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MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
Lyon Soil & Water Conservation District
Tuesday, June 16, 2020 – 7:00 P.M.

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Supervisors Present: Deutz, Prairie, Meulebroeck, Lanoue, Laleman

Others Present: Biren, Cauwels, Olson, Peper, Heather

Absent: None

Identify Any Conflicts of Interest: Steve Prairie to abstain from Agenda item #J

Approve Agenda – Motion by Deutz, 2nd by Prairie to approve the agenda with additions. g. #11/20 – Todd Hammer – Well Sealing Payment – Approval h. #08/18 – Frank Engels – Basin -Final Payment – Approval i. #12/20 – Dan & Bill Fischer – 7-Basins & 4 Tiles – Encumber Funds – Approval j.#13/20 – Steve Prairie – Grassed Waterway - Encumber Funds – Approval

All in favor, motion carried.

Approve May 19, 2020 Minutes

Motion by Meulebroeck, 2nd by Prairie to approve May 19, 2020 Minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Financial Reports

Financial Reports presented discussion of financial reports, discussion.

Business

- A. #10/20 – Westly Ahlschlager – Well Sealing Payment – Approval** - Motion by Prairie, 2nd by Lanoue to approve the Well Sealing Contract in the amount of \$462.50 which is 50% cost share amount per well sealing policy. Total amount is \$925.00 and landowner amount of \$462.50. Payment will be taken out of 2020 Local Water Management Grant. All in favor, motion carried.
- B. Soil Health & Habitat Program - Discussion & Handout** – Pheasants Forever lead program that is helping producers with help from Purina that will pay for cover crop and perennial cover for up to 5 years. Covers the Prairie Pothole region. Crop data is analyzed and there is cost share involved. Up to 100 acres of cover crop at \$20/ acre. Perennial cover is \$250/acre one-time payment with \$150/acre seed and establishment. Deadline is June 30th, to sign up. No minimum acres. Need to have at least 1 year of precision yield data through John Deere Operations Center, Climate Field View or other precision platform and the farmer agrees to share the data with TruTerra.
- C. GBERBA Update – Handout** - Update from GBERBA on number for signups. Lyon County has 8 Certifications.

D. Local Work Group Meeting - Discussion & Handout – Heather went over handouts with the board.

The Local Work Group consisted of local producers, Centrol, NRCS Staff and SWCD Staff.

Conservation planning Motion by Meulebroeck 2nd by Lanoue to approve recommendations made at the March 12, 2020 meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

- E. Alternative Intake Policy – Discussion –** We adopted a policy in 2018. 75% up to \$500 per tile intake. We will be presenting contracts as we receive them.
- F. BWSR Reconciliation – Corrective Action Letter – Discussion & Handout –** BWSR reviewed contracts within 2018 Buffer Cost Share Vouchers for part of the corrective action. Part of the corrective action is to get landowner signatures on the voucher. Staff will be putting together a flow chart to submit to the BWSR staff by July 19, 2020 as part of the 60 day time frame to respond.
- G. #11/20 – Todd Hammer – Well Sealing Payment – Approval -** Motion by Prairie, 2nd by Meulebroeck to approve the Well Sealing Contract in the amount of \$337.50 which is 50% cost share amount per well sealing policy. Total amount is \$675.00 and landowner amount of \$337.50. Payment will be taken out of 2020 Local Water Management Grant. All in favor, motion carried.
- H. #08/18 – Frank Engels – Basins -Final Payment – Approval -** Motion by Meulebroeck, 2nd by Lanoue to approve the Final Payment for the Basin in the amount of \$1,660.00 Payment will be taken out of 2018 State Cost Share. All in favor, motion carried.
- I. #12/20 – Dan & Bill Fischer -7 Basins & 4 Tiles – Encumber Funds – Approval-** Motion by Meulebroeck, 2nd by Prairie to approve the Encumbering of Funds in the amount of \$52,297.69 which is 75% cost share amount. Total amount is \$69,730.25 and landowner amount of \$17,432.56. Payment will be taken out of 2020 Local Capacity Grant. All in favor, motion carried.
- J. #13/20 – Steve Prairie – Grassed Waterway– Encumber Funds – Approval-** Motion by Deutz 2nd by Meulebroeck to approve the reconstruction of grassed waterway in the amount of \$1,553.56. which is 75% cost share amount. Total amount is \$2,071.15 and landowner amount of \$ 517.79. Payment will be taken out of All in favor, motion carried.

District Technician – Luke or Devin– CREP Restorations and make sure they are built correctly. Projects are surveyed and ready to go, hopefully through EQIP. Online Feedlot updates by Ryan. Buffer's are getting completed. Ted, summer intern is doing spot checks on RIM. Walk in Access is a short-term lease to allow hunting on public land at \$10/acre per year. Up to \$13/acre per year with incentives, minimum size needs to be 40 acres at 1-3-year contract.

District Report – John – County ditch work has been busy. Septic systems installations are picking up. County Board met and Sanow would like to get the boards together in August to go over budgets, etc.

District Conservationist – Kelly Heather – EQIP eligibility should be known this week. CSP is only going to be ranking on High Priority. New Earth Team Volunteer Maggie and Patrick through Pathfinders for the summer. Randy Sik has started in Ivanhoe.

Pheasants Forever – Mark Peper - BJ Werk – PF Agriculture Precision Ag and Conservation Specialist, offers business, agronomic, and Conservation planning service for MN Producers with the goal of increasing farm income by integrating conservation and alternative practices on less profitable crop acres.

Committee Reports

- **RCRCA –** Lake Redwood Dredging meeting on 6-17-20
- **Area II River Basins Inc. –** No report
- **MASWCD Area V -** June meeting cancelled, next meeting in November.
- **SW Prairie TSA –** Meeting last week through Zoom – Extended a contract with Dawn Madison for another 2 years. New technician is working well. Busy with projects.

- **Yellow Medicine Watershed District** – Issues with tiling without permits
- **Yellow Medicine 1W1P**- No report
- **Park & Rec** – No report
- **County** – No report

Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Lyon SWCD Board Chair Signature

Attest by Board Member

Date

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