



# Board Of Supervisors Regular Meeting Minutes

April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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**Board Members Present:** Alroy Lewis, Paul Rydeen, Ken Christenson and Doug Sloan

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

**NRCS Staff:** Nate Brandt

**Guests:** Mark Titera

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

**Agenda:** The agenda was reviewed by the board. Powell added maintenance equipment to the agenda. Lewis made the motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Christenson. **Motion carried 4-0.**

**Minutes:** Minutes of the March meeting were reviewed by the board. Lewis made the motion to approve the minute. Seconded by Christenson. **Motion carried 4-0.**

## **NRCS REPORT:**

**Current and Future Funding:** Brandt explained that existing and potential Inflation Reduction Act funds are being reviewed. Current selected IRA applications for EQIP 2025 were on hold, of Clearwater's 6 applications 5 were IRA's. Brandt noted that any currently existing contract payments can be resumed at this time. Brandt explained that future funding levels were unclear.

**RCPP-American Bird Conservancy:** Brandt noted there was one application in in Clearwater County.

**EQIP:** Brandt noted the 2025 application deadline was 9/6 and had 11 applicants submitted.

**CSP:** Brandt noted the annual payments had been completed. Brandt noted ranking deadline was March 14<sup>th</sup> yet the timeline for obligations is unsure.

**Staffing:** Brandt noted Wells and Jenson accepted the Deferred Resignation program. Brandt noted reassignments were occurring.

**Upcoming Events:** Brandt attended the Local Workgroup Meeting last week, and an Employment Summit on 4/3.

### **PROGRAM TECHNICIAN REPORT**

**Education Outreach:** Prokosch reported that she has been continuously working on the district website and facebook keeping the public updated on multiple programs/events, including tree information. Prokosch ran a Rain Barrel Education Class on 4/10 for the Bagley Community Education.

**Water Plan:** Prokosch reported she has been entering rain gauge. Prokosch noted the 2025 lake monitoring schedule was completed, the PCA data sent and the Sonde had maintenance completed at the PCA. Prokosch also attended a SWAG water quality training with RLWD on 4/22.

**Trees:** Prokosch noted 122 tree orders had come in with 65% of trees being sold and 6 flower orders had come in. 2 nursery orders had arrived with the rest arriving next Monday.

**AIS:** Prokosch noted the pre-season paperwork was being completed. Prokosch noted the watercraft inspector equipment was being gathered/cleaned and was coordinating trainings for the inspectors that needed it. Inspectors are the start the season on May 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Planning Workgroup Meeting:** Prokosch attended the planning workgroup meeting on 4/17.

### **DISTRICT TECHNICIAN REPORT**

**Outreach Education:** Buesing attended the Rain Barrel Class on 4/10 and had an upcoming pollinator class on 5/8.

**Meetings:** Buesing attended a Mississippi 1W1P meeting on 3/26, the Employee Summit on 4/3, and a Clearwater 1W1P 4/26.

**Training:** Buesing attended a TEP Board WCA training on 4/17 and a SWAG water quality training on 4/22.

**Flowers:** Buesing noted he would pick up the flower order next Monday.

**Equipment:** Buesing noted they would be replacing the no-till drill axel this afternoon and the tree planters had been moved to the office.

### **WATER PLAN COORDINATOR/TECHNICIAN REPORT**

**Soil Health:** Powell noted the no-till drill scheduling and rentals were beginning for the season and the drill axel would be replaced today. Powell noted all 3 drills needed new openers and cutting colters replaced in July. Powell asked the board for an up to amount of \$8,000.00 to complete these repairs when needed. Lewis made the motion to approve the cost for the repairs. Seconded by Christenson. **Motion carried 4-0.**

**Forest Stewardship:** Powell noted Prigge had completed a plan on 75 acres for \$1,376.00 in for 75% cost share, Lewis Farms for 1,002 acres for \$1,920.00 and Eric Lewis for 151.8 acres for \$910.80 to be taken out of Clearwater 1W1P funds. Lewis made the motion to approve the 75% cost share for each individual. Seconded by Christenson. **Motion carried 3-1.**

Powel noted Ricke completed a plan on 76 acres for \$1,219.50 to be taken out of Increase compacity. Christenson made the motion to approve the 75% cost share for Ricke. Seconded by Lewis. **Motion carried 4-0.**  
Powell noted Lee completed a plan on 78 acres for \$1,125.00 to be taken out of Mississippi Headwater Fund. Lewis made the motion to approve the 75% cost share for Lee. Seconded by Christenson. **Motion carried 4-0.**

**Cost Share:** Powell noted Moe, Huschle and Papke had completed a well sealing for 50% cost share for \$500 each. Lewis made the motion to approve the 50% cost share for each individual. Seconded by Christenson. **Motion carried 4-0.**

**Training:** Powell attended a Nutrient Management training on 4/15 and the Employee Summit on 4/3.

### **DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT**

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

#### ***Profit & Loss:***

##### ***Income:***

Line 5(Tree Accessories) up over \$1000, Line 6 (Tree Sales), up over \$4000 since previous month, Line 19(County Appropriations) up \$17340 2nd Qtr. County Appropriations

##### ***Expense:***

Line 46 (Education and Promotion) up over \$40 for Watch Em Grow expenses, Line 47, (Employee Training Account) Wetland Training Registration for KB, Line 55 (office Supplies) up over \$100 for district envelopes and paper, Line 106, (CI-1W1P) up over \$100 Coffee and Cover Crop ( Line 111) (2023 Local Capacity Ed/Out) up \$450 for Bair Booth Rental.

**Monthly Treasurer's Report:** Line 3-4, (MN Revenue) made 2 payments because tax rules changed Line 8 (Koochiching SWCD) Area 8 registration for AL, KC and LB Line 9 (BWSR) 40% SH Cost Share payment. Line 20 (Clearwater Ag Society) Fair Booth Rental, Line 23(BWSR) Wetland Training for KB

**Deposit Detail:** Deposit 1: 40% SH Delivery Grant, Deposit 2: Tree Payments, reimbursement for 1W1P, Deposit 3: Area 8 Envirothon donation, tree orders, Deposit 4: Area 8 Envirothon donation, tree orders, Deposit 5: Interest Earned on Checking, Deposit 5: Interest Earned on Savings

#### ***Balance Sheet:***

Line 4 (Checking Account): the end March was \$291,111.38

Line 10 (Savings Account): the end of March was \$24,875.64

Line 13 (accounts Receivable) the end of March was \$32,096.85 mostly 1W1P and tree invoices

A motion to accept the March financial report was made by Lewis. Seconded by Christenson. **Motion carried 4-0.**

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

**Sworn In:** Buell noted Sloan and Gunderson would be sworn in on May 13<sup>th</sup>

**Envirothon:** Buell noted Envirothon would be held on May 7<sup>th</sup>

**Watch ‘em Grow:** Buell noted Watch ‘em Grow would be held at Clearbrook on May 13<sup>th</sup> and Bagley on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Trees:** Buell noted tree pick up would be held on May 1<sup>st</sup>- 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Pollinator Class:** Buell noted the District would be holding a pollinator and bee keeping education class on May 8<sup>th</sup>

**Rain Barrel:** Buell noted the District held a Rain Barrel education class on April 12<sup>th</sup> with 12 people signed up.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:39 A.M. was made by Lewis. Seconded by Christenson. **Motion carried 4-0.**

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Alroy Lewis, District Secretary

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Date

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