

# Clearwater Soil & Water Conservation District

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## *BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022*

### *MEETING MINUTES*

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

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

**NRCS Staff:** Nate Brant

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. by Chair Ulrich at the Bagley USDA Service Center. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Agenda:** Ulrich called for additions or corrections to the agenda. Powell added Francis and Friborg to the agenda. Buell added the audit and BSWR Academy to the agenda. Lewis made the motion to approve the agenda with corrections. Seconded by Strandlien. **Motion carried 4-0.**

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

### NRCS REPORT

Rydeen arrived at 10:09 a.m.

**EQIP:** Working with reapprovals, engineer requests and assistance for projects.

**CSP:** Has 5 CSP renewals on file and is continuing to accept applications.

**CRP:** Re-enrollments have been completed and sent to FSA with continuous CARP being an options for some.

**Other:** Brant noted there may be an increase in funding for some programs.

## 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 all lakes have been completed for sampling for zebra mussel veligers. Prokosch reported that there was no detection of veligers in the lab results for any of the lakes sampled this year and hoped that one day Lomond could be taken off the infested lakes list.

**Lake Monitoring:** Prokosch went out lake monitoring to 11 lakes during 8/1 - 8/3. Prokosch noted she was inputting data for the MPCA data submittal.

**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 that the summer newsletter had been finished.

Prokosch noted she had attended the booth during the county fair.

## DISTRICT TECHNICIAN REPORT

**Lake Monitoring:** Buesing assisted with lake monitoring on 8/1 - 8/3.

Buesing noted the zebra mussel veliger sampling had been completed.

**Conservation Farm:** Buesing had mowed sprayed the farm parking lot for weeds, had completed a quick vegetation survey, and has been working on relocating some the of the trails.

**Education Outreach:** Buesing noted he had attended the fair booth during the county fair.

Buesing noted he had written an article for the newsletter.

**1W1P:** Buesing noted that he had attended a Mississippi meeting on 7/26 and a Clearwater meeting on 7/27.

## WATER PLAN COORDINATOR/TECHNICIAN REPORT

**Water Planning:** Powell reported that there would be a Clearwater River 1W1P public hearing on 8/31 since the date had to be moved per guidelines.

Powell reported that he attended a Mississippi 1W1P meeting on 7/26. Powell noted those who had used the Beltrami drill and that it was displayed at the Beltrami County fair. Powell noted that a policy meeting will be held on 8/29 and needed a board member to attend.

Powell reported he attended a Wild Rice 1W1P meeting on 7/25.

**Soil Health:** Powell reported that Murray had used the sprayer.

Powell reported that Ehlers had qualified for soil health cost share in the amount of \$725.00, Francis had qualified in the amount of \$125.00 and Friborg had qualified in the amount of \$985.00. Rydeen made the motion to approve the cost share for all that had qualified in the total amount of \$1,835.00. Seconded by Gunvalson. **Motion carried 5-0.**

**Education Outreach:** Powell noted that he had attended the fair booth during the county fair and sprayed for weeds at the conservation farm parking lot.

## DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT

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

### ***Profit & Loss:***

**Income:** Buell reported that in the month of July the no-till rentals was up over \$2,000 (line 5), the observation well payment had been received (line 8), and line 48- Misc. was being used temporarily for Beltrami no-till payments.

**Expenses:** Buell reported that out of usual expenses, the fair booth rental was up \$300 (line 58), there was over \$150 mileage on payroll (60), AIS supplies that will be reimbursed (line 93) and lines 110-125 will all be reimbursed through differed revenue.

**Monthly Treasurer's Report:** Buell noted that for the month of July, outside normal transactions, the no-till and trees supplies (line 6), the 2023 conservation delivery and 2023 cost share (line 12), the fair booth rental from the clearwater AG. Society (line 14), hours billed for 1W1P for Red Lake Watershed and Houston Engineering (line 36 & 37), Ob well payments (line 39) and the second fair booth rental (line 42).

**Deposit Detail:** Buell noted that in the month of July there were deposits for: 1. Co-op dividend, soil health payments, trees tubes and custom tree plantings 2. 2023 cost share and 2023 conservation delivery 3. Soil health payments, trees, platbook payments and the water test grant 4. MN Department of revenue ob well payment 5. Interest earned on checking accounts 6. Interest earned on saving accounts

**Balance Sheet:** Buell reported that at the end of July the Checking Account balance was \$451,902.00 and the Savings Account balance was \$104,225.68. Buell reported that Accounts Receivable was at \$9,018.71 which is mostly soil health and platbook payments.

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

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

**Fall Tour:** Buell reported that the area 8 fall tour would be on Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> with the area meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup>. Rydeen made the motion to approve for any employee or board members who wants to attend. Seconded by Strandlien. **Motion carried 5-0.**

**Audit:** Buell noted that she had submitted the audit and it would be back for review in October.

**Budget Meeting:** Buell brought up the budget for the board to look over and approve that had been discussed during the budget meeting earlier that week. Gunvalson made a motion to approve the budget. Seconded by Lewis. **Motion carried 5-0.**

**BWSR Academy:** Buell noted that BSWR academy would take place during October 26 & 27. Lewis made the motion to approve for all staff to attend. Seconded by Gunvalson. **Motion carried 5-0.**

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:13 a.m. was made by Rydeen. Seconded by Lewis. **Motion carried 5-0.**

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Alroy Lewis, District Secretary

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—Jane Goodall

*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.*