



Board Of Supervisors Regular Meeting Minutes

March 20th, 2025

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

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

NRCS Staff: Nate Brandt and Jody Peek

Guests: Mark Titera

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 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. Seconded by Christenson. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Minutes: Minutes of the February meeting were reviewed by the board. Lewis made the motion to approve the minute. Seconded by Christenson. **Motion carried 4-0.**

NRCS REPORT:

Current and Future Funding: Brandt explained that existing and potential Inflation Reduction Act funds are being reviewed. Current selected IRA applications for EQIP 2025 were on hold, of Clearwater's 6 applications 5 were IRA's. Brandt noted that any currently existing contract payments can be resumed at this time. The Continuing Resolution is extended until September 30th and future funding levels being unclear.

Staffing: Brandt noted he had been showing Wells as many forestry site visits as possible at this time.

EQIP: Brandt noted the 2025 application deadline was 9/6 and had 11 applicants submitted.

CSP: Brandt noted the annual payments had been completed. Brandt noted ranking deadline was March 14th yet the timeline for obligations is unsure.

Upcoming Events: Brandt planned on attending an Employee Summit on 4/3.

Peek explained more about why the funding was unclear.

Gunvalson arrived at 10:08

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, including tree information.

Water Plan: Prokosch reported she has been entering rain gauge.
Prokosch attended and took minutes for a Clearwater 1W1P meeting on 3/19.

Trees: Prokosch noted 82 tree orders had come in with 44% of trees being sold and 3 flower orders had come in.

AIS: Prokosch noted that she had attended 2 pre-season workshops on 2/26 and 3/6. Prokosch noted the pre-season paperwork was being completed.

DISTRICT TECHNICIAN REPORT

Outreach Education: Buesing noted 2 Coffee and Cover Crops events had been held on Wilde Farms on 2/26 and in Cohasset on 3/12. Buesing noted he attended a cattle workshop on 3/5.

Water Plan: Buesing attended Clearwater 1W1P meetings on 2/20 and 3/19.

Training: Buesing attended a Streamline Forest Stewardship training on 3/11.

WATER PLAN COORDINATOR/TECHNICIAN REPORT

Water Planning: Powell attended a Clearwater 1W1P meeting on 3/19, a Mississippi 1W1P meeting on 3/17 and a Wild Rice 1W1P meeting on 3/24 to talk about financial and project updates.

Soil Health: Powell attended 2 Coffee and Cover Crop events and the cattle workshop with Buesing. Powell brought up approving the 2025 Soil Health Policy noting that nothing had changed. Lewis made the motion to approve the 2025 Soil Health Policy. Seconded by Gunvalson. **Motion carried 4-0.**
The board decided to change the sprayer rate from \$5 to \$7 per hour. Lewis made the motion for the change. Seconded by Christenson. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Forest Stewardship: Powell noted that the original signee of the Walker FSP had passed and the amendment and cost share would transfer to the heir who had signed the correct documentation. Lewis made the motion to give 75% cost share amounting in \$1,180.58 to the Walker heir's FSP. Seconded by Gunvalson. **Motion carried 4-0.**
Powell brought up approving the 2025 Forest Stewardship policy noting nothing had changed. Lewis made the motion to approve the 2025 Forest Steward Policy. Seconded by Christenson. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Cost Share: Powell brought up approving the 2025 Cost Share policy noting that besides some average Nothing had changed. Lewis made the motion to approve the 2025 Cost Share Policy. Seconded by Gunvalson. **Motion carried 4-0.**

DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT

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

Buell noted that the end of the year balance was \$43,423.83 after billing all grants.

Profit & Loss:

Income to note:

Line4 (Plat Books) up over \$300, Line 6 (Tree Sales), up over \$3,000 since last month, Line 25(BWSR Easements) \$150 payment.

Expense to note:

Line 47, (Employee Supervisor Expense) up almost \$50 for MASWCD registration for LB, AL and KC, Line 108 (2023 Local Capacity) up \$2,000 for Newsletter. Line 109 (2023 Local Capacity-Special Projects) SH Cost Share payments.

Monthly Treasurer's Report: Line 5, (Farmers Publishing) Ad for HS farewell, Line 8 (JAG Body Shop) 4 double side printed signs-SH Line 19 (Erickson) SH Cost Share payment. Line 22 (BWSR) 2025 RIM Easement payment, Line 34 (MASWCD) Area 8 Dues and line 35 (DVS) Tab for the trailer.

Deposit Detail: Deposit 1: Tree Payments, Deposit 2: Envirothon Payment, Tree Payments, Deposit 3: BWSR RIM Easement payment, Deposit 4: Interest earned on Checking, Deposit 5: Interest Earned on Savings.

Balance Sheet:

Line 4 (Checking Account): the end February was \$297,952.59

Line 10 (Savings Account): the end of February was \$24,856.63

Line 13 (accounts Receivable) the end of February was \$29,046.14 mostly 1W1P invoices

A motion to accept the January financial report was made by Lewis. Seconded by Christenson. **Motion carried 4-0.**

DISTRICT OPERATION-Board Action Items and Information:

2025 Meeting Dates: Buell noted Titera had previous engagements for the District's board meeting dates. Lewis made the motion to change meeting dates to the fourth Thursday of every month with start time to continue as 10:00am. Seconded by Christenson. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Fair Booth: Buell noted the District usually got 3 booths for the fair so a no-till drill could be in one of the spots. Lewis made the motion to purchase 3 booths for the county fair. Seconded by Gunvalson. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Board Member: The board discussed who would fill the empty 5th position. Lewis made the motion to invite Doug Sloan to be a member of the board. Seconded by Christenson. **Motion carried 4-0.** Buell noted she would invite Sloan and see if he would accept.

Designation of Authorized Signer for BWSR Grants: Buell reported that someone needed to be authorized as the signer and representative for BWSR grants. Lewis made the motion to authorized Buell as the representative and authorized signer for financial reports submitted to BWSR. Seconded by Gunvalson. **Motion carried 4-0.**

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:14 A.M. was made by Lewis. Seconded by Gunvalson. **Motion carried 4-0.**

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.