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## **MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING Lyon Soil & Water Conservation District Monday, August 13th, 2012 6 PM**

The regular monthly meeting of the Soil & Water Conservation District met at the city office in Balaton, MN. Chair Meulebroeck called the meeting to order at 6 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call was taken.

Those present included; Meulebroeck, Nyquist, Prairie, Tomazin, Watson, Deutz, Biren, Crowley, Ritter, Croatt and Sharp.

John wanted to add the discussion of Jeanette Sharp's probation and moving her to the Lyon County payroll schedule. A motion by Crowley, seconded by Deutz was made to approve the agenda with the addition. Motion passed unanimously.

Mark Meulebroeck stated he would abstain from any cost-share contract voting as it is a conflict of interest.

A motion by Deutz, seconded by Nyquist was made to approve the July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012 meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Sharp presented four bills for payment approval as well as the Program Fund Report, Treasurer's Report and the Cash Balance Report to date. After discussion a motion was made by Deutz and seconded by Crowley to pay the bills as presented. With no further questions they were unanimously approved.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

John Biren reviewed the process that has taken place in the hiring of the SWCD Technician. After the Liaison Committee's recommendation the County Commissioners will need to do the final approval before a job offer can be made.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Jordan Croatt, the new Pheasant's Forever employee introduced himself and talked about his background and what he has been doing in his first few weeks.

John Biren summarized the 2013 Budget he has been working on and which will be approved as part of the total Lyon County Budget. The finalization will be completed in September. He wanted to remind the Supervisors that any project funds remaining at year end continue to be tracked as SWCD funds but other remaining budgeted areas roll back to the County General Fund.

### **Cost-Share Projects:**

Five Cost-Share projects were presented and discussed. Both John and Jamie recommended them as being very worthwhile in the prevention of erosion.

- 1) Bruce Larson           \$3304.90-cost share, \$4406.53-total cost, \$1101.63-owners cost.
  - 2) Mark Meulebroeck   \$12741.80-cost share, \$16989.07-total cost, \$4247.27-owners cost
  - 3) Mark Meulebroeck   \$9033.40-cost share, \$12044.53-total cost, \$3011.13-owners cost
  - 4) Steve Remiger       \$3746.99-cost share, \$4995.99-total cost, \$1249.00-owners cost
  - 5) Michael Longtin      \$3093.80-cost share, \$4125.07-total cost, \$1031.27-owners cost
- Total Cost-Share = \$31,920.89**

A motion was made by Deutz, seconded by Crowley to approve all five of the cost share contracts as presented. Motion passed with Crowley, Nyquist, Prairie, Deutz approving and Meulebroeck abstaining from voting.

John visited with the Supervisors concerning the probation period for Jeanette Sharp which is coming to an end and details of her transition to the Lyon County payroll needs to be completed. It was the consensus of the Board to allow John to work with the County HR department and make the necessary recommendation at the next Commissioners meeting for her position approval.

District Conservationist, Jamie Thomazin has been handling more 1026's as they come in. A total of 508 have been received since 10-1-2011. This process is expected to change in the near future. Jamie has also been handling emergency EQIP sign ups. Several listening sessions have taken place and summarizations of those will need to be filed as preparation for the next round of EQIP sign up will be coming soon. Other work reported includes grass waterways, hi-tunnel approvals, and a dead animal compost project. Details still need to be worked out for the necessary future office space contract.

Supervisors Reports –

RCRCA – Nyquist attended

Area 5 – Mark reminded the Board of the Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> legislative meeting in Redwood Falls

A motion was made by Prairie, seconded by Deutz to adjourn the meeting at 7 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

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Lyon SWCD Board Chair Signature

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