

Clearwater Soil & Water Conservation District

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING: June 27th, 2024

MEETING MINUTES

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

SWCD Staff: Lori Buell, Chester Powell and Brielle Prokosch

NRCS Staff: Nate Brandt

Guests: John Nelson

Chair Lewis called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. at Bagley USDA Service Center. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Agenda: The agenda was reviewed by the board. Buell added sprayer rate to the agenda. Strandlien made the motion to approve the agenda with corrections. Seconded by Kaiser. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Rydeen arrived at 10:05 PM.

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

NRCS REPORT:

Local Workgroup Meeting: Brandt noted the local workgroup meeting was held on June 6th and discussed the priority concerns.

Activity Implementations: Brandt noted the installations of tree plantings, pasture plantings, well decompositions and pollination plantings.

EQIP: Brandt noted 10 contracts had been approved.

CSP: Brandt noted 4 had been selected or funding.

Other: Brandt attended Envirothon May 1st.

PROGRAM TECHNICIAN REPORT

AIS: Prokosch noted that the watercraft inspector season was going well so far.

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 noted the summer newsletter was being worked on.

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

Prokosch noted the first round of lake monitoring had been completed on 6/17 and the data had been inputted in excel for the MPCA.

Trees: Prokosch had planted trees on 6/5.

DISTRICT TECHNICIAN REPORT

Training: Buesing attended a wetland delineation training on 5/29-5/31.

Soil Health: Buesing had delivered the drill to customers.

Pollinator: Buesing is helping plan pollinator fields with Bjerke and Thabes.

Trees: Buesing planned and planted trees for Imle and Schommer.

WATER PLAN COORDINATOR/TECHNICIAN REPORT

Water Planning: Powell noted that the state needed reporting finished on June 30th for 1W1P's for all expenses before June 30th.

Powell noted there is a Mississippi 1W1P meeting on July 8th.

Powell noted Clearwater 1W1P FY25 funding was due by June 30th.

Soil Health: Powell noted the drills had hardly been in the parking lot that month unless maintenance was taking place. Powell noted that the hydraulic cylinder on one of the drill would have to be replaced. After discussion, Strandlien made the motion to allow purchase of the cylinder for whatever it may cost. Seconded by Kaiser. **Motion carried 5-0.**

It was discussed that since the drills had been out so often and the fields looked so nice this year it might be a good idea to start a self-guided or bus tour to look at what the no-till can do for plantings. Powell noted that was a hope to come from this spring's Coffee and Cover Crops sessions.

Powell noted that Janson had 6 soil tests done and asked for cost share for \$150.00 to be taken out of the Mississippi 1W1P funds. Rydeen made the motion to approve cost share for Janson. Seconded by Gunvalson. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Powell noted that Christenson had completed 40 acres and 6 soil tests for \$1,750.00 of cost share, Stensing completed 62.9 acres for \$2,516.00, T. Johnson completed the max of 120 acres and 6 soil tests for \$5,050.00, B. Johnson completed the max of 120 acres for \$4,800.00, G. Erickson completed 117 acres for \$2,985.00, Sunquist completed 51 acres for \$2,065.00, Horn completed 77 acres for \$3,130.00, Nelson completed 65 acres for \$3,130.00, Rustin completed 65.4 acres and 1 soil test for \$2,641, Aakre completed 63 acres and 2 soil tests for \$2,570.00, Bardwell completed 84 acres for \$3,360.00, H. Dickey completed the max of 120 acres for \$4,800.00, E. Dickey completed 45 acres and 2 soil tests for \$1,850.00, Zachman completed 9 acres and 2 soil tests for \$410.00, Emmerson, in 2023, completed 56.5 acres and 1 soil test for \$2,285.00 and in 2024 completed the max of 120 acres and 3 soil tests for \$4,875.00, D. Erickson completed 12 acres and 2 soil tests for \$530.00, S. Titera completed 3 soil tests for \$75 and M. Titera completed 5 acres and 1 soil test for \$225.00 all of which to be spilt from Clearwater 1W1P funds, Soil Health funds, Increase Compacity funds and Cost Share funds. Rydeen made the motion to approve cost share for each individual in the proper amount. Seconded by Kaiser. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Strandlien brought up the fact that local rentals of a sprayer was at \$4.50 an acre vs \$7 an acre with the district and suggested to lower the rental price. After discussion, Kaiser made the motion to keep the minimum use at 10 acres for \$7 an acre then lower the price to \$5 an acre starting in 2025. Seconded by Gunvalson. **Motion carried 5-0.**

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: Line 5 (No-Till Rental) up over \$3,000, Line 8 (Plat Books) up over \$400, Line 9 (sprayer) up \$490, Line 11 (Tree Planter Rental) up Over \$200, Line 12 (Tree Planting Custom Work) up over \$2,000. Line 38 (misc Revenue) interest earned on CD's and accounts up over \$4,000.

Expenses: Line 49 (Education/Promotion) up \$450 for Fair Booth Rental, Line 56 (Office Supplies) up over \$200, Mostly QB deposit slips, Line 64 (Vehicle Gas) up over \$400, Line 109 (Miss SH) up over \$3,000 Essig C/S, Line 111 (Cl-1W1). Up over \$4,600 Peterson and Abel C/S.

Monthly Treasurer's Report:

Line 4 (Ruth Trask) Reimbursement out of Envirothon account, Line 5 (Farmers Publishing) Shouldn't say Newsletter, Line 10 (Pink's Repair) Hitch Pin for the drill Line 14 (MN Native Landscape) Flower packs sold during tree sales, Line 23 (Lincoln Oaks) Trees, Line 25 (Jason Garrett) Reimburse for tree tubes. Line 26 (Badoura Nursery) Trees Line 27 (Schumacher's) trees, Line 30 (Scott Abel) SH Payment, Line 31 (Corey Peterson) SH Payment, Line 33 (Lehmann) SH Payment, Line 34 (Essig) SH payment.

Deposit Detail:

Deposit 1: Co-op dividend check, Envirothon donations, Tree Sales, Plat Books and SH payments, Deposit 2: SH payments, Tree sales and Plat Book Sales, Deposit 3: GV Capital Credit, Plat Books, Tree Sales and SH payments, Deposit 4: Tree Sales and SH payments, Deposit 5: Tree Sales and SH payments, Deposit 6: Interest earned on Checking, Deposit 7: Interest earned on CD, Deposit 8: Interest earned on CD, Deposit 9: Interest Earned on Savings

Balance Sheet:

Buell reported Line 4 (Checking Account): the end May was \$224,605.12

Line 10 (Savings Account): the end of May was \$24,689.87

Line 13 (Accounts Receivable): \$14,804.87 Mostly SH payments, Plat Book payments and Invoices for hours.

Buell noted that the distrct should receive the first half of the allocation funds in July.

A motion to accept the mostly complete May financial report was made by Strandlien. Seconded by Gunvalson. **Motion carried 5-0.**

DISTRICT OPERATION-Board Action Items and Information:

Budget: Buell noted it was time for the budget meeting with the budget members. July 16th was the date suggested for the meeting to take place.

Fair: Buell asked for a blanket approve of a set amount to purchase items for the fair to hand out, wear, put the logo on, etc. After discussion, Kaiser made the motion to set the amount for \$1,000.00. Seconded by Strandlien. **Motion carried 5-0.**

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:25 A.M. was made by Rydeen. Seconded by Kaiser. **Motion carried 5-0.**

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.