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MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
Lyon Soil & Water Conservation District
Tuesday, November 8, 2023 – 4:00 P.M.

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 4:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

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

Others Present: Giles, Biren, Cauwels, Olson, Snyder & Crowley

Absent:

Identify Any Conflicts of Interest: Meulebroeck abstain from agenda item j.

Approve Agenda – Approve agenda with addition of j. #25/23 – Lynda Meulebroeck Life Estate Trust, C/O Brad Meulebroeck – Water & Sediment Control Basin, Grassed Waterway, Diversion – Contract Approval – Handout and Approval. k. #13/23 – Allen Telste – Water & Sediment Control Basin – Voucher Approval – Handout and Approval. l. Greg Taylor – Grade Stabilization- Voucher Approval – Discussion and Approval. Motion by Deutz, 2nd by Laleman to approve the agenda. All in favor, motion carried

Approve September 13, 2023 Minutes

Motion by Deutz, 2nd by Laleman to approve September 13, 2023 Minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Financial Reports - Cauwels presented Financial Reports

Business

- A. GBERBA Update** – Handout with new information for MAWQCP for September and October 2023.
- B. Peterson Company, LLC – Audit Invoice – Handout and Approval** – Cauwels presented the Audit Invoice in the amount of \$3,500.00 from Peterson Company, LLC. This is for 2022. Motion by Deutz, 2nd by Meulebroeck to approve the Audit Invoice in the amount of \$3,500.00. All in favor, motion carried.
- C. #22/23 – Roger Green - Well Sealing – Handout and Approval-** Motion by Meulebroeck, 2nd by Deutz to approve to approve the Well Sealing Voucher for #22/23 in the amount of \$500.00 which is 50% up to \$500.00 per Well Sealing Policy. Total amount of the sealing was \$1,300.00 for a 88’, 6” well. All in favor, motion carried.
- D. Friends of the Minnesota Valley – Handout and Discussion** – Friends of the Minnesota Valley staffed booths at 10 county fairs in the Minnesota River Basin. Their message is to relay the negative effect and costs of erosion, sediment transfer and water quality in the Minnesota River Basin. Suggesting solutions to erosion by promoting regenerative farming, cover crops and the farming practices most often being promoted by SWCD’s and promoting recreational uses of the Minnesota River and its tributaries. They would fully staff a fair booth, discuss erosion, sediment

transfer and water quality. The SWCD would provide additional staffing, rental cost of the booth and provide handout materials. Motion by Deutz, 2nd by Prairie to give permission for staff to meet and discuss with the Friends of the Minnesota Valley on operating a Fair Booth in 2024 at the Lyon County Fair. Deutz, Prairie, Lanoue, Laleman yes, Meulebroeck, no. Motion Carried.

- E. **Implement Rental Policy for Truax Seeder –Approval for Rates –** Discussion on what other area SWCD's are charging for their equipment. Staff recommendation to have the Implement Rental Policy for the Truax Seeder have a rate of 50.00 minimum for first acre and \$15.00 per acre over one acre. Motion by Deutz, 2nd by Prairie to approve the rate of \$50.00 minimum for first acre and \$15.00 per acre over one acre with agreement to be gather information and revisit rates in Fall of 2024. All in favor, motion carried.
- F. **#23/23 – James Van Damme – Well Sealing – Handout and Approval -** Motion by Meulebroeck, 2nd by Laleman to approve to approve the Well Sealing Voucher for #23/23 in the amount of \$477.50 which is 50% up to \$500.00 per Well Sealing Policy. Total amount of the sealing was \$955.00 for a 54', 4" well. All in favor, motion carried.
- G. **#24/23 – Tom Winn - Well Sealing – Handout and Approval -** Motion by Meulebroeck, 2nd by Laleman to approve to approve the Well Sealing Voucher for #22/23 in the amount of \$465.00 which is 50% up to \$500.00 per Well Sealing Policy. Total amount of the sealing was \$930.00 for a 80', 5" well. All in favor, motion carried.
- H. **Magic Funds using Grant Funds – Discussion and Approval –** The magic fund also known as the Minnesota Association of Governments Investing for Counties is a joint powers entity in the form of a common law trust organized and existing under the laws of the State of Minnesota in accordance with the provisions of the Minnesota Joint Powers Act. The fund was established in the fall of 1990 for the purpose of allowing Minnesota Counties and instrumentalities of Counties to pool their investment funds to seek the highest possible investment yield, while maintaining liquidity and preserving capital. Need to bring back to board for future discussion.
- I. **#02/23 BE – Dick Carrow – Alternative Intake Conversion – Handout and Approval -** Motion by Laleman, 2nd by Lanoue to approve the Alternative Intake Contract & Voucher for Dick Carrow for 4 intakes in the amount of \$1,200.00. Funds will be out of Buffer Enforcement. All in favor, motion carried.
- J. **#25/23 – Lynda Meulebroeck Life Estate Trust, C/O Brad Meulebroeck – Water & Sediment Control Basin, Grassed Waterway, Diversion – Contract Approval – Handout and Approval –** Motion by Prairie, 2nd by Laleman to approve the Cost Share Contract for 3 Water & Sediment Control Basins, a Grassed Waterway and a Diversion in the amount of \$28,566.90 which is 75% of the total cost of \$38,566.90. Landowner funds of 25% is \$9,522.30. All in favor, motion carried.
- K. **#13/23 – Allen Telste – Water & Sediment Control Basin – Voucher Approval – Handout and Approval -** Motion by Prairie, 2nd by Laleman to approve the Water & Sediment Control Basin Voucher in the amount of \$7,128.05 which is 75% of the total cost of \$9,504.06. Landowner amount of 25% is \$2,376.01. Dirt work came in under the original contract. All in favor, motion carried.
- L. **Greg Taylor – Grade Stabilization- Voucher Approval – Discussion and Approval -** Dirt work and rock came in higher to complete the work at a higher standard to make sure that there isn't a future erosion and sediment issue. Motion by Deutz, 2nd by Prairie to pay 50% of total bill, \$6,280.00. Total amount is \$3,816.50. All in favor, motion carried.

