

Clearwater Soil & Water Conservation District

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING JUNE 20th 2023

MEETING MINUTES

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Board Members Present: John Gunvalson, Harlan Strandlien, Alroy Lewis and Paul Rydeen with Aaron Kaiser on Zoom.

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

NRCS Staff: Dan Pazdernik

Guest: John Nelson

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. at the Bagley USDA Service Center. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Agenda: The June agenda was reviewed by the board. Powell added Christenson, Gebhart, Dickey and Lewis contracts and removed Imle, Fast and Erickson contracts. Rydeen made the motion to approve the agenda with corrections. Seconded by Lewis. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Minutes: Minutes of the June meeting were reviewed by the board. Strandlien made the motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by Rydeen. **Motion carried 5-0.**

NRCS REPORT:

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

EQIP: Brandt has 16 applications on file with 14 selected for funding.

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

CRP: Brandt noted there was a general signup 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 a week long training: Working Effectively with Livestock Producers.

PROGRAM TECHNICIAN REPORT

AIS: Prokosch noted the County had signed the lease agreement with the DNR and was working on the insurance portion of getting a CD3 for Clearwater Lake this year.

Prokosch noted the AIS inspector season had been going well.

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

Prokosch attended the Watch ‘em Grow program for 1st graders on 5/22 and 5/23.

Lake Monitoring: Prokosch noted lake monitoring would start next week.

DISTRICT TECHNICIAN REPORT

Education Outreach: Buesing attended Watch 'em Grow on 5/22 and 5/23.

Soil Health: Buesing completed maintenance on the no-till drill and brought drills to 3 producers. Buesing sprayed for a pollinator planting at Kummer's Landfill. Buesing mapped fields for 4 producers.

Trees: Buesing returned the tree planters to the farm.

Noxious Weeds: Buesing talked with local weed sprayer about the wild parsnip at the airport.

WATER PLAN COORDINATOR/TECHNICIAN REPORT

Water Planning: Powell noted there was a Mississippi 1W1P and Wild Rice 1W1P meeting on 6/26 and a Clearwater meeting on 6/28.

Soil Health: Powell noted maintenance was preformed on the no-till drill and had 6 other contracts for the no-till going on at the moment.

Powell noted the following producers had rented the no-till drill and asked for cost share out of the Clearwater 1W1P funds: Titera for 14 acres and 2 soil tests for \$610.00, Lehman 50 acres and 2 soil tests for \$2,050.00, Christenson for 37 acres and 3 soil tests for \$21,555.00, Friborg for 23 acres, then 44 acres, and 2 soil tests for \$2,754.00, Eck for 20 acres for \$800.00, Gebhardt for 22 acres for \$880.00, Dickey for 55 acres and 3 soil tests for \$2,275.00, and Rusten for 117.5 acres and 2 soil tests for \$4, 825.00. Rydeen made the motion to approve the cost share and soil tests for each respected party. Seconded by Kaiser. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Rydeen for 77 acres for \$3,080.00. Lewis made the motion to approve the cost share tests for Rydeen. Seconded by Strandlien. **Motion carried 4-0 with Rydeen abstaining.**

Powell noted the following producers had rented the no-till drill and asked for cost share out of the Mississippi 1W1P funds: Kinn for 9 acres and 2 soil tests for \$410.00, Essig for 90 acres and 2 soil tests for \$3,650.00, Balstad for 59.4 acres 3 soil tests for \$2,450.00, and Marsh for 28.2 acres and 3 soil tests for \$1,203.00. Lewis made the motion to approve the cost share and soil tests for each respected party. Seconded by Rydeen. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Powell noted the following producers had rented the no-till drill and asked for cost share out of the Wild Rice 1W1P funds: Lewis had 91.7 acres and 1 soil test for \$3,639.00. Rydeen made the motion to approve the cost share and soil tests for Lewis. Seconded by Kaiser. **Motion carried 4-0 with Lewis abstaining.**

Education Outreach: Powell noted the Grazing workshop on 6/20 at the fairgrounds from 4-6:30pm.

Forest Stewardship: Powell noted that Scott and Richard Abel had completed forest stewardship plans. With Scott being 156b acres at 75% cost share for \$1,264.50 and Richard being 161 acres at 75% cost share for \$1,749.75. Strandlien made the motion to approve the cost share for each respected party. Seconded by Kaiser. **Motion carried 5-0.**

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 May were presented to the Board for review.

Profit & Loss:

Income: Buell reported that in the month of May, Line 3 (Aerator Rental) up over \$500, Line 6 (No-Till Drill Rental) up over \$3,000, Line 11 (Tree Planter Rental) up over \$200, Line 12 (Tree Planting-Custom Work) Custom Tree Planting, Line 13 (Tree) up over \$3,000, Line 37 (Misc Revenue-other) up over \$250 GV Capital Credits.

Expenses: Buell reported that out of usual expenses, Line 47 (Education/Promotion) up over \$200 for supplies for “Watch Em’ Grow, Line 82 (AIS Supplies) up over \$200 will be reimbursed Line 62 (Vehicle and Maintenance) up over \$900 for tires.

Monthly Treasurer’s Report: Buell noted that for the month of May, Line 16 (NW Tire Inc.) Tires for Drill, Line 17 (MASWCD Area 8) Area Dues Line 18 (JAG) Signage for No-Till Drill, Line 19 (Pennington SWCD) 1W1P Payment for hours, Line 29 (Treasure Bay Printing) Awards for Envirothon Line 32 (Clearwater Ag Society) Fair Booth Payments. Line 36-38 (Baudora, Lincoln Oakes and Schumacher’s) Tree invoices

Deposit Detail: Buell noted that in the month of May there were deposits for: Deposit 1: 2nd Qtr County Appropriations, Bagley Co-op dividend, Trees, Deposit 2: tree orders, Deposit 3: tree orders Deposit 4: tree orders, platbook sales, Soil Health Payments, Deposit 5: Interest Earned on Checking, Deposit 6: Interest Earned on Savings

Balance Sheet: Buell reported that at the end of May the Checking Account balance was \$370,159.00 the Savings Account balance was \$105,022.22. Buell reported the Accounts Receivable was mostly Soil Health Payments and Tree Payments that have since been received.

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

DISTRICT OPERATION-Board Action Items and Information:

Audit: Buell noted that the audit would take place around July 10th.

MASWCD Meeting: Buell noted the Area 8 resolution meeting would be on June 23rd in Beltrami at 9:00 am. Buell noted they would be discussing the Omnibus tax bill among other things.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:17 a.m. was made by Strandlien. Seconded by Lewis. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Alroy Lewis, District Secretary

Date

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