



MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
Lyon Soil & Water Conservation District
Tuesday, February 24, 2015 12:00 P.M.

Chair Gary Crowley called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Deutz, Crowley, Meulebroeck, Prairie, Lavoy, S.Ritter, L. Olson, J. Biren, A. Cauwels, Tanner Bruse, and J. Thomazin.

Motion by Meulebroeck, seconded by Prairie to approve the January 27th, 2015 minutes as presented. Board Conflicts – None. All voted in favor, Motion passed.

Motion by Meulebroeck, seconded by Deutz to approve Agenda with the following changes:

- Take off Election of Officers

Motion by Deutz, seconded by Meulebroeck to approve the financial reports. All voted in favor, Motion passed.

Old Business:

- No old business

New Business:

- a. SWMACDE Donation – SWMACDE has asked for a donation of \$50 for the Soil Health Workshop scheduled on March 12 & 13, 2015 in Worthington and Marshall. The funds will go towards paying registration and mileage for the speakers at these events. Motion made by Prairie and seconded by Deutz to approve the \$50 donation. All voted in favor. Motion Passed
- b. BWSR Verification – Discussed the verification completed on February 4, 2015 with the Board. Being able to have better procedures to track dollars and to combine SWCD and Lyon County Boards for approvals of verifications will be a future goal. Verifications are stemmed through Legislative Audits through BWSR and SWCD's are randomly chosen to do the audits. Will receive Verification report from BWSR when all information has been received and compiled.
- c. Pheasant Fest/Quail Classic Update – Tanner Bruse attended the Fest held in Des Moines, IA on February 20,21, and 22, 2015. They assisted 150 landowners with getting information out to them about conservation practices. Next year will be held in Kansas City, MO. Rim/Buffer has 14 applications sent in. Contacting expiring CRP contracts for sign up. Looking at starting a Conservation Fund with Easement Implementation money funded from Rim Sign-ups and using for various projects such as ditch updates or maintenance of seed drill.
- d. Alternative Intakes – Recognized standard from either NRCS or BWSR on using grant money to cost share on intakes. Colleges want to compare intake vs. alternative intake and measure the results. Department of Agricultural has a sustainable grant up to \$25,000. Would need to write a grant proposal and try to get other financial commitments from other agencies. Would not be available until January 2016. Allen Deutz has offered to use land available to him for research. There will be an introduction to the information in St. Paul on April 15, 2015 that staff will attend. Lamberton Experiment Station will be contacted to see if they would be able to do the research.

- e. Contractor's Meeting – Dirt and Tiling Contractor's that work on our conservation projects will be invited to the meeting. Will go over expectations on the projects. Tentatively scheduled for March 17th, 2015 at 9 a.m. Permission granted to spend \$150 at the Minneota Sportsman's Club and \$100 for refreshments if needed. Motion for John to use own discretion when choosing to hold at Highway Department or Minneota Sportsman's Club made by Deutz and seconded by Lavoy. All voted in favor. Motion Passed
- f. Gary Buchert Cost Share Project – RCRCAs funded – Will be two water sediment control basins. Bill Molstad with RCRCAs is doing the design. Cost share estimate is \$15,000. Motion by Prairie and seconded by Meulebroeck for RCRCAs cost share approval.

District Technician - Luke Olson

- Feedlot Compliance Inspections and Level 3 Manure Spreading Testing, Working on Wetland and Conservation Projects.

NRCS - Jamie Thomazin

- CSP sign up – 21 eligible, 15 new enhancements. 2015 sign-up deadline has been moved to March 13, 2015. Duns and Sams Training for Incorporated Farms is in Mankato, MN.

District Office – John Biren

- P&Z – Meeting on Hog Facility, Solar Ordinance permit going in next week. Permit Application for Tracy in April 2015.
- Buffer Strips – There are currently two types of buffer regulations on the books. The first deals with the Shoreland standards. Public Waters require a fifty foot buffer from the ordinary high water mark. If the buffer was not in place prior to adoption, then not have a buffer is considered non-conforming. Non-conforming uses are allowed to continue until there is a change in the use. The second deals with County and Judicial Ditch systems. If users are sent out to re-determine benefits 16 ½ feet need to be purchased on either side of the ditch. This law was enacted in 1977.

RCRCAs - Mark Meulebroeck

- Executive Board Meeting on March 6, 2015.

Area V – Mark Meulebroeck

- Area 5 meeting was held at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church on February 19th, 2015. June meeting will be looking for a county to tour. Discuss more at next meeting.

SW TSA – Allen Deutz

- No meeting until end of March.

County – Rodney Stenstrud

- Steve Ritter filled in for Rodney during his absence. No updates.

Park – Steve Prairie

- Garvin Park Bridge Replacement and 36 new picnic tables ordered. Turkey hunting April 15- May 14, 2015. Movie nights for this summer.
- Twin Lakes – Sign for entrance, playground equipment and boat ramp will be constructed.
- September 5, 2015 High School Rodeo at the Fairgrounds.

Motion by Meulebroeck and seconded by Deutz to adjourn the Meeting. All voted in favor.

Lyon SWCD Board Chair Signature

Attest by Board Member

Date

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