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MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
Lyon Soil & Water Conservation District
Tuesday, January 28th, 2014 10 AM

Meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Otto Nyquist, Allen Deutz, Gary Crowley, Steve Prairie, Mark Meulebroeck, Steve Ritter, John Biren, Luke Olson, Jamie Thomazin, Jeanette Sharp, Jeff Matzke, and Todd Hammer coming later in the meeting.

Crowley nominates Deutz for Board Chair, seconded by Meulebroeck. Request for nominations three times and all voted unanimously for Deutz as 2014 Board Chair.

Meulebroeck nominates Crowley for Vice-Chair, seconded by Deutz followed by request for nominations three times and all voted unanimously for Crowley as 2014 Vice-Chair.

Deutz nominates Prairie as Sec/Treasurer, seconded by Crowley and was followed by request for nominations three times with Board voting unanimously for Prairie as 2014 Sec/Treasurer.

Committee appointments by Board Chair as follows:

PR & I – Meulebroeck, Liaison Committee – Nyquist & Deutz, Personnel, Prairie & Meulebroeck, RCRCA – Meulebroeck, alt. Nyquist, SW Prairie TSA – Deutz, alt. Crowley, Area V – Meulebroeck, alt. Nyquist, Park & Rec – Prairie, alt. Crowley

Motion by Meulebroeck, seconded by Prairie to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Meulebroeck, seconded by Nyquist to approve the December 17th, 2013 minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Sharp reviewed a report for the total revenues/expenditures for 2013 that were forwarded to Lyon County as well as the January 2014 to date expenses that were submitted. Motion by Meulebroeck and seconded by Nyquist to approve the financial reports. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Biren reviewed the results of the Liaison Committee meeting held with Lyon County. It was a good opportunity to present accomplishments from all the departments of SWCD, Planning & Zoning, Ditch and Ag that they are involved with on a continuous basis as well as their training, education and all the reporting requirements.

The Board was brought up to date on the Targeted Watershed Grant. The Grant application made it thru the first phase and now will be granted an interview on February 10th, 2014 in the cities.

New Business:

WCA Resolution was discussed as well as the audit which was done. A motion was made by Meulebroeck, seconded by Nyquist to approve the Resolution which gives signing authority to the SWCD Administrator, Lyon County Ditch Inspector and the SWCD Conservation Technician. Motion passed unanimously.

Well Sealing criteria for cost sharing was discussed with the following guidelines to be set;

Applications will be brought before the Board and will be approved on the basis of it being a safety concern or a pollutant concern. If approved cost share will be at 50% with a cap of \$500. Motion by Prairie and seconded by Nyquist to approve with prior stipulations set. Motion passed unanimously.

Well Sealing for Kamrud was discussed using the set criteria. Motion by Meulebroeck and seconded by Prairie to NOT approve the application. Motion passed unanimously.

Cost Share for J. Larson was tabled as no bills were available to approve a payment.

Reports:

Luke – SWCD Technician – Year end reporting on elink is getting completed. He has also been doing the livestock updating for feedlots and completing those year end reports.

John – P & Z/SWCD Administrator – All year end grant reporting is up to date. Another issue discussed was the city of Marshall owned wetland west of town along Hwy 68. Todd Hammer was present for the discussion. It was felt with Board approval that John bring the issue to the Lyon County Board of Commissioners to address a wetland draining of the area and monitor the recording of the area.

Also discussed was the pond retention project and wetland along Highway 33.

Jamie – NRCS District Conservationist – Current CSP application deadline has been extended until February 7th, 2014 and there has been good participation to date. The past year's payments have been completed.

Jeff Matzki, new Soil Conservationist was introduced. He started on Jan. 27th and is working to familiarize himself with the office and area.

A Farm Bill is nearing approval.

Committee Reports:

RCRCA – Meulebroeck said the office is in the process of joining with Area 2 for staffing. The next meeting will be done as a conference call situation.

SW Prairie TSA – Election of officers was done – all remained the same. In other business the financial picture for 2015 looks secure but not so for year 2016 which is showing a deficit somewhat due to a state funding reduction. An option to help with finances is if SWCD's would refrain from requesting reimbursements.

Area V – Meulebroeck had no new business to report but the next meeting is scheduled for February 20th at St. Stephen's Church in Marshall.

Park & Rec – Prairie had nothing to report

County – No Report.

Meeting was adjourned at 12 o'clock.

Lyon SWCD Chair

Lyon SWCD Board Member Attest