

Clearwater Soil & Water Conservation District

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 19th, 2019

MEETING MINUTES

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Board Members Present:

Harlan Strandlien, Paul Rydeen, John Gunvalson and Jacki Ulrich

SWCD Staff: Lori Buell, Chester Powell and Brielle Prokosch

NRCS Staff:

Guests: John Nelson-County Commissioner

The meeting was called to order at 8:37 a.m. by Vice Chair Strandlien in the USDA Service Center. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Agenda: Vice Chair Strandlien called for additions or corrections to the agenda Rydeen made a motion to approve the agenda as submitted by Buell. Second by Gunvalson. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Minutes: Minutes of the regular August meeting were reviewed by the board. Rydeen made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted by Buell. Second by Gunvalson. **Motion carried 4-0.**

NRCS: no report-Roepke gone.

PROGRAM TECHNICIAN/WATER PLAN REPORT

Soil Health Program: Powell reported that producer James O' Bryan is eligible for Soil Health Cost Share. Powell noted that O'Bryan had 4 soil samples done for a Cost Share payment of \$25 per sample.

Ulrich made a motion to pay O'Bryan a Soil Health Cost Share payment in the amount of \$100. Second by Gunvalson. **Motion Carried 4-0.**

TSA8-Forester: Powell reported that the TSA8 is looking to put together a combined Forestry Position that the districts can utilize. Powell noted that the TSA8 would like the Districts to cover the cost of this position. Ulrich made a motion to refrain from contributing to the Forester Position at this time. Second by Gunvalson. **Motion Carried 4-0.**

Water Planning: Powell reported that he had a Mississippi Headwaters Advisory Meeting on 9/18 and a Wild Rice 1W1P Steering Meeting on 09/17.

Lake Testing: Powell reported that he and Prokosch finished the last round of lake testing for the year.

Education/Outreach: Powell noted that the Area VIII Fall Tour and Area Meeting was held September 12th and 13th.

Trainings: Powell plans on attending BWSR Academy on 10/29-10/31.

Equipment: Powell reported that the district truck was brought in for repair.

Conservation Farm: Powell rented the brusher from JAG and worked out at the Conservation Farm clearing trails for the Area VIII Fall Tour.

Powell noted that due to the wet weather the tour bus was unable to make it down to the Conservation Farm.

PROGRAM TECHNICIAN REPORT

Lake Monitoring Program: Prokosch reported that she and Powell just completed their fifth and final round of lake sampling. Prokosch noted that she gave a final report to Clearwater and Long Lake Associations.

Prokosch is interested in doing something for volunteers to show appreciation.

AIS Program: Prokosch reported that the ASI program for 2019 ended on September 8th. Prokosch noted that she has been busy collecting kits and doing inventory for next season.

Trainings/other:

Prokosch attended a MISAC Invasive Species Tour on 9/5.

Prokosch attended the Fall Tour and Area Meeting on 9/12-9/13

Upcoming: Prokosch plans on attending BWSR Academy on 10/29-10/31.

Other: Prokosch and Powell brushed the trails and cleaned out the shed at the Conservation Farm on 9/6.

DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT

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

Profit & Loss: Income: Buell reported that in the month of August the SWCD recognized revenue from the Soil Health program, the Observation Well program and the AIS program. **Expenses:** Buell noted that outside of regular expenses for the month of August additional charges were made in Special Projects for Forest Stewardship Plans and in Increased Capacity Trainings for BWSR Academy registration.

Monthly Treasurer's Report: Buell noted that for the month of August, outside of normal transactions, there was a payment made to Grand Rapids Marine for the boat trailer, a payment to Breezy Point for rooms for BWSR Academy, forest stewardship payments and a payment to Wildlife Forever for an AIS training.

Deposit Detail: Buell noted that in the month of August deposits included an Observation Well payment, No-Till-Drill rental payments. Match Funding from RLWD and Wild Rice WSD for the County Aerial project, Fall Tour /Meeting registration payments and Interest earned on accounts.

Balance Sheet: Buell reported that at the end of August the Checking Account balance was \$375,870.63. Buell noted that the Accounts Receivable balance in August was \$8,022.03. Buell noted that this amount was mostly AIS billing to

the County that have since been received. Buell reported that the Accounts Payable was \$377.15 Buell noted that this was mostly normal monthly bills. Buell reported that there has been a new account created under Due to other Agencies called Fall Tour. Buell noted that this was to track income/expenses of the Fall Tour and Area Meeting.

A motion to accept the August financial report was made by Rydeen. Second by Ulrich. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Other Reports/Meetings:

DISTRICT OPERATION-Board Action Items

Budget Meeting: Buell reported that the budget committee needs to meet before the next board meeting to discuss the 2020 budget.

Fall Tour: Buell reported that besides the weather, the Fall tour went well. Buell noted that there was a great turn-out.

Annual Meeting: Buell reported that the Annual meeting will be held December 8th-10th. Buell noted that the convention will be in Bloomington again this year. Rydeen made a motion for the district to cover cost of any staff and board member interested in attending the Convention. Second by Gunvalson. **Motion Carried 4-0.**

Resolution Packet: Buell reported that each board member has a resolution packet in their folder. Buell noted that they will need to be returned by the October meeting.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 a.m. was made by Gunvalson. Second by Rydeen. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Paul Rydeen, District Secretary

Date

"Leadership is the art of giving people a platform for spreading ideas that work." --Seth Godin

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.