



# Board Of Supervisors Regular Meeting Minutes

May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025

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

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

**NRCS Staff:** Nate Brandt

**Guests:** Mark Titera

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The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. at the Bagley USDA Service Center. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Agenda:** The agenda was reviewed by the board. Christenson made the motion to approve the agenda as is. Second, by Sloan. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Rydeen arrived at 10:07

**Minutes:** Minutes of the April meeting were reviewed by the board. Lewis made the motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by Gunvalson. **Motion carried 5-0.**

## **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 explained that future funding levels were still unclear.

**RCPP-American Bird Conservancy:** Brandt noted there was one application in in Clearwater County and to let him know if there was any interest.

**EQIP:** Brandt was working on selections with 2 so far in Clearwater County.

**CSP:** Brandt noted ranking deadline was March 14<sup>th</sup> and Clearwater County had 3 selected for funding.

**Staffing:** Brandt noted there will be lots of internal shuffling.

**Upcoming Events:** Brandt attended the Local Workgroup Meeting last month and attended Envirothon on 5/7.

### **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.

Prokosch attended Watch 'em Grow with Clearbrook first graders on 5/13 and Bagley on 5/14.

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

Prokosch noted the 2025 SWAG lake monitoring started next week with Clearwater County's regular lake monitoring season starting normally in June.

**Trees:** Prokosch noted tree pick up days were 5/1-5/3. Prokosch noted 131 tree orders were made 70% of pre-ordered trees being sold. There were 8 orders of flowers sold as well. During tree pick up days and the following week 90% of all trees were sold during a sale of the leftover trees. The rest of the trees were donated to the schools on 5/20.

**AIS:** Prokosch noted the watercraft inspector season started on 5/9 with inspectors picking up their equipment the week before.

### **DISTRICT TECHNICIAN REPORT**

Buesing did not attend the May meeting.

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

**Soil Health:** Powell noted the no-till drills had finished maintenance and repairs for them to be out and running.

Powell noted that Churness had completed 63 acres for and 1 soil test for \$2,545 of cost share, Overby completed 85 acres for \$3,400, Faldet completed 60 acres for \$2,400, Sunquist completed 21 acres for \$840, Peterson completed 55 acres and 1 soil test for \$2,225, Nordlund completed 35 acres for \$490 and Nelson completed 104 acres for \$4,160 to be taken out of Clearwater 1W1P funds and/or soil health expansion funds.

**Forest Stewardship:** Powell noted Davies had completed a plan on 40 acres for \$900 in for 75% cost share out of Wild Rice 1W1P. Christenson made the motion to approve cost share for Davies. Seconded by Lewis. **Motion carried 5-0.** Ricke for 92 acres for \$984 cost share out of increase compacity funds. Sloan made the motion to approve the cost share. Seconded by Lewis. **Motion carried 5-0.**

**Cost Share:** Powell noted Benson needed approval on a well sealing contract. Lewis made the motion to approve the contract. Seconded by Sloan. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Powell noted Beardsley completed a well sealing for \$457.50 for 50% cost share. Lewis made the motion to approve the cost share. Seconded by Gunvalson. **Motion carried 5-0.**

**Trees:** Powell noted tree pick up days were 5/1-5/3. Powell planted trees for Koep, Dewey, Gunvalson, and Imle.

**Education Outreach:** Powell attended Watch 'em Grow with Clearbrook first graders on 5/13 and Bagley on 5/14 and Envirothon on 5/7.

## **DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT**

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

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

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

Line 5 (No Till Rental) up over \$500 more in May, Line 7 (plat book), up over \$100, Line 9(Tree Accessories) up over \$1500 Line 10 (Tree Planter Rental) up over \$100, Line 11 (Tree Planting Custom Work) up \$450 did additional plantings in May, Line 12 (Tree Sales) up over \$10,000 almost met budgeted income, still recording payments in May, Line 13 (Flowers and Grasses) up over \$500.

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

Line 46 (Education and Promotion) up over \$300 for Rain Barrel Classes and Watch Em' Grow, Line 46, (Employee Training Account) Wetland Training Registration for KB, Line 59 (vehicle Gas) up over \$200, Line 83, (Wages) \$700 to be moved to Supervisor Expense, Line 90 (Mis 1W1P) up over \$1,200 for Lee FS Plan

**Monthly Treasurer's Report:** Line 4, (Nordlund Stock Farm) Nordlund Cost Share Project Line 5 (Vicky Fisher) FS plan payment (will be re-printing this check and will be voiding out this one) Line 13 (Subway) Dinner for staff while hosting rain barrel class. Line 18 (BWSR) deposit %50 Soil Health Expansion Grant

**Deposit Detail:** Deposit 1: Envirothon Donations and Tree orders, Deposit 2: First 50% of Soil Health expansion grant, Deposit 3: 2nd Qtr County Appropriations and Tree Orders, Deposit 4: Tree Orders and plat books, Deposit 5: Interest Earned on Checking, Deposit 6: Interest Earned on Savings

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

Line 4 (Checking Account): the end of April was \$333,349.30

Line 10 (Savings Account): the end of April was \$24,894.04

Line 46 (Unearned Revenue) received first half of Soil Health Expansion Grant (50%, 40%, 10% Grant)

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

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

**Area 8 Meeting:** Buell noted the Area 8 meeting would be held 6/6 for any board member that would like to go.

**Envirothon:** Buell noted Envirothon was held on 5/7 and that Clearbrook won first place.

**Watch 'em Grow:** Buell noted Watch 'em Grow was held at Clearbrook on May 13<sup>th</sup> and attended Bagley on May 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Trees:** Buell noted tree pick up would was on May 1<sup>st</sup>- 3<sup>rd</sup> and any leftover trees were donated to the schools.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 A.M. was made by Lewis. Seconded by Christenson. **Motion carried 5-0.**

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Alroy Lewis, District Secretary

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Date

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