

Clearwater Soil & Water Conservation District

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING: April 18th, 2024

MEETING MINUTES

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Board Members Present: Harlan Strandlien, John Gunvalson and Aaron Kaiser

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

NRCS Staff: Nate Brandt

Guests: John Nelson

Vice Chair Strandlien 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. Kaiser made the motion to approve the agenda as is. Seconded by Gunvalson. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Minutes: Minutes of the March meeting were reviewed by the board. Kaiser made the motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by Gunvalson. **Motion carried 3-0.**

NRCS REPORT:

Local Workgroup Meeting: Brandt noted he would discuss dates for a Clearwater and Beltrami meeting.

EQIP: Clearwater has 23 applications on file for 2024 consideration funding and 11 EQIP applications selected for funding.

CSP: Applicants on file have been ranked with no renewals for 2024.

CRP: Has had some interest but no applicants so far.

Other: Brandt will attend Envirothon May 1st.

PROGRAM TECHNICIAN REPORT

AIS: Prokosch had been attending off-season state meetings, coordinating inspector trainings and purchasing new equipment.

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 the Rain Barrel education class on 4/11.

Water Plan: Prokosch reported she has been entering rain gauge data and had the new year packets sent out.

Trees: Prokosch noted 66% of the ordered trees has already been sold and 19 flower packs had been sold. Prokosch noted trees should be delivered/picked up next week.

DISTRICT TECHNICIAN REPORT

Education Outreach: Buesing attended Rain Barrel education class on 4/11.

Trainings : Buesing registered for a WCA training on 5/29- 5/31.

County Geological Atlas: Buesing has mapped 889 well locations so far.

Water Plan: Buesing attended the Clearwater 1W1P meeting on 3/27.

Trees: Buesing noted he would go pick up the flowers on 4/29. Buesing also noted the tree planters were prepped.

WATER PLAN COORDINATOR/TECHNICIAN REPORT

Water Planning: Powell attended a Clearwater 1W1P meeting on 3/27 to approve the FY25 workplan implementation. Powell asked the board to approve the FY25 plan as well. Gunvalson made the motion to approve the workplan. Seconded by Kasier. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Powell noted staffing changes in the Mississippi 1W1P.

Powell attended a Wild Rice 1W1P meeting on 4/29 to work on the FY25 plan.

Soil Health: Powell noted the drills were prepped for the season.

Powell noted the hydraulic pumps were in the truck.

Powell noted the 2024 program was ready for a motion. Powell noted there were no changes to the program. Gunvalson made a motion to approve the 2024 soil health program. Seconded by Kaiser. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Trees: Powell noted that tree tubes would need to be ordered. Kaiser made the motion to purchase 3,600 tree tubes for ~\$12,000. Seconded by Gunvalson. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Education Outreach: Powell noted that Envirothon would be on 5/1.

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:

Line 8 (Plat books) up almost \$200 selling 2024 books Line 10 (Tree Accessories) up over \$650 mostly tree tubes Line 13 (Tree Sales) Up over \$3,000 Line 14 (Flowers/Grasses) up \$150 Line 31 (BWSR RIM) received \$150 Rim payment.

Expenses: Line 51 (Employee Training Account) up \$300 WCA training for KB, Line 56 (Insurance and Bonds) MCIT Line 62 (Audit) \$6699.00 moved to Insurance and Bonds for MCIT Line 104 (2021 Local Capacity) Rogstad FS Plan, Line 111 (BWSR Cost Share) Stogdill FS Plan

Monthly Treasurer's Report:

Line 4 (Rydeen), Rydeen CS project Line 19 (Beltrami SWCD) Registration for HS and LB to attend Area 8 meeting

Deposit Detail:

Deposit 1: Trees, Deposit 2: Trees, Deposit 3: Trees, Deposit 4: Beltrami invoice 2023 reimbursement, Wildrice 2023 reimbursement, Platbook, and Trees sales, Deposit 5: Trees and plat book sales , Deposit 6: Trees and Area 8 Envirothon donations, Deposit 7: Trees and Area 8 Envirothon donations, Deposit 8: Interest earned on Checking , Deposit 9: Interest Earned on Savings

Balance Sheet:

Buell reported that at the end March was \$269,648.87

Line 10 (Savings Account): the end of March was \$24,652.77

Line 13 (Accounts Receivable): \$36,162.25 Mostly an invoice to RLWD, Beltrami and Tree invoices

A motion to accept the mostly complete March financial report was made by Kaiser. Seconded by Gunvalson. **Motion carried 3-0.**

DISTRICT OPERATION-Board Action Items and Information:

Envirothon: Buell noted that Envirothon would be held at Bemidji State Park on 5/1.

Manager's Meeting: Buell noted the manager's meeting was postponed and would be held sometime in late May.

Watch em Grow: Buell noted Bagley watch em grow would be on 5/14.

Newspaper Subscription: Kaiser made the motion to approve getting a newspaper subscription. Seconded by Gunvalson. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Strandlien brought up the fact that one of the only places in Clearwater county that took used motor oil is now no longer taking it and asked Nelson about it. Nelson said he would look into it.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 A.M. was made by Gunvalson. Seconded by Kaiser. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Paul Rydeen, 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.