District Technician – Luke, Courtney and Blake – *Courtney discussed Water & Sediment Control Basin for Justin Louwagie for farmable basin. It washed bad in 2019. Asking supervisors for help with extra cost for Louwagie. It was a needed change vs. voluntary. Bring back to the board after invoices have been received and make motion at that time. Environmental Fair had about 1600 children and 20

presenters. Working on Lyon SWCD Facebook Page. *Olson – Wetland violation has been approved for the restoration work. Sodus 32 - County will sell wetland credits for CD 14 project. Will help with wetland impacts.

* Giles, working on pollinator plots and they would like to burn grassed areas.

District Report – John – Looking at Zoning Ordinances to update them on November 14th.

District Conservationist – Kelly Heather – From now until the end of the year we'll just be trying to certify practices completed and paying people out. Once finished with that we'll start contacting applicants to plan out the next batch of applicants for CSP and EQIP. Gatlin went to position in Iowa, Randy Sik from Ivanhoe going to FSA and Sara Reagan is going to BWSR. ACT now – will fund applications immediately. \$3 million for team for Lyon, Lincoln and Yellow Medicine Counties.

Marshall still trying to get admin position through NRCS to replace what Vicki used to help with- nobody applied this last sign up, but they plan on running advertisement again soon.

Pheasants Forever – Brock Boerboom – No report.

Committee Reports

RCRCA –

- **Lake Redwood Dredging Update** Aerial seeding was completed September 12, the day after 1.5" of rainfall. Netzke submitted the last reimbursement request for bonding after Houston Engineering approved the final payment and retainage release from JF Brennan. Any remaining expenses will be paid out of the City of Redwood Falls remaining funds.

- **Environmental Fair** Shawn and Joy presented the Stream Table during the Environmental Fair to be held at the Lyon County Fairgrounds on September 26 & 27. 8 oz bottles of water were provided to the 380 students and teachers with printed labels promoting RCRCA's 40th Anniversary in water quality improvements.

Area II River Basins –

- **Hansel's Replacement** Bolton & Menk had identified another employee with qualifications to replace Hansel. Internal discussions are being held. Meanwhile, Netzke will make some inquiries of other engineering firms of their interest in Area II should arrangements with Bolton & Menk not work out.

- **Funding** - The struggle to receive funds, and grant agreements for funds continues. The \$1.5M of bonding is held up at MMB. BWSR claims the issue stems from the legislative language for all grants, not just ours. Area II's grants are more difficult due to the higher dollar amounts which slows MMB's actions. It is hoped to receive the funds by the end of October, however it will be too late for any construction projects in 2023.

- **AREA II/RCRCA Legislative Gathering**. Was held on Thursday, November 2. The guest speaker was Rita Weaver, BWSR Chief Engineer, who will speak about the Water Quality & Storage grant program and possible policy changes to better utilize the \$17 million appropriation. The location was at Key Largo at Lake Shetek.

- **Area V** – Next meeting is on November 16th at St. Stephens Church in Marshall
- **SW Prairie TSA Meeting** - Next meeting in January.
- **Park & Rec** - Meeting at Garvin Park. Another grant for the parks was received for primitive sites with camper cabins.
- **Yellow Medicine Watershed** – Policy meeting on Monday.
- **One Watershed One Plan (Yellow Medicine)** – No report
- **One Watershed One Plan (Des Moines)** – Technical meeting today. \$622,000.00 for ag practices available.

- **One Watershed One Plan (Cottonwood – Middle MN)** – Technical Meeting – resource concern area and priority area.
- **One Watershed One Plan (Redwood)** - Elected Officials Orientation Meeting for the Redwood River Comprehensive Water Management Plan One Watershed, One Plan Program will be held in the Old Commissioner’s Room of the Lyon County Government Center on Friday, December8, 2023 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. This is an orientation meeting specifically for elected officials and staff to reacquaint them to the One Watershed, One Plan Program.
- **County** – No report

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Lyon SWCD Board Chair Signature

Attest by Board Member

Date

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