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MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
Lyon Soil & Water Conservation District
Tuesday, March 15, 2022 – 7:00 P.M.

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:04 P.M.

Roll Call

Supervisors Present: Prairie, Laleman, Lanoue and Meulebroeck

Others Present: Biren, Ryan, Olson, Snyder, Cauwels, Kelly Heather (NRCS), Gatlin Hemann (NRCS), and Maggie Syversen (NRCS).

Absent: Deutz

Identify Any Conflicts of Interest: None

Approve Agenda –Motion by Laleman, 2nd by Lanoue to approve the Agenda with addition of I. Water Quality and Storage Grant through BWSR. All in favor, motion carried.

Approve February 15, 2022 Minutes

Motion by Prairie, 2nd by Laleman to approve February 15, 2022 Minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Financial Reports

Financial Reports presented.

Business

- A. Title VI/VII – EOO –Civil Rights Resources – NRCS/SWCD – Discussion**–Annual review based off of the Memorandum of Agreement and/or Cooperative Agreement between NRCS and Board. 1964 Civil Rights Act, Program Outreach, Public Notification Responsibilities, Secretary of Ag Civil Rights Policy Statement, USDA Alternative Dispute Resolution Policy Statement, USDA Anti-Harassment Policy Statement, USDA Nondiscrimination Statement, ‘And Justice for All’ posters, USDA ‘Sexual Harassment is Illegal’ poster, FPAC EEO Counseling poster, FPAC Limited English Proficiency Translation and Interpretation Services Guide, NRCS LEP Service poster & Ispeak Card. Affirmation of Review is to have NRCS and SWCD Board sign off on all the above. Motion for SWCD Supervisors to sign Civil Rights Responsibilities for Partners Checklist. Motion by Prairie 2nd by Laleman. All in favor, motion carried.
- B. Feedlot Annual Report – Handout and Discussion** – 2021 Year-End review worksheet handouts. MPCA has determined that the county satisfactorily met 18 out of an 18 or 100 percent of non-inspection minimum program requirements. 23 inspections were completed.
- C. Cottonwood and Redwood One Watershed One Plan – Discussion** – Both watersheds are ready to apply for the planning grant. Local Work Group will apply for Cottonwood this year and Redwood next year. If applied for together as one grant, would lose out on \$250,000 every 2 years. Cottonwood watershed has several projects ready to go. RCRC board has motion to serve as the planning grant administrator and fiscal agent for both the Redwood and Cottonwood.

- D. Cottonwood Lake Project – Letter of Support – Handout and Approval to sign letter** –Letter of support to Dr. Jeff Strock, Southwest Research & Outreach Center in Lambertton to show support to implement conservation practices, provide education and outreach for Cottonwood Lake. Motion by Prairie, 2nd by Lanoue to approve Board Chairman Meulebroeck to sign letter of support. All in favor, motion carried.
- E. Cottonwood Lake Water Testing – Approval** – Working on a start-up program with SMSU they can't do all the water testing. Other testing will be done by MVTL out of New Ulm. They also want to test the accuracy of the testing that they are doing. Motion by Prairie 2nd by Laleman to approve \$1,400.00 for Cottonwood Lake Water Testing. Funds will be taken out of 2022 Local Water Management for testing costs. All in favor, motion carried.
- F. Lyon SWCD Non Structural Conservation Practice Cost Share Policy – Handout and Approval** – Will be used to assist landowners with implementing soil and water health practices including but not limited to cover crops, tillage management and conservation cover. Flat rates will be used as an alternative to percentage based payments. Cover Crops maximum cost share per contract is \$7,500.00. Tillage Management (Strip-No-Till) maximum payment of \$7,500.00 and Conservation Cover maximum payment of \$1,500 per 10 acres. Decision making authority by Lyon SWCD Supervisors. Tabled by supervisors for future meeting pending funding opportunities.
- G. #02/22 – Wayne Anderson – Water and Sediment Control Basin Cost Share Contract – Approval** –Tabled until future meeting. Engineering will be redesigning project.
- H. #03/22 – Kenneth Rialson – Water and Sediment Control Basin Cost Share Contract – Approval** - Tabled until future meeting. Engineering will be redesigning project.
- I. Water Quality and Storage Grant through BWSR.**– One million dollar pilot grant. County board has approved applying for pilot grant. 2 – proposed projects that will be applied for through BWSR. Will encourage affected landowners to sign letter of support for the grant opportunity. Motion by Prairie, 2nd by Lanoue to approved SWCD Chair to sign letter of support for proposed grant projects. All in favor, motion carried.

District Technician – Luke Olson, Devin Ryan or Courtney Snyder - Working on Water & Storage Grant Application preparation. Landowners seeking grants for projects.

District Report – John Biren – Wheels Across the Prairie, Tracy, tile issues. Looking to do some improvements.

District Conservationist – Kelly Heather – CSP Rankings are in process. EQIP – pre-approve list in action. LWG (Local Work Group) will be next month.

Pheasants Forever – Mark Peper – No report.

Committee Reports

- **RCRCA** – Lake Redwood dredge project continuing
- **Area V** – June 16th Supervisors meeting will be tour of Lake Redwood Dredging Project
- **Area II River Basins** – Increasing bonding request for 1.5 million. Has been drafted and submitted to Legislators.
- **SW Prairie TSA** – Meeting was held on 3-2-22. Dawn Madison is working with Courtney.
- **Park & Rec** – Master plan for bike trails. Would then qualify for grant dollars to fix existing trails.
- **Yellow Medicine Watershed** – 2018/2019 grants have been spent.
- **One Watershed One Plan (Yellow Medicine)** – No report

- **One Watershed One Plan (Des Moines)** – No report
- **One Watershed One Plan (Cottonwood)** – No report
- **One Watershed One Plan (Redwood)** - No report
- **County** – Roofing on courthouse needs to be replaced. CD 7 tile repair bid has been approved. 4 pup-trailers approved for purchase. Possibility of re-districting.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Lyon SWCD Board Chair Signature

Attest by Board Member

Date

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