

Clearwater Soil & Water Conservation District

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING JULY 20th 2023

MEETING MINUTES

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

SWCD Staff: Lori Buell, Chester Powell, Brielle Prokosch

NRCS Staff: Nate Brandt

Guest: John Nelson

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

Agenda: The July agenda was reviewed by the board. Rydeen made the motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Strandlien. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Minutes: Minutes of the July meeting were reviewed by the board. A correction needed in the Soil Health payment numbers was noted. Rydeen made the motion to approve the minutes with corrections. Seconded by Strandlien. **Motion carried 4-0.**

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 with \$390,000 allocated so far.

CSP: Brandt has 6 rank “high priority” with 1 in Clearwater moving forward.

CRP: Brandt noted he was working on re-enrollments.

Other: Brandt attended a local work group meeting on 6/22, attended an area 8 meeting on 6/23.

PROGRAM TECHNICIAN REPORT

AIS: Prokosch reported that the county had signed a motion to go forward with purchasing the CD3 system for Clearwater Lake earlier in the week. Prokosch noted the county would send out a check soon and the system would be delivered in 4-6 weeks to the access.

Prokosch took samples in 6 lakes for zebra mussel veligers.

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

Prokosch completed and sent out the District’s summer 2023 newsletter.

Lake Monitoring: Prokosch went out lake monitoring during 6/20-6/21 and 7/10-7/12. Prokosch has also been adding the lake data to the MPCA spreadsheet.

Prokosch reported she has been entering rain gauge data for the MN Climatology Dept.

Other: Prokosch attended the area 8 meeting on 6/23.

DISTRICT TECHNICIAN REPORT

Buesing was not available during this board meeting.

WATER PLAN COORDINATOR/TECHNICIAN REPORT

Water Planning: Powell noted there was a Mississippi 1W1P on 6/26 and needed an approval from the board for the work plan budget adjustment. Stradlien made the motion to approve the budget adjustment for the Mississippi 1W1P. Seconded by Rydeen.

Powell noted there was a Wild Rice 1W1P meeting on 6/26 which were budget updates and a Clearwater meeting on 6/28 for an update on funds spent.

Soil Health: Powell noted the following producers had rented the no-till drill and asked for cost share out of the Clearwater 1W1P funds: Anderson for 80 acres and 2 soil tests for \$350.00, Bolduc for 16 acres and 2 soil tests for \$690.00, Erickson for 120 acres and 3 soil tests for \$4,875, Bushelle for 13.1 acres and 1 soil test for \$549.00, Imle for 47 acres and 2 soil tests for \$1,930.00, and Herman for 17.1 acres for \$734.00. Rydeen made the motion to approve the cost share and soil tests for each respected party. Seconded by Kaiser. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Powell noted the following producers had rented the no-till drill and asked for cost share out of the Mississippi 1W1P funds: Vold for 14 acres and 1 soil test for \$585.00, Fast for 32.2 acres and 1 soil test for \$1,313.00 and Fallon for 17.1 acres and 2 soil tests for \$734.00. Rydeen made the motion to approve the cost share and soil tests for each respected party. Seconded by Kaiser. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Powell also noted that a MDA soil health equipment grant would come out in August.

Education Outreach: Powell attended a Grazing workshop on 6/20 and the area 8 meeting on 6/23.

Forest Stewardship: Powell noted Jude completed a forest stewardship plan on 318.4 acres and asked for 75% cost share of \$2,374.20. Strandlien made the motion to approve the cost share. Seconded by Kaiser. **Motion carried 4-0.**

LWG: Powell attended the local work group on 6/22.

DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT

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

Profit & Loss:

Income: Buell reported that in the month of June, Line 4 (Drill Rental) up over \$5000 rentals, Line 11 (Sprayer Rental) up 385, Line 33 (BWSR Easement) up 150 easement payment.

Expenses: Buell reported that out of usual expenses, Line 84 (AIS) \$132 watercraft training, Line 108 (2021 Local Capacity) up \$14,000 Soil Health payment, Line 109 (Miss Soil Health) up over \$8000 SH payments, Line 112 (BWSR Cost Share) up over \$2,000 FS plans.

Monthly Treasurer's Report: Buell noted that for the month of June, Line 4 (Beltrami County Environmental Services) AIS expense training for watercraft inspectors, Line 20-24(Soil Health payments) Line 25 (BWSR) RIM payment, Line 26 (Raphaels) donuts for Area 8meeting Line 27-32 all Cost share payments SH & FS Line 39-41 all SH Cost Share payments. Line 46 (Nevis High School) Envirothon voucher for team going to state . Line 50 (Northome School) Envirothon voucher for team going to state -comes out of Envirothon account.

Deposit Detail: Buell noted that in the month of June there were deposits for: Deposit 1: trees, plat books, Deposit 2: checks for Area 8 registration, sales from mapping solutions, plat books sales, soil health payments, Deposit 3: RIM easement payment, Deposit 4: DD payment from Natural resources for Plat Books, Deposit 5: Registration for Area 8 meeting, soil health payments and plat book payments, Deposit 6: Interest Earned on Checking, Deposit 7: Interest Earned on Savings

Balance Sheet: Buell reported that at the end of June the Checking Account balance was \$318,810.00 the Savings Account balance was \$105,151.78. Buell reported the Accounts Receivable was mostly Soil Health Payments that have since been received and the MASWCD area 8 meeting registration payments entered in July will balance out the account.

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

DISTRICT OPERATION-Board Action Items and Information:

Budget: Buell reported it was time for a budget meeting and noted that Strandlien and Rydeen were on the committee with Lewis as a second. The board made the meeting for July 26th at 10:00am.

Banking: The board discussed CD rates and transferring funds to a CD with the highest interests rates. Buell checked rates at First National Bank, American National Bank, Riverwood Bank, Boarder Bank and Northern State Bank to give the board an idea of rates. Strandlien made the motion to open a new 13-month CD at First National Bank in Bagley at 5% interest rate. Seconded by Rydeen. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Fair: Buell noted that staff would like clothing items with the District logo for the fair. Rydeen made the motion to purchase clothing fair items. Seconded by Kaiser. **Motion carried 4-0.**

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:22 a.m. was made by Kaiser. Seconded by Rydeen. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Alroy Lewis, 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.