

Clearwater Soil & Water Conservation District

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 19th, 2021

MEETING MINUTES

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Board Members Present:

Harlan Strandlien, Alroy Lewis, Jackie Ulrich, John Gunvalson and Paul Rydeen

SWCD Staff: Lori Buell, Chester Powell and Kaleb Buesing

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m. by Chair Rydeen at the Bagley American Legion. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Agenda: Chair Rydeen called for additions or corrections to the agenda. Gunvalson made the motion to approve the agenda as is. Seconded by Ulrich. **Motion carried 5-0.**

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

NRCS Staff: Nate Brandt presented his NRCS report to the board. Brant noted that he currently has 3 drought livestock watering systems on file so far. CSP Brant reported that Jackson is working with producers on getting certified and ready for fall payments. EQUIP-Brant reported that there has been some fencing completed and he has seen some interest in Nutrient management. Brant will be in Bemidji two days a week due to staffing shortages.

PROGRAM TECHNICIAN REPORT

Prokosch was not present; the board looked over Prokosch's report.

AIS Program: One inspector had gone down to part-time and therefore the numbers of hours had to be reduced on Peterson and Deep due to lack in number of inspectors since those were the lakes with the least amount of traffic. Zebra Mussel veliger sampling had been completed on Long Lost, Long, Big LaSalle, Lomond, Pine and Clearwater lakes and sent to the lab on 7/26, 7/27, and 8/3.

Lake Monitoring: The third round of lake monitoring was on 7/26, 7/27, 7/28 and 8/3. The fourth round of lake monitoring was on 8/16, 8/17 and 8/18. Moose and Rockstad are still unable to get into by boat.

Education/Outreach: Facebook and the website are still being updated and are both now advertising the 2021 plat book sale and the 2021 summer newsletter.

The newsletter will be sent out in the Farmer's newspaper soon and 30ish newsletters would be printed and mailed out to those that are not in the Farmer's mailing area. The rest will be sent by email.

Prokosch set up and attended the fair booth. Prokosch found needed new AIS pamphlets are goodies to set out at the fair. Prokosch also created seed packets and posters.

1W1P: Prokosch will attend and take notes for the Clearwater 1W1P Policy and Advisory Meeting on 8/25.

SEASONAL DISTRICT TECHNICIAN REPORT:

Training: Buesing noted he would like to attend a Wetland Delineation Training. Gunvalson made the motion to allow Buesing to attend. Second by Strandlien. **Motion carried 5-0.**

WATER PLAN COORDINATOR/TECHNICIAN REPORT

Water Planning: Powell attended a Mississippi 1W1P meeting on 7/30. Powell attended a Clearwater 1W1P Planning Work Group Meeting on 8/17 and will attend a combined Advisory and Policy Meeting on 8/25.

Soil Health: Powell noted that the Johnson's, Erickson, Nordlund and Friberg had used the No-till drill. Mullan had a soil test completed. Ulrich made the motion to pay the soil health cost share owed to the Johnson's, Erickson, Nordlund, Mullan and Friberg. Seconded by Lewis. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Well Sealing: Powell reported that Bubb and Krenz had a well sealing. Strandlien made the motion to pay Bubb and Krenz the well sealing cost share owed. Seconded by Ulrich. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Lake Testing: Powell had aided in lake testing on 7/26, 7/27 and 7/27.

Equipment: Powell noted that the tree planters had been welded.

Education Outreach: Powell noted he had attended and set up the fair booth.

AIS: Powell reported that he had aided in zebra mussel veliger sampling on 6 lakes.

DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT

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

Profit & Loss:

Income: Buell reported that in the month of July the no-till rental (line 4) was up \$2,000 from July, Observation Well Program (line 5) had a payment, and County Revenues (line 15-18) had billed the county for AIS, WCA and Water Plan expenses.

Expenses: Buell reported that out of usual expenses, Education and Promotion (line 52) fair items for booth and Legion payment, Vehicle and Maintenance (line 66) was up \$400 for window replacement to JAG body shop, though all but \$100 was reimbursed by MCIT, AIS (line 86) was for porta johns and supplies that will be reimbursed, and BWSR Cost Share (line 105) for a well sealing.

Monthly Treasurer's Report: Buell noted that for the month of July, outside normal transactions, was Ag Society (line 6) for the fair booth, Conservation Demostration (line 12) for the rain simulator, Houston Engineering (line 13) for hours billed to 1W1P, Hughs Soil Health Payment (line 19), Doug Jenson (line 26) AIS supplies for fair and Pennington and Houston Engineering (line 31 & 32) 1W1P hours billed.

Deposit Detail: Buell noted that in the month of July there were deposits for: 1. Tree sales, no-till soil health down payment 2. Observation Well payment 3. Interest earned on accounts 4. Interest earned on accounts.

Balance Sheet: Buell reported that at the end of July the Checking Account balance was \$497, 438.01 and the Savings Account balance was \$104,003.76. Buell reported that Accounts Receivable was at \$39,391.75 with water plan billing and AIS invoices which have since been paid.

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

DISTRICT OPERATION-Board Action Items:

Fall Tour: Buell informed the board that a fall tour was coming up. Lewis made the motion to go. Seconded by Strandlien. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Budget: Gunvalson made a motion to accept the budget. Seconded by Strandlien. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Technical Position: Lewis made the motion to accept Buesing as a full-time employee with the title District Technician. Seconded by Strandlien. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Other: Buell noted that the Annual Convention would be in November.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 a.m. was made by Gunvalson. Seconded by Strandlien. **Motion carried 5-0.**

John Gunvalson, District Secretary

Date

Essentially, all life depends upon the soil ... There can be no life without soil and no soil without life;
they have evolved together."
- Charles E. Kellogg

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.