

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
Lyon Soil and Water Conservation District
Monday, August 22nd, 2016- 7:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Supervisors Present: Steve Prairie, Gary Crowley, Mark Meulebroeck, Allen Deutz, Gary Lavoy

Others Present: Rodney Stensrud, John Biren, Luke Olson, Jamie Thomazin, Gary Watson, Emily Jaevens

Call to Order: Pledge of Allegiance Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m

Approve Agenda: Additions- Old Business: Cottonwood Lake Shoreland Stabilization Project, presented by Emily Jaevens, Manager of the Yellow Medicine River Watershed District. New Business: Greg Taylor Embankment Ponds. Motion by Deutz, seconded by Meulebroeck to approve the agenda. All voted in favor.

Identify Conflicts of Interest: None

Approve July 25, 2016 Minutes: Minutes read by Lavoy. Motion by Meulebroeck second by Crowley to approve July 25, 2016 Minutes. All voted in favor.

Financial Reports: Discussion.

Old Business:

- a. JD-69 – Cottonwood Lake inlet stabilization- Emily Jaevens with Yellow Medicine River Watershed District presented the project. The proposed plan is to regrade the shoreline and install geotextile and rock rip-rap. The total project cost for the south restoration was estimated at \$47,610. Biren- the Sportsmen’s Club and the ditch system are willing to help with the bill. Discussion regarding payment distribution for the project. Motion made by Meulebroeck, seconded by Lavoy to cost-share 60% of the estimate, \$28,566. A majority vote in favor, motion passes unanimously.
- b. 2016 MASWCD Candidate Prospect- discussion on handout.
- c. Well Sealing – Leroy Johnson – Biren explained that the well is near the vulnerable wellhead protection area. The sealing was done because landowner knew the well was near this area. The bill came in at \$857.98. Discussion regarding potential 2017 cost-share policy change on well sealing projects. Meulebroeck recommends applying cost –share to \$665.00 for the well sealing, MDH notification, and pump removal. Motion made by Meulebroeck, seconded by Crowley to cost-share 30% of eligible bill for \$199.50. All vote in favor, motion passes.

New Business:

- a. Greg Taylor Embankment Ponds – On CREP site, several ponds have already been constructed. 2 additional wildlife embankment ponds to slow water from approximately 365 acres of water. Projects were designed by Southwest Prairie TSA at an estimated cost of \$30,401.00. Motion made by Deutz, seconded by Meulebroeck to cost-share 75% of the estimate, \$22,800.75. All vote in favor, motion carries.

District Technician Report : Olson, Devin Ryan, and NRCS Soil Conservationist Michael Galliano attended a 3-day grassed waterway training, conducted by NRCS.

District Report: John – Biren hands out a Bolton & Menk study on Lake Yankton Outlet Modifications from 2013. Biren informs that Board that the Highway Department has posted the road down to 3-tons due to the quality of the timber piling bridge. The watercourse serves as the outlet for Lake Yankton and was straightened at one time. Biren has had conversations with the Township, Highway Department, Rapid City, Pierre and Eastern Railroad, and the adjacent landowner to discuss potential plans to restore the historic watercourse. Information only at this point.

District Conservationist Report: Jamie- CSP and CRP renewals are the main workload currently. 53 total CSP renewals with 51 contracts moving forward. 145 CRP contracts completed and 16 renewals, largely credited to partnership with Pheasants Forever. An Area IV Civil Engineering Technician will be moving to the field office September 1.

Gary Watson, NRCS Area IV District Manager, discussed workload for NRCS focused on CSP and CRP renewals. EQIP applications are up from last year. He also discussed vacancies within Area IV.

Committee Reports

Adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Lyon SWCD Board Chair Signature

Attest by Board Member

Date

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