

Clearwater Soil & Water Conservation District

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING September 15th, 2022

MEETING MINUTES

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

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

NRCS Staff: Nate Brant

Guest: John Nelson

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. Lewis made the motion to approve the agenda as is. Seconded by Rydeen. **Motion carried 4-0.**

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

NRCS REPORT

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

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

CRP: Brant noted there is one status review for the Red Lake Band and continuous CRP options have been gaining interest.

Other: Brant noted there may be an increase in funding for some programs and the NRCS is looking in urban agriculture.

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 had ended on Labor Day and was in the process of organizing the returned equipment.

Lake Monitoring: Prokosch went out lake monitoring to 12 lakes during 8/23 - 8/24 and during 9/12 - 9/13 of which would be the last of the season. 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.

DISTRICT TECHNICIAN REPORT

Buesing was not present during this meeting

Lake Monitoring: Buesing assisted with lake monitoring on 9/12 - 9/13.

Conservation Farm: Buesing had done a vegetation survey.

Training: Buesing had attended a forest health training on 8/23 and a WCA training on 9/14.

1W1P: Buesing had attended a Mississippi meeting on 8/29 and a Clearwater meeting on 8/31.

Other: Buesing had attended the fall area tour on 9/8.

WATER PLAN COORDINATOR/TECHNICIAN REPORT

Water Planning: Powell reported that there was a Clearwater River 1W1P public hearing on 8/31 where it was agreed to send the finished plan to BSWR. Powell attended a county board meeting on 9/13. Powell noted there will be a PWG meeting on 9/21 and will be attending the northern region meeting to present the plan on 10/5. Powell reported that since the plan is complete then asked the board that, pending approval from BSWR, to accept the plan. Lewis made the motion to accept the Clearwater 1W1P plan. Seconded by Strandlien. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Powell reported 2 people had used the Beltrami's no-till drill.

Powell reported 1 person had used the no-till under the Wild Rice 1W1P.

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

Powell reported that Johnson had qualified for soil health cost share and soil test in the amount of \$1,525.00, Eck had qualified in the amount of \$575.00 with soil tests and Herman had qualified in the amount of \$1,675 with soil tests. Rydeen made the motion to approve the cost share for all that had qualified in the total amount of \$3,775.00. Seconded by Lewis. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Powell noted 5 other people had rented the no-till and one had rented the aerator.

Lake Monitoring: Powell noted that he had assisted with lake monitoring on 8/23.

DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT

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

Profit & Loss:

Income: Buell reported that in the month of August the no-till rentals was up over \$4,000 (line 6), the sprayer rental was up over \$700 (line 11), the custom tree planting was up over \$1,000, the county water plan was billed for the first half of 2022 (line 22), the county was billed for the 2022 WCA payment (line 26), Beltrami soil health payments (line 49).

Expenses: Buell reported that out of usual expenses, the fair items and fall tour registration was up over \$200 (line 57), the vehicle gas was over budget (line 74), and the AIS porta potty at Long Lost Lake was up over \$200 which will be reimbursed (line 93).

Monthly Treasurer's Report: Buell noted that for the month of August, outside normal transactions, the MCIT dividend (line 4), the registration of the fall tour (line 16), taxes (line 17), the Houston engineering hours billed for 1W1P funds were pulled from deferred revenue (line 18), and the hours billed for 1W1P for Pennington SWCD were pulled from deferred revenue. (lines 24 and 28).

Deposit Detail: Buell noted that in the month of August there were deposits for: 1. MCIT dividend 2. Quarter county appropriations, soil health payments, trees, no-till drill rental payments and plat book payments 3. Soil health payments, no-till drill rentals payments and platbook payments 4. Soil health payments 5. Interest earned on checking accounts 6. Interest earned on saving accounts

Balance Sheet: Buell reported that at the end of August the Checking Account balance was \$455,527.51 and the Savings Account balance was \$104,256.66. Buell reported that Accounts Receivable was at \$34,996.56 which is mostly water plan billing and WCA.

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

DISTRICT OPERATION-Board Action Items and Information:

BWSR Academy: Buell reported that BWSR academy would be on October 25th - 27th.

Annual Convention: Buell reported that the annual convention would be on December 12th - 14th. Lewis made the motion saying anyone who wants to go be allowed to. Seconded by Strandlien. Motion carried 4-0.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:41 a.m. was made by Rydeen. Seconded by Lewis. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Alroy Lewis, District Secretary

Date

“The great concerns of our time – climate change, natural resources, food production, water control and conservation, and human health – all boil down to the condition of the soil.”

— Isabella Tree

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.