



Board Of Supervisors Regular Meeting Minutes

November 21st, 2024

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Board Members Present: Harlan Strandlien, Alroy Lewis, Paul Rydeen, Aaron Kaiser and John Gunvalson

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

NRCS Staff: Nate Brandt

Chair Lewis called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. at the Bagley USDA Service Center. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Agenda: The agenda was reviewed by the board. Powell added Ramsrud well sealing to the agenda. Rydeen made the motion to approve the agenda with corrections. Seconded by Strandlien. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Minutes: Minutes of the October meeting were reviewed by the board. Strandlien made the motion to approve the minute. Seconded by Kaiser. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Gunvalson arrived at 10:06 a.m.

NRCS REPORT:

Activity Implementations: Brandt noted the installations of a grazing system and pollinator plantings. Brandt noted he had been on sites for a WASCOD project implementation.

EQIP: Brandt noted the 2025 application deadline was 9/6 and had 25 applicants. Brandt noted that 10 applicants had been obligated into contracts for 2024.

CSP: Brandt noted he had 16 contracts on file for Clearwater County and the 2025 application deadline would be 11/15.

Other: Brandt noted a Soil Conservation Tech position had been offered for Bagley.

PROGRAM TECHNICIAN REPORT

AIS: Prokosch noted she was currently working on end of season paperwork for the state. Prokosch noted the 2025 AIS budget had been approved.

1W1P: Prokosch had written minutes for the 10/23 Clearwater 1W1P meeting.

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 that the January newsletter was coming together.

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

Training: Prokosch attended BWSR Academy on 10/29-10/30.

DISTRICT TECHNICIAN REPORT

Equipment: Buesing noted the drills and boat had been winterized and stored.

WASCOB: Buesing had helped with the NORDLUND WASCOB project's tile elevations.

Training: Buesing had attended BWSR Academy on 10/29-10/31.

Pollinator Plantings: Buesing had helped with Watne (7 acres), Sundquist (11 acres), Abel (38 acres) and the Kummer's Landfill (7 acres) pollinator plantings.

County Geological Atlas: Buesing had located new wells for the atlas.

WASCOB: Buesing visited the Nordlund WASCOB project with the NRCS engineer and had a project stakeout with Brandt.

WATER PLAN COORDINATOR/TECHNICIAN REPORT

Water Planning: Powell attended a Clearwater 1W1P policy meeting on 10/23 to talk where projects sit throughout the field season and budget.

Powell attended a Wild Rice 1W1P meeting on 11/25 to talk about financial and project updates.

Soil Health: Powell noted that the soil health season was done for the year besides the following contracts:

Powell noted that Kleppe had completed 22 acres and 1 soil test for \$905.00 and Harmin had completed 12 acres and 1 soil test for \$505.00 of cost share to be taken out of Clearwater 1W1P funds, increase compacity or soil health funds. Rydeen made the motion to approve cost share for each individual in the proper amount. Seconded by Gunvalson. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Powell noted that Schultz had completed 200 acres and 4 soil tests for \$8,100.00 of cost share to be taken out of Mississippi 1W1P funds. Powell noted Schultz also had a high visibility land on highway 71 and that his fields would be acquiring signage to promote no-till soil health and therefore was able to go above the 120 cap for compensation for the advertising to get more traction for the program. Kaiser made the motion to approve cost share for Schultz. Seconded by Strandlien. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Forest Stewardship: Powell noted that Wild had completed a forest stewardship plan for 75% of cost share on 320 acres for \$1,784.89 and Hazelton had completed 115 acres for 75% of cost share for \$944.77 to be taken out of the

Clearwater 1W1P funds. Kaiser made the motion to approve the cost share. Seconded by Strandlein. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Well Sealing: Powell noted Ramsrud had sealed a well for 50% of cost share fore \$500.00. Kaiser made the motion to approve cost share. Seconded by Strandlien. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Equipment: Powell noted there was faulty steel on the transport axel that had broken off and was talking to the manufactures about replacement. Powell noted the warranty was still good.

Trees: Powell noted 2025 trees had been ordered.

Training: Powell attended BWSR Academy on 10/29-10/31.

DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT

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

Profit & Loss:

Income:
7 (No Till Drill Rental) up almost \$2,000 No Till Drill rental payments, Line 9 (Plat Books) up almost \$200, will be billing out grants for the end of the year this next few weeks

Expenses:
Line 50 (Employee Training Account) up over \$200 rooms for BP and LB for BWSR Academy Line 56 (Office Supplies) up over \$100 folders and office supplies, Line 63 (Vehicle Maintenance). Up over \$500 for Hydraulic Cylander for the Drill Line 110 (WR-1W1P) up \$2,000 for SH payments. Line 115 (2023 Local Capacity) up over \$1500 for SH payments, Line 118 (Soil Health) up over \$10,000 for SH Cost Share payments.

Monthly Treasurer's Report: Line 10 (CD3) AIS expense, Line 11-12 (Vigen, Rohde) Soil Health Payment, Line 33 (Soild Bottom) AIS expense, Line 36-39(Nelson-Schommer) SH Cost Share payment.

Deposit Detail:

Deposit 1: 4th Qtr. County Appropriations, SH Cost Share Payments, Deposit 2: SH Payments, Plat Book payments, 1W1P reimbursements for hours and expenses, Deposit 3: final 10% of Clearwater 1W1P planning grant, Deposit 2: Interest earned on Checking, Deposit 3: Interest Earned on Savings

Balance Sheet:

Buell reported Line 4 (Checking Account): the end October was \$249,515.21

Line 10 (Savings Account): the end of October was \$24,545.91

Line 13 (Unearned Revenue): Line 41 2021-1W1P the 10% was received but was over allocated and portion (\$954.74) will have to be sent back.

A motion to accept the mostly complete September financial report was made by Gunvalson. Seconded by Kaiser. **Motion carried 5-0.**

DISTRICT OPERATION-Board Action Items and Information:

Annual Convention : Buell noted the annual convention would be held in the cities on December 2nd, 3rd and 4th for anyone who wanted to go.

BWSR Academy: Buell attended BWSR Academy on 10/29-10/30

Newsletter Quotes: Buell gave the board options for the newsletter to be put in the local paper. The board chose to have the newsletter printed in color and have it both in the shopper (\$2,148.00 w/ color) and the Farmer's Independent newspaper (\$2,813.36 with color) totaling \$4,916.36. Kaiser made the motion to go ahead with the newspaper and shopper. Seconded by Gunvalson. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Kaiser noted that he may be leaving the board next year.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:12 A.M. was made by Kaiser. Seconded by Gunvalson. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Paul Rydeen, 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.