



Board Of Supervisors Regular Meeting Minutes

June 26th, 2025

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Board Members Present: Ken Christenson, John Gunvalson, Alroy Lewis, Paul Rydeen, and Doug Sloan

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

NRCS Staff: Nate Brandt

Guests: Mark Titera

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. at the Bagley USDA Service Center. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Agenda: The agenda was reviewed by the board. Lewis made the motion to approve the agenda as is. Second, by Sloan. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Minutes: Minutes of the May meeting were reviewed by the board. Lewis made the motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by Gunvalson. **Motion carried 5-0.**

DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT

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

Profit & Loss:

Profit:

Line 4 (No till Rental) up over \$6000, Line 7 (plat book), up \$30, Line 9(Tree Planting Custom Work) up over \$700, Line 37 (Misc Revenue-other) up almost 400 GV Capital Credits. We should be receiving the General Funds Allocation in June (\$81,000)

Expense:

Line 46 (Education and Promotion) up over \$300 for a Watch Em' Grow and hats with district logo, Line 78, (AIS Supplies) up Over \$700 Water Craft Inspector Supplies and Solid Bottom, Line 95 (Miss 1W1P) up over \$4,000 for CS contracts approved in May, will be reimbursed, Line 96 (WR-1W1P) up over \$600 for CH contracts approved in May, will be reimbursed, Line 97 (CL- 1W1P) up over \$20,000 for CS contracts approved in May, will be reimbursed.

Monthly Treasurer's Report: Line 4, (Ricke) SH Cost Share Project Line 7 (MN Native Landscape) Flowers for tree sale Line 8 (Lewis Farm and Forest) FS Cost Share. Line 9 (Prigge) SH Cost Share, Line 26 (Trask) reimbursement for Envirothon expenses, Line 27 & 29 (Clearbrook and Northome school) vouchers for state, Line 31 (Lincoln-Oakes) tree payments, Line 33 (Browse Blocker) tree protectors, Line 36 & 37 (Schumachers and Baudora) Tree nurseries, Line 38 (Greimans) Envirothon T-Shirts, Lines 40-42 (Sundquist, Peterson and Essig) SH Cost Share payments, Line 43 & 44 (Davies & Ricke) FS Cost Share payments, Line 45 (Beardsley) Well Sealing, Line 46-51 (Nelson, Faldet, Overby, Nordlund, Churness and Murray) SH Cost Share

Deposit Detail: Deposit 1: Envirothon Donations, SH payments and Tree orders, Deposit 2: Envirothon Donations, SH payments and Tree orders, Deposit 3: Envirothon Donations SH Payments, Plat book payments and Tree Orders, Deposit 4: Tree Orders and SH payments, Deposit 5: Garden Valley Capital Credit, SH payments and Tree orders, Deposit 6: Interest Earned on Checking, Deposit 7: Interest Earned on Savings

Balance Sheet:

Line 4 (Checking Account): the end of May was \$259,295.02

Line 10 (Savings Account): the end of May was \$24,913.08

Line 46 (Unearned Revenue) received first half of Soil Health Expansion Grant (50%, 40%, 10% Grant)

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

DISTRICT OPERATION-Board Action Items and Information:

Fair: Buell noted fair items would be purchased and booths were already reserved for the upcoming fair.

Buell departed at 10:21 A.M.

NRCS REPORT:

Current Workload: Brandt noted he was working on certifying tree/pasture/hay/pollinator plantings and grazing/watering systems for livestock. Brandt noted he was beginning planning on grazing systems, access control projects, plantings, general site visits and compliance plans for heavily eroded fields.

RCPP-American Bird Conservancy: Brandt noted there was one application in in Clearwater County and to let him know if there was any interest.

EQIP: Brandt did not anticipate any more funding for 2025, though he has been making site visits for future projects.

CSP: Brandt did not anticipate any more funding for 2025, though he is planning to revisit the current applications list and get assessments completed.

Upcoming Events: Brandt plans to attend the livestock watering system training on 7/10.

PROGRAM TECHNICIAN REPORT

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 she was starting the Summer 2025 newsletter.

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

Prokosch went out lake monitoring for SWAG lakes during 5/28 and regular District lakes and SWAG lakes during 6/16-6/17. Prokosch noted she was entering in the data from monitoring for the MPCA and the additional paperwork for the SWAG lakes.

AIS: Prokosch noted the watercraft inspector season has been going well besides the tree debris blocking off a couple boat accesses due to the 6/20 storm. Prokosch attended an online AIS training on 6/12.

DISTRICT TECHNICIAN REPORT

Water Plan: Buesing went out lake monitoring for SWAG lakes during 5/28 and regular District lakes and SWAG lakes during 6/16-6/17.

USFWS Partnership: Buesing noted he was getting signed up and approved for the funding. Buesing sprayed Thabes and Bjerke sites and met with Wheeling and Gile at the Gile's site.

Equipment: Buesing noted a bearing was replaced on a coulter and noted the drills had not been slowing down.

Trees: Buesing finished planting trees at Imle's

Buesing departed at 10:57 A.M.

WATER PLAN COORDINATOR/TECHNICIAN REPORT

Waterplanning: Powell noted he was reporting expenses for the Mississippi River 1W1P and the Clearwater 1W1P while attending meetings on 6/25 and 6/18 respectively.

Soil Health: Powell noted the no-till drills had no stop running for the season.

Powell noted that the district would be advertising selling the aerator during the fair and would be accepting bids through August.

Powell noted that Flateland had completed 48.5 acres for \$1,940 of cost share, Christensen had completed 40.5 acres and 3 soil tests for \$1,695, Herman had completed 24 acres and 1 soil test for \$985, Rusten completed 120 acres and 2 soil tests for \$4850, Bardwell completed 120 acres for \$4,800, Dewey completed 15 acres and 1 soil test for \$625, Titera completed 41 acres for \$1,640, Erickson completed 120 acres for \$4,800, Gebhardt completed 8.4 acres and 1 soil test for \$361, Bolduc completed 29.5 acres and 1 soil test for \$1,230, Johnson completed 120 acres for \$4,800, Leclair completed 15 acres and 2 soil tests for \$650, and Holm completed 104 acre for \$4,160 to be taken out of Clearwater 1W1P funds and/or soil health expansion funds. Lewis made the motion to approve the cost share for each individual. Seconded by Gunvalson. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Powell noted Weigman completed 120 acres for \$4,800 of cost share, Richardson completed 10 acres and 1 soil test for \$425, Sorenson completed 30 acres and 10 soil tests for \$1,450 and Vold completed 17 acres for \$680 to be taken

out of Mississippi River 1W1P funds and/or soil health expansion funds. Lewis made the motion to approve the cost share for each individual. Seconded by Christenson. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Cost Share: Powell noted Benson had completed a well sealing and asked for approval on 50% cost share for \$950. Sloan made the motion to approve the cost share. Seconded by Lewis. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Education Outreach: Powell noted he was hosting a no-till beginner training course for staff statewide on 7/16 at Wilde Farms.

Trees: Powell noted the District had sold out of tree tubes during the last tree sale and asked for approval for purchasing more in the amount of \$4,000.00, priced at \$3.50 a tube. Sloan made the motion to approve the purchase of the tree tubes. Seconded by Lewis. **Motion carried 5-0.**

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:39 A.M. was made by Lewis. Seconded by Gunvalson. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Alroy Lewis, District Secretary

Date

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.