

Clearwater Soil & Water Conservation District

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING MAY 20th 2023

MEETING MINUTES

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Board Members Present: John Gunvalson, Harlan Strandlien, Alroy Lewis with Aaron Kaiser

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

NRCS Staff: Nate Brant

Guest: John Nelson

The meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m. at the Bagley USDA Service Center. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Agenda: The May agenda was reviewed by the board. Buell added tree donations and extra fair booth. Powell added Nordlund cost share contract. Lewis made the motion to approve the agenda with corrections. Seconded by Strandlien.

Motion carried 4-0.

Minutes: Minutes of the May meeting were reviewed by the board. Lewis made the motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by Kaiser. **Motion carried 4-0.**

NRCS REPORT:

NRCS Employment Opportunities: Brandt reported that there were vacancies for NRCS.

EQIP: Brandt has 16 applications on file and updated the board on application deadline with 13 selected for funding.

CSP: Brandt has 6 rank “high priority” in Clearwater with 3 cancellations so far.

CRP: Brandt noted there was a general sign-up had closed and will be working on re-enrollments.

Other: Brandt, along with other entities, have been planning a grazing workshop for June 20th in Bagley. Brandt attended Envirothon.

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 had been working on watercraft inspector equipment and authorization for the 2023 season. The watercraft inspector season started 4/12.

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

Prokosch has been getting items ready for the Watch ‘em Grow program.

Trees: Prokosch attended tree pick up was 5/4, 5/5, and 5/6 of which 90% of inventory was sold.

Lake Monitoring: Prokosch had created the schedule and sent packets out to confirmed volunteers.

DISTRICT TECHNICIAN REPORT

Trees: Buesing had picked up trees from Itasca on 4/28, Baudora on 5/4 and flowers on 5/1. Buesing attended tree pick up. Buesing planted trees for Ross on 5/8 and Imle on 5/8 - 5/11 and 5/15. Buesing asked for 75% cost share for a windbreak planting for Waggoner for \$214.50. Strandlien made the motion to approve the cost share. Seconded by Lewis. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Education Outreach: Buesing attended Envirothon on 5/3.

Soil Health: Buesing completed maintenance on the no-till drill.

WATER PLAN COORDINATOR/TECHNICIAN REPORT

Water Planning: Powell attended a Mississippi 1W1P meeting on 5/30 and a Clearwater meeting to start approving projects like one in Red Lake Falls.

Soil Health: Powell noted maintenance was preformed on the no-till drill. The Esch had been delivered on 4/25. Renters of either of the no-till drills were: Herman 5/4, Titera 5/5, Rohde 5/9, Lehman 5/10, Christensen 5/12, Erickson 5/16, Fallon 5/16, Friberg 5/18, Mccollum 5/19, Eck 5/20, Gebhardt 5/22, Larson 5/25, Kinn 5/26

Education Outreach: Powell attended Envirothon on 5/3 and Watch 'em Grow would be held 5/22 and 5/23.

Cost Share: Powell noted that Nordlund Stock Farms had applied for a cost share project for water basins, tiling, burms, etc. for 75% in the up to amount of \$12,000. This project would be working with NRCS to cover costs as well. Lewis made the motion to approve the cost share. Seconded by Strandlien. **Motion carried 4-0.**

LWG: Powell noted that the local work group would be on 6/22.

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: Buell reported that in the month of April, Line 10 (Plat Book) up over \$200, Line 13 (Tree Planter Rental) up \$190, Line 15 (Tree Sales) up over \$7,000 from last month Line 22 (County Appropriations) 2nd Qtr county Appropriations, Line 39 (Misc Revenue-Other) up \$130.12 co-op dividend.

Expenses: Buell reported that out of usual expenses, Line 64 (Vehicle Maintenance) \$966.64 for tires for No-Till-Drill, Line 104 (2020 Local Capacity) Zimmerman Farm for partial payment on No-Till Drill. Line 106 (Miss Soil Health)

Beltrami Soil Health program expense, will be reimbursed. Line 107 (BWSR Cost Share Projects) up \$462.50 Ask-well sealing.

Monthly Treasurer's Report: Buell noted that for the month of April, Line 7 (Red Lake Watershed District) Hours out of 1W1P funds, Line 8 (Plantra) Tree Tubes, Line 12 (Northern Township) 1W1P Coffee and Cover Crops, Line 13 (Zimmerman Farms) No Till Drill, Line 19 (Pennington SWCD) 1W1P Payment for hours, Line 25 (MN Landscape) Flower Packs , Line 31 (Pennington SWCD) 1W1P expense.

Deposit Detail: Buell noted that in the month of April there were deposits for: Deposit 1: Donations for Envirothon and tree orders, Deposit 2: Donations for Envirothon, tree orders, plat book sales, Deposit 3: Interest Earned on Checking, Deposit 4: Interest Earned on Savings

Balance Sheet: Buell reported that at the end of April the Checking Account balance was \$\$ 402,197.47and the Savings Account balance was \$104,888.52. Buell reported the the 2023-Soil Health, 2023-Buffer Law and 2023-Local Capacity Had been received and the Area 8 Envirothon account was up \$1000 since receiving donations for 2023 Area 8 Envirothon.

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

DISTRICT OPERATION-Board Action Items and Information:

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

Fair Booth Rental: Buell noted that the District would like to add another booth totaling to 3 for space to show off the new no-till drill for another \$150 (total \$450). Kaiser made the motion to approve the 3rd fair booth. Seconded by Strandlien. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Leftover Trees: Buell noted the District would like to donate 10% leftover trees to the local schools. Strandlien made the motion to approve the donation. Seconded by Kaiser. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Envirothon: Buell noted Envirothon was May 3rd.

MASWCD Meeting: Buell noted the Area 8 resolution meeting would be on June 23rd in Beltrami and since Clearwater was hosting asked board meeting to attend.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:03 a.m. was made by Rydeen. Seconded by Lewis. **Motion carried 4-0.**

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.