

# Clearwater Soil & Water Conservation District

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## *BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING: July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024*

### *MEETING MINUTES*

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

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

**NRCS Staff:** Nate Brandt

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

**Agenda:** The agenda was reviewed by the board. Powell added a forest stewardship plan to the agenda. Rydeen made the motion to approve the agenda with corrections. Seconded by Strandlien. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Gunvalson arrived at 10:07 PM.

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

### NRCS REPORT:

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

**EQIP:** Brandt noted the 2025 application deadline is Sept 6<sup>th</sup> and 10 2024 applications had been obligated into contracts.

**CSP:** Brandt noted 4 had been selected for funding.

**CRP:** Brandt asked to let him know of any interest.

**Other:** Brandt attended A soil health tour on July 8<sup>th</sup>.

### PROGRAM TECHNICIAN REPORT

**AIS:** Prokosch noted that the watercraft inspector season was going well so far and that zebra mussel veliger sampling had begun for the year. Two lakes had been finished out of six.

**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 had been completed.

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

Prokosch noted the second round of lake monitoring had been completed on 7/8-7/10 and the data had been inputted in excel for the MPCA.

### DISTRICT TECHNICIAN REPORT

**Training:** Buesing attended a vegetation establishment training on 7/11.

**Water Plan:** Buesing noted he helped with lake sampling and AIS sampling.

Buesing noted the boat storage compartments had been fixed.

Buesing noted he had checked out Hoverson's property on Long Lake for revegetation.

**Education Outreach:** Buesing noted he had completed an article for the newsletter.

### WATER PLAN COORDINATOR/TECHNICIAN REPORT

**Water Planning:** Powell reported that the June 30<sup>th</sup> reporting for the state had been completed.

Powell noted Clearwater 1W1P FY25 funding was approved and would attend a meeting on 7/24.

Powell noted that the MRHW FY24 funding approved.

**Soil Health:** Powell noted the drills were busy this year.

Powell noted he attended a soil health tour on 7/8.

Powell noted that Huschle had completed 6 acres and 10 soil tests for \$490.00 of cost share to be taken out of the Wild Rice 1W1P funds. Strandlien made the motion to approve cost share for Huschle. Seconded by Rydeen. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Powell noted that Stenseng had completed 2 soil tests for \$50.00 or cost share, Flatland had completed 48.5 acres and 1 soil test for \$1,965.00, and Simonsen completed 101 acres and 4 soil tests for \$4,410.00 all of which to be spilt from Clearwater 1W1P funds, Soil Health funds or Increase Compacity funds. Rydeen made the motion to approve cost share for each individual in the proper amount. Seconded by Gunvalson. **Motion carried 4-0.**

**Forest Stewardship:** Powell noted that Rupar had completed a forest stewardship plan for 75% of cost share for \$950.10. Gunvalson made the motion to approve the cost share. Seconded by Rydeen. **Motion carried 4-0.**

### 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:

Line 5 (No-Till Rental) up almost \$3,000, Line 8 (Plat Books) up over \$100, Line 9 (sprayer) up over \$400 (Buldoc payment), Line 11 (Tree Planter Rental) up Over \$60.

Expenses: Line 49 (Education/Promotion) up \$450 for Fair Booth Rental, Line 64 (Vehicle Gas) up over \$400, Line 114 (2022-Local Cap). Up over \$1,000 for Lehmann CS. Line 116 (MN Buffer Law) up over \$200 ESRI license renewal and Storage unit.

**Monthly Treasurer's Report:** Line 8 (Lake of the Woods) registration for LB and HS to attend Area 8 Meeting, Line 11 (Clearwater Ag Society) Fair Booth rental payment Line 14 (Pink's Repair) SH parts for Great Plains drill Line 14, (MN Lakes and Rivers) Shoreland guides to use at fair, Line 21 (Solid Bottom) AIS expense for porta john.

**Deposit Detail:**

Deposit 1: Plat Books and SH payments, Deposit 2: SH payments, and Plat Book Sales, Deposit 3: Plat Books, Tree Sales and SH payments, Deposit 4: Tree Sales and SH payments, Deposit 5: Interest earned on Checking, Deposit 6: Interest Earned on Savings

**Balance Sheet:**

Buell reported Line 4 (Checking Account): the end June was \$208,095.33  
Line 10 (Savings Account): the end of June was \$24,708.14  
Line 13 (Accounts Receivable): \$15782.24 Mostly SH payments and Invoices for AIS hours

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

**DISTRICT OPERATION-Board Action Items and Information:**

**Budget:** Buell noted the budget members had completed their meeting earlier in the week and presented the budget to the board. After discussion, Gunvalson made the motion to approve the budget as submitted. Seconded by Strandlien. **Motion carried 4-0.**

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

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Paul Rydeen, District Secretary

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Date

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