CLAA, the Clearwater County Commissioners and the DNR to work together to purchase and install a CD3 at the Clearwater

Prokosch attended workshop trainings on 2/28, 3/2, 3/8, and 3/14.

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

Trees: Prokosch noted 72% of trees had been sold but only 2 flower orders had been received.

Training: Prokosch attended an eLINK training on 3/15.

DISTRICT TECHNICIAN REPORT

Buesing was not available during this meeting.

WATER PLAN COORDINATOR/TECHNICIAN REPORT

Water Planning: Powell attended a Mississippi 1W1P meeting on 2/28 and 3/28.

Powell attended a Clearwater 1W1P meeting on 3/29 and 2/22.

Powell will attend a meeting on 3/27 for the Wild Rice 1W1P.

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

Powell held a series of “coffee and cover crop” meetings for the public on 2/22 and on 3/1, 3/8, and 3/15.

Powell noted the new Esch drill should be delivered mid-April.

Powell planned on presenting a “how we’re running our soil health program” at a local implementors meeting on 3/9.

Trees: Powell noted tree storage would be at the self-storage unit and that 72% of trees had been sold.

Forestry: Powell noted Hubbard was holding a forestry outreach meeting for the public on 3/30.

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, Line 12 (Tree Accessories) up over \$500 tree tubes, Line 15 (Tree Sales) up over \$6,000 from last month Line 38 (Misc Revenue) Interest earned on accounts.

Expenses: Buell reported that out of usual expenses, Line 55 (Insurance & Bonds) MCIT Renewal, Line 56 (Office Supplies) up 161.87 colored paper, white paper, post it’s and push pins Line 103 (2021 I.C.) , 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 February, Line 4 (Millenacker Trust) Forest Stewardship Payment, Line 5 (Ehlers) Well Sealing C/S payment, Line 7 (Christensen) Soil test, Line 12 (Gebhardt) Soil Health C/S Incentive, Line 21 (Houston Engineering) 1W1P expense.

Deposit Detail: Buell noted that in the month of February there were deposits for: Deposit 1: Tree sales, Tree Tubes, Payment for Porta Johns LLL Assn. (AIS) 2: Envirothon Donation from LOW SWCD, Tree Sales, Payment from Clearwater Co. for AIS and Water Plan 3: Tree Sales, Soil Health payment 4: Interest Earned on Checking Account 5: Interest Earned on Savings Account

Balance Sheet: Buell reported that at the end of February the Checking Account balance was \$343,875.81 and the Savings Account balance was \$104,667.49. Buell reported that the 2020 Buffer Law, 2020 Local Capacity and 2020 Cost Share was closed out.

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

DISTRICT OPERATION-Board Action Items and Information:

Envirothon: Buell noted that Envirothon was on May 3rd at Lake Bemidji State Park.

Community Education: Buell noted that the community ed class for rain barrels would be on 4/6 and Compost on 4/13.

Trees: Buell noted the tree and flower pick-up dates are 5/4 - 5/6.

TSA8 Meeting: Buell noted the TSA8 meeting would be on 3/29.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:12 a.m. was made by Rydeen. Seconded by Kaiser. **Motion carried 5-0.**

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.