

Clearwater Soil & Water Conservation District

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING JUNE 20th, 2019

MEETING MINUTES

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Board Members Present:

Alroy Lewis, Paul Rydeen, and Jackie Ulrich

SWCD Staff: Lori Buell, Chester Powell and Brielle Prokosch

NRCS Staff: Cari Roepke

Guests: Dale Krystosek-BWSR

The meeting was called to order at 8:36 a.m. by Chair Lewis in the USDA Service Center. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Agenda: Chair Lewis called for additions or corrections to the agenda Buell requested Action items 4-H pollinator be added under NRCS report and Soil Health Equipment be added under Program Technician Report. Rydeen made a motion to approve the agenda with the additions as requested. Second by Ulrich. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Minutes: Minutes of the regular May meeting were reviewed by the board. Rydeen made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Second by Lewis. **Motion carried 3-0.**

PRAP Update: Dale Krystosek met with the SWCD Board of Directors and Staff to go over the results of the Performance Review Assistance Program (PRAP). Krystosek reported that the Clearwater SWCD was in compliance and had no action items at this time. Krystosek noted that the SWCD needs to review recommendations and submit a rebuttal to BWSR.

NRCS: Roepke reported that she recently received two more EQIP contracts, Roepke noted that she currently has 7 total. Roepke reported that the CSP sign up ended May 10th.

4-H Program: Roepke reported that a local 4-H group is interested in doing a pollinator planting up at the fairgrounds as an educational/outreach community project. Roepke noted that the cost of the pollinator plugs will run roughly \$150-\$200. Rydeen made a motion to pay up to \$200 out of Increased Capacity/Urban Conservation-Education Outreach funds. Second by Ulrich. **Motion Carried 3-0.**

PROGRAM TECHNICIAN/WATER PLAN REPORT

AIS Program: Powell reported that there are currently 10 inspectors in the field and one additional volunteer.

Forestry Cost Share: Powell reported that Stuart Nelson completed a Forest Stewardship plan on 75 acres and is eligible for 75% Cost Share in the amount of \$618.75. Ulrich made a motion to pay Nelson 75% Cost Share in the amount of \$618.75 out of Local Capacity-Forest Stewardship. Second by Lewis. **Motion Carried 3-0.**

Soil Health Program: Powell reported that he has two No-Till-Drill rentals that are eligible for Cost Share.

Powell reported that Gebhardt is eligible for Cost Share on 16 acres in the Primary Zone. Lewis made a motion to pay Gebhardt the Primary Zone rate of \$40 per acre on 16 acres in the total of \$640 out of 2017 Local Capacity Soil Health funds. Second by Ulrich. **Motion Carried 4-0.**

Powell reported that Titera used a No-Till-Drill on 49.7 acres of land in the Secondary Zone plus he submitted three soil samples. Rydeen made a motion to pay Titera a total of the Secondary Zone rate of \$25 per acre on 49.7 for a total of \$1242.5 and for three Soil Samples at \$25 per sample all for a total of \$1317.5 out of 2017 Local Capacity Soil Health funds. Second by Ulrich. **Motion Carried 3-0.**

Trees: Powell reported that the tree shed has been cleaned out and all remaining trees have been donated to area schools.

Cost Share: Powell reported that he has been working with the JPB Engineer on 2019 potential projects, Powell noted that a possible project may be the Pine Lake Ditch.

Powell reported that Strandlien is interested in Cost Sharing for an un-used well sealing. Powell noted that the estimated cost of the sealing is \$400. Rydeen made a motion to pay 50% Cost share not to exceed \$200 on Strandlien's well sealing. Second by Ulrich. **Motion Carried 3-0.**

Water Planning: Powell reported that he had a Mississippi Headwaters Advisory Meeting on 5/22 and a Steering Meeting on 6/4. Powell noted that he attended a steering meeting on 6/3 and an Advisory meeting on 6/12.

Education/Outreach: Powell and Prokosch gave a demonstration and handed out trees to first graders as part of the Watch 'Em Grow program on 05/15. Powell reported that the No-Till-Drill will be displayed at the Lewis's farm over 4th of July weekend for Breakfast on the Farm.

