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MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING Lyon Soil & Water Conservation District Tuesday, December 21, 2021 – 7:00 P.M.

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:02 P.M.

Roll Call

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

Others Present: Biren, Ryan and Crowley

Absent: None

Identify Any Conflicts of Interest: None

<u>Approve Agenda</u> –Motion by Meulebroeck, 2nd by Lanoue to approve the Agenda All in favor, motion carried.

Approve November 16, 2021 Minutes

Motion by Laleman, 2nd by Meulebroeck to approve November 16, 2021 Minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Financial Reports

Financial Reports presented.

Business

- A. #07/21 -Melvin Monson Grassed Waterway and Diversion Cost Share Voucher Payment Approval Motion by Deutz, 2nd by Lanoue to approve the Cost Share Voucher Payment in the amount of \$17,200.43 which is 75% of the total of \$22,933.91 with 25% Landowner amount of \$5,743.48. Payment will be from FY 2022 Conservation Delivery. All in favor to pay for Grassed Waterway and Subsurface Drain Cost Share Voucher, motion carried.
- **B.** #11/21 Randy Sook Water & Sediment Control Basin Cost Share Amendment Approval Motion by Meulebroeck, 2nd by Laleman to approve the Cost Share Amendment in the amount of \$10,521.44, which is 75% of the total amount of \$14,028.59. 25% Landowner amount is \$3,507.15. Portions of the tile bill exceeded the estimated amount for the project, but were necessary to complete the project. The project came in \$388.49 over the original estimate. All in favor, motion carried.
- C. #11/21 Randy Sook Water & Sediment Control Basin Cost Share Voucher Payment Approval Motion by Meulebroeck, 2nd by Duetz to approve the Cost Share Voucher Payment in the amount of \$10,521.44, which is 75% of the total amount of \$14,028.59. 25% Landowner amount is \$3,507.15. Payment will be from 2022 State Cost Share. All in favor to pay for Water & Sediment Control Basin Cost Share Voucher, motion carried.

<u>District Technician – Luke or Devin</u> – Devin working on feedlot inspections and registration. Couple of projects that we are waiting on bills. Working on surveys. Checkups on Buffers.

<u>District Report – John</u> - Presented resolution voting from Annual Meeting. New employee for Conservation Technician, Courtney Snyder, will start on January 3, 2022.

Conversation on office space. Best customer service is provided when located with USDA. SWCD staff has been told for several years that USDA will be looking for new space, and the SWCD will potentially not be invited. In that case, the SWCD options are locating at public works or the courthouse. Courthouse presents challenges with equipment and parking space.

Board Statement: We feel the best customer service is provided being co-located with USDA. If the time comes where we are forced to move, we would like to be involved in the decision making process of where staff will be located.

Motion by Meulebroeck to approve board statement on space, second by Deutz. All in favor, motion carried.

<u>District Conservationist – Kelly Heather</u> – 2021 EQIP contract stats provided by Biren. <u>Pheasants Forever – Mark Peper</u> – Biren highlighted a potential exiting easement program to enhance existing easements grass cover/habitat. More information at a later date.

Committee Reports

- RCRCA Lake Redwood dredge project continuing
- Area V None
- Area II River Basins Increasing bonding request from 1million to 1.5 million
- **SW Prairie TSA** No meeting until 2022. John highlighted to quality of our TSA.
- Park & Rec Meeting Dec 21st 2021. Shared some discrepancies over fees changes. Garvin Park awarded legacy grant.
- Yellow Medicine Watershed Possibly looking for new office
- One Watershed One Plan (Yellow Medicine) Policy Steering Workgroup Reports and Plans with completed projects
- One Watershed One Plan (Des Moines) Meeting was cancelled due to weather, postponed to later date. They are developing priorities. Funding does not cover easements.
- **County** Set levy at 1.756%. Increased wind tower activity.

| Meeting Adjourned at 8:15 p.m. | |
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| Lyon SWCD Board Chair Signature | Attest by Board Member |
| Date | Date |