

Clearwater Soil & Water Conservation District

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING July 21st, 2022

MEETING MINUTES

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

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

NRCS Staff: Nate Brant

Guest: John Nelson

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Vice Chair Gunvalson at the Bagley USDA Service Center. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Agenda: Gunvalson called for additions or corrections to the agenda. Powell redacted Severson. Buell added the milage rate increase and a budget meeting. Strandlien made the motion to approve the agenda with corrections. Seconded by Lewis. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Rydeen arrived at 10:07 a.m.

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

NRCS REPORT

EQIP: 7 total EQIP projects have been funded in Clearwater County.

Assisting with plan with SWCD

Did not get any applications for the Emergency Disaster Flood Signup.

CSP: Is currently accepting applications with 5 on file for renewal.

Staffing: Brant noted that a new forester, a new agronomist and a new area resource conservationist had started in Bemidji.

PROGRAM TECHNICIAN REPORT

AIS Program: 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 reported that the AIS inspector season is going well.
Prokosch noted that 4 out of 6 lakes had been sampled for zebra mussel veligers.

Lake Monitoring: Prokosch went out lake monitoring to 11 lakes during 7/11 - 7/13.

Education/Outreach: Prokosch reported that she has been continuously working on the district website and facebook keeping the public updated on multiple programs.
Prokosch noted she had been working on the summer newsletter.
Prokosch noted she had been doing inventory for the county fair.

DISTRICT TECHNICIAN REPORT

Lake Monitoring: Buesing assisted with lake monitoring on 7/11 - 7/13.

Conservation Farm: Buesing had mowed the farm trails and had completed a quick vegetation survey.

Soil Health: Buesing noted he had assisted with the no-till drill.
Buesing had a field visit with Rustin with Powell and Brant.

WATER PLAN COORDINATOR/TECHNICIAN REPORT

Water Planning: Powell reported that there would be a Clearwater River 1W1P public hearing meeting on 8/24 with the 60-day review ending on the 25th.

Powell reported that he will attend a Mississippi 1W1P meeting on 7/26 that consisted of mostly updates. Powell also noted 2 customers had used the Mississippi drill.

Powell reported that he will attend a Wild Rice 1W1P meeting on 7/25.

Soil Health: Powell reported that Murray and Herman had used the sprayer. Powell reported that Bellefy had used the no-till and had qualified for cost share in the amount of \$1,069.50, including a soil test, and Nordlund qualified for \$1,275.50 (though this was last year and therefore had fallen under last year's 80-acre cap). Lewis made the motion to approve the cost share for both drill users. Seconded by Rydeen. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Forestry: Powell reported that Juberian had completed their forest stewardship plan with 157.8 acres in the 50% incentive area for the total of \$781.20. Lewis made the motion to approve the cost share. Seconded by Strandlien. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Cost Share: Powell reported that, along with Brant and Buesing, he had look at potential WASCOB projects at Rustin's property.

DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT

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

Profit & Loss:

Income: Buell reported that in the month of June the mileage charged for the no-till drill over the county line (line 2), the Co-Op dividend (line 4), the no-till drill rental up over &3,000 since last month (line 6), submitting AIS and Water Plan invoices (line 20 &22), and misc. revenue is up over \$10,000 for MBH water testing (line4 8).

Expenses: Buell reported that out of usual expenses, the office supplies was up over \$200 (line 65), the vehicle gas was up over \$800 (line 73), and the 2020 local compacity which was mostly soil health payments (line 120).

Monthly Treasurer's Report: Buell noted that for the month of June, outside normal transactions, there was the Itasca SWCD registration to attend area 8 meeting (line 7), the Envirothon stipend for Northhome school to attend in area 1 (line 8), MN nNative Landscape cost for native flowers (line 9) and the hours billed for 1W1P funds (line 25).

Deposit Detail: Buell noted that in the month of June there were deposits for: 1. Tree deposits and soil health payments 2. Trees and platbooks 3. Mapping Solutions, trees, tree planter and soil health 4. Interest earned on checking accounts 5. Interest earned on saving accounts

Balance Sheet: Buell reported that at the end of June the Checking Account balance was \$449,094.18 and the Savings Account balance was \$104,194.70. Buell reported that Accounts Receivable was at \$19,084.31 which is mostly soil health and platbook payments that have mostly since been paid. Buell reported that the 2023 Conservation Delivery and 2023 Cost Share would be added to next month's financials.

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

DISTRICT OPERATION-Board Action Items and Information:

Fair Booth Rental: Buell reported that it was \$150 per booth and not \$150 for both booths as previously thought. The first booth had already been booked. Rydeen made the motion to approve booking the second booth. Seconded by Lewis. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Audit: Buell noted she was working on the yearly audit would take place next week.

Budget Meeting: Buell noted the board would have to have a budget meeting and needed a date to look at next year's budget. Buell noted she would pick a date a date and get back to the board embers who would like to attend.

Mileage Rate: Buell noted the mileage rate had increased from .585 to .625. Lewis made the motion to accept the mileage rate increase. Seconded by Stradnlien. **Motion carried 4-0.**

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

Alroy Lewis, District Secretary

Date

“The environment is where we all meet; where we all have a mutual interest; it is the one thing all of us share.”
-Lady Bird Johnson

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.