

# Clearwater Soil & Water Conservation District

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## *BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING: May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024*

### *MEETING MINUTES*

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**Board Members Present:** Harlan Strandlien, John Gunvalson, Alroy Lewis and Paul Rydeen

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

**NRCS Staff:** Nate Brandt

**Guests:** John Nelson

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

**Agenda:** The agenda was reviewed by the board. Powell added 4 soil health approvals to the agenda. Rydeen made the motion to approve the agenda with corrections. Seconded by Strandlien. **Motion carried 4-0.**

**Minutes:** Minutes of the April meeting were reviewed by the board. Rydeen made the motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by Gunvalson. **Motion carried 4-0.**

### NRCS REPORT:

**Local Workgroup Meeting:** Brandt the local workgroup meeting would be on June 6<sup>th</sup> at 10am at the Beltrami Administrative building with both Clearwater and Beltrami.

**EQIP:** Clearwater has 23 applications on file for 2024 consideration funding and 11 EQIP applications selected for funding. There are 7 new contracts so far.

**CSP:** Brandt noted the applicants on file had been ranked with no renewals for 2024.

**CRP:** Brandt noted he had had some plantings so far.

**Other:** Brandt attended Envirothon May 1<sup>st</sup>.

### PROGRAM TECHNICIAN REPORT

**AIS:** Prokosch noted that the watercraft season started on 5/10 with trainings in the next couple weeks.

**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 did planning work for Watch 'em Grow on 5/13 and 5/14.1

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

**Trees:** Prokosch noted tree pick up was 5/2, 5/3 and 5/4 and the District was selling leftover trees for a lower price. 73% of the pre-ordered trees had been sold while 88% of trees post sale had been sold. 19 flower packs had been sold in total.

### DISTRICT TECHNICIAN REPORT

**Education Outreach:** Buesing attended Envirothon on 5/1 and Watch 'em Grow on 5/13.

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

**Water Plan:** Buesing attended the Mississippi 1W1P on 4/24.

**Trees:** Buesing noted tree pick up days were 5/2, 5/3 and 5/4.  
Buesing noted there had been 5 tree planter rentals and had been planting trees for Imle and Schommer.

### WATER PLAN COORDINATOR/TECHNICIAN REPORT

**Water Planning:** Powell attended a Wile Rice 1W1P on 4/29 to approve the 2025 workplan.

**Soil Health:** Powell noted the drills had been rented out 13 times since they had been out of storage. Powell noted that Essig had completed 94.6 acres with the drill for \$3,784.00. Rydeen made the motion approve cost share for Essig out of the Mississippi 1W1P fund. Seconded by Gunvalson. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Powell noted that Lehman completed 26.8 acres with the drill for \$1,072.00, Peterson completed 55.3 acres for \$2,212.00, and Abel completed 60 acres for \$2,400.00. Ryden made the motion to approve cost share for the three renters to be paid out of 1W1P/Local Compacity/Soil Health funds. Seconded by Strandlien. **Motion carried 4-0.**

**Education Outreach:** Powell attended Envirothon on 5/1 and Watch 'em Grow on 5/13 and 5/14.

**Conservation Farm:** Powell noted that when visiting the conservation farm the other day the shed had been broken into and vandalized. Powell noted cameras would be put back at the farm and Prokosch noted camera signs had been ordered.

### 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 8 (Plat books) up almost \$400 selling 2024 books, Line 10 (Tree Accessories) up over \$4000 mostly tree tubes Line 11 (Tree Sales) up over \$8,000, Line 20 (County Appropriations) received 2Qtr. County Appropriations. Line 39 (Misc Rev) Bagley Co-Op Dividend \$117.

Expenses: Line 63 (Vehicle and Maintenance) up over \$100, Pinks' Auto and Merschmans, Line 64 (Vehicle Gas) up over \$100, Line 83 (AIS Supplies) AIS signs from JAG, Line 114 (Buffer Law) Storage Shed and portion of District Newsletter.

***Monthly Treasurer's Report:***

Line 5 (Stogdill), FS Cost Share, Line 9 (BWSR) WCA training for KB, Line 25 (Plantra) Tree tubes approved April meeting, Line 28 (Platow) reimbursed 50% water test, Line 29 (Greimans) Envirothon T-shirts, Line 30 (JAG) AIS signs and Envirothon banners-all will be reimbursed, Line 32 (MASWCD) Area 8 dues, Line 34 (Flugel) reimbursement for bundle of trees.

***Deposit Detail:***

Deposit 1: GV donation to Envirothon and tree sales, Deposit 2: Envirothon Donations, Tree sales and Plat Book Sales, Deposit 3: Trees, Plat books and Engineering hours billed to Crow Wing SWCD, Deposit 4: Interest earned on Checking , Deposit 5: Interest Earned on Savings

***Balance Sheet:***

Buell reported Checking Account: the end April was \$234,470.31

Savings Account: the end of April was \$24,671.01

Accounts Receivable: \$40,908.83 Mostly an invoice to RLWD, Beltrami and Tree invoices

A motion to accept the mostly complete April financial report was made by Rydeen. Seconded by Gunvalson. **Motion carried 4-0.**

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

***Trees:*** Buell noted some trees were donated to school programs like the early childhood program, extension program and Bagley flyers program. Strandlien made the motion to approve any other leftover trees to be donated to the schools. Seconded by Gunvalson. **Motion carried 4-0.**

***Manager's Meeting:*** Buell noted the manager's meeting would be held on May 27<sup>th</sup>.

***Area Meeting:*** Buell noted an area meeting would be on June 7<sup>th</sup>.

***Audit:*** Buell noted the audit would be in person in September.

**Board Positions:** Buell noted that Lewis, Strandlien and Gunvalson would be up for reelection for their board positions this year.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:57 A.M. was made by Strandlien. Seconded by Gunvalson. **Motion carried 4-0.**

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Paul Rydeen, District Secretary

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Date

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