

LYON SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Regular Monthly Board Meeting

Thursday, May 24, 2018

7:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order – Roll Call – Pledge of Allegiance
 - a. Approve Agenda – additions to agenda of h. Animal Composting Cost Share i. Otto Nyquist j. Field Day Supervisor Deutz k. Soil and Water Signs Motion: Deutz Second: Laleman All in Favor, Motion carried.
2. Identify Any Conflict of Interest - None
3. Approve April 17, 2018 Minutes - Sign and Date Motion: Meulebroeck Second: Deutz All in Favor, Motion carried.
4. Financial Reports
 - a. Biren explains that Devin’s position is being paid by local capacity, and even though it is a grant paid position it is permanent.
5. Business
 - a. Resolution to Implement Projects for the Yellow Medicine One Watershed One Plan – Discussion and Approval
Biren explains the relationship with the watershed district and cost share projects within the watershed. The watershed district will hold and approve the contracts in an attempt to streamline the process. Looking to approve the resolution. Discussion pertaining the ranking system and where the funding is coming from. Motion: Deutz Second: Meulebroeck All in Favor, Motion carried.
 - b. Agreement between the Yellow Medicine River Watershed District and the Lyon SWCD for the Provision of Shared responsibility of projects funded through watershed based funding programs – Discussion and Approval to have John Biren sign
Biren explains reasoning for the draft agreement from MCIT. Motion: Meulebroeck Second: Laleman All in Favor, Motion carried.
 - c. Richard Vroman – Well Sealing – Discussion and Approval
Biren explains well sealing and well sealing policy to board. Motion to approve well sealing cost share of \$432.50 which is 50% of the total bill \$865.00. Motion: Meulebroeck Second: Laleman All in Favor, Motion carried.
 - d. RCRCA Cost Share - Lynd 33 and Lynd 28 Small Dam Repair – Consideration and Approval
Biren explains project. RCRCA has \$10,511.78 that needs to be spent by the end of June. RCRCA is seeking \$2,827.09 to assist with the 75% cost share and help with the landowner cost. Motion: Meulebroeck Second: Laleman All in Favor, Motion carried.
 - e. Trees – Cost Share – Discussion
Biren explains the lack of available cost share with Federal and State money for trees. Danielle states that NRCS can cost share on tree projects pertaining to livestock with EQIP and CSP. SWCD is currently using the tree matting machine

and tree planting machine but does not have a cost share program in place. Biren states that if the board wishes to pursue a tree program the SWCD would be open if a cost share source could be found (Buffer money?). Board seeks approval from the County board to use a percentage of the buffer money to come back to the SWCD to cost share on projects that are not currently funded through cost share projects. Board will entertain some ideas for the next board meeting.

- f. Bill Ufkin - Well Sealing – Discussion and Approval
Biren explains request to approve well sealing cost share of \$304.45 which is 50% of the total bill \$608.90. Motion: Allen Second: Meulebroeck All in Favor, Motion carried.
 - g. Local Partners Agreement – Lyon SWCD & Pheasants Forever – Discussion and Approval
Biren explains agreement and the shared Pheasants Forever Position. Biren strongly supports this position. Board approves payment of payment of \$3250 for position Motion: Meulebroeck Second Laleman All in Favor, Motion carried.
 - h. Animal Composting Cost Share
Biren explains current project that NRCS and Ross Thompson are currently pursuing. NRCS pays a flat rate on projects of this nature, and it does not cover the total cost of the project. Biren seeks board opinion on cost sharing on Animal Compositing Facilities and the life expectancy details. Board does not wish to pursue.
 - i. Otto Nyquist
Discussion involving some washing on a terrace on Mr. Nyquist property. Staff will get a cost/more information and bring back to board.
 - j. Field Day Supervisor Deutz
Deutz provides information on a potential field day that shows conservation practices such as cover crops, annual pasturing and livestock incorporation. Looking for the Boards opinion on the field day.
 - k. Soil and Water Signs
Prairie brings up that some of the SWCD signs entering and leaving the County need to be replaced or repaired.
6. District Technician – Luke Olson/Devin Ryan
Ryan reports staff has been working on the buffer law, surveying, and designing cost share projects. New conservation core apprentice, Jordan Beck, started on May 21st and will be helping out on these projects as well.
 7. District Report – John Biren
Biren attended Minnesota River Congress and reported findings and information.
 8. District Conservationist Interim- NRCS – Danielle Waldschmidt/Gary Watson
Danielle reports the status of CSP, EQIP, CREP (Handout) Watson speaks on the reorganization of NRCS.
10. Committee Reports
 - a. RCRCA/Area 5/Area 2

Meulebroeck reports that Area 5 tour is on June 21st. RCRC/Area II has been close to receiving bonding of \$700,000. Lake Redwood dredging discussion is ongoing. RCRC has canoe trips on June 19th and 21st. Status of projects was reported.

b. SW Prairie TSA

Allen reports that Dawn Madison position is hearing positive reviews. NACD grant (\$25,000) will be used to pay TSA for Technical assistance, contracting with CENTROL with cover crops, and with EQIP projects.

c. Park & Rec

ATV recreational park grand opening will be on June 2nd at 10am.

d. County

Planning meeting will be on May 30th to discuss projects and budget. Buffer law money will be discussed.

11. Adjournment Motion

Meeting Location: SWCD Conference Room 1424 E. College Drive, Marshall, MN 56258

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