Upcoming: Powell plans on attending a 1W1P Wild Rice Policy meeting on 6/24, a Mississippi Steering Meeting on 6/26 and a Policy Meeting on 6/27.

POGRAM TECHNICIAN REPORT

Lake Monitoring Program: Prokosch reported that round one of samples from volunteers has been completed. Prokosch noted that she and Powell took samples from Johnson, Peterson, Minerva, Falk and Moose Lake on 6/10 and 6/11.

Prokosch noted that there is additional funding available for water monitoring and would like to start testing 3 or 4 more lakes that were on our previous rotation. Powell noted that the rotation is not conducive to the reporting that BWSR would like to see for collecting data and that he and Brielle would like to continue doing the same lakes each year to get consistent data. Lewis made a motion to approve the SWCD cover the cost of water testing up to 4 more lakes. Second by Ulrich. **Motion Carried 3-0.**

Tree Program: Prokosch reported that the last of the trees were donated to area schools and the tree shed has been cleaned out.

Education/Outreach: Prokosch assisted with the Watch 'Em Grow program for first graders on 5/30 in Bagley.

Soil Health: Prokosch attended a Soil Health Webinar on 6/4-6/6.

AIS: Prokosch noted that Always There Staffing is sending monthly reports, so she can monitor data.

LINC: Prokosch reported that she received her LINC Pass card on 6/6.

Equipment: Prokosch reported that, at times, it is difficult to get the boat launched without having to go directly in the water at some testing locations. Lewis made a motion that the SWCD cover the cost of waders for the SWCD staff not to exceed \$250 total. Second by Ulrich. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Upcoming: Prokosch reported that she will be attending a Soil Health Field Training on 6/24-6/25.

DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT

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

Profit & Loss: Income: Buell reported that in the month of May the SWCD recognized revenue from aerator rental payments, tree plantings, plat book sales. **Expenses:** Buell noted that outside of regular expenses for the month of May additional charges were made in Education and Promotion and for the Watch 'Em Grow program, in Special Projects for Forest Stewardship Cost Share payments.

Monthly Treasurer's Report: Buell noted that for the month of May, outside of normal transactions there were tree reimbursements, payment to Ruth Trask out of Envirothon funds, Registration for Administrative training, a payment for our annual fair booth at the county fair, Forest Stewardship payments to Bishop, Bjerke, Olson and Berg.

Deposit Detail: Buell noted that in the month of May deposits included plat book deposits, tree sales, Local Capacity County Match Funds, Envirothon donations and Interest earned on accounts.

Balance Sheet: Buell reported that at the end of May the Checking Account balance was \$424,926.44. Buell noted that the Accounts Receivable balance in May was \$2,930.16. Buell noted that this amount was mostly plat book invoices and tree sales. Buell reported that the Accounts Payable was \$8,401.48 Buell noted that this was mostly vendor invoices for tree purchases.

A motion to accept the May financial reports was made by Lewis. Second by Rydeen. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Other Reports/Meetings:

DISTRICT OPERATION-Board Action Items

Observation Well Invoice: Buell submitted to 2019 Observation Well invoice to the board in the amount of 1440. Rydeen approved submitting the invoice in the amount of \$1440 to the DNR. Second by Ulrich. **Motion Carried 3-0.**

Manager's Meeting: Buell reported that the next Manager's Meeting will be held September 18th and 19th in Baxter, MN. Buell noted that the cost of registration is \$94. Lewis made a motion to cover the cost of lodging and registration for Buell to attend the Manager's Meeting on September 18th and 19th. Second by Ulrich. **Motion Carried 3-0.**

Fall Tour/Area VIII Meeting: Buell reported that the Tour and meeting are approaching quickly and would like to get the registration and information out before the next board meeting. Buell noted that she would like to form a deciding committee with a couple of board members. Lewis and Ulrich volunteered to be on decision making committee to help staff come up with budget and tour details. Buell noted that she would set up a committee meeting later.

Other: Buell reported that there will be a TSA8 meeting on June 25th.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:11 a.m. was made by Rydeen. Second by Ulrich. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Paul Rydeen, District Secretary

Date

"Leadership is the art of giving people a platform for spreading ideas that work." --Seth Godin

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.