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MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
Lyon Soil & Water Conservation District
Tuesday, September 13, 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 & Graupmann

Absent: Snyder, Crowley

Identify Any Conflicts of Interest: None

Approve Agenda – Approve agenda with agenda of N. #21/23 – Paul Arends – Well Sealing – Handout and Approval. Motion by Deutz, 2nd by Laleman to approve the agenda. All in favor, motion carried

Approve August 9, 2023 Minutes

Motion by Meulebroeck, 2nd by Deutz to approve August 9, 2023 Minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Financial Reports - Cauwels presented Financial Reports

Business

- A. GBERBA Update** – Handout with new information for MAWQCP for August 2023.
- B. Peterson Company, LLC – Draft Audit – Handout and Approval** – Cauwels presented the Draft Audit from Peterson Company, LLC. This is for 2022. Motion by Meulebroeck, 2nd by Laleman to approve Draft Audit. All in favor, motion carried.
- C. #15/23 – Janet Baron – Grade Stabilization-Dam Repair – Voucher Approval** – Motion by Deutz 2nd by Laleman to approve the Voucher for the Janet Baron Grade Stabilization-Dam Repair. \$6,520.00 will be from 2023 Local Capacity, \$32,600.76 will be from County Buffer Enforcement Funds and \$4,346.47 from the Landowner. Total Cost of project is \$43,467.68. All in favor, motion carried.
- D. #16/23 – Carter Buchert - Well Sealing – Handout and Approval** - Motion by Meulebroeck, 2nd by Laleman to approve to approve the Well Sealing Voucher for #16/23 in the amount of \$500.00 which is 50% up to \$500.00 per Well Sealing Policy. Total amount of the sealing was \$1,350.00 for a 365', 5" well. All in favor, motion carried.
- E. Redwood-Cottonwood Rivers Control Area Joint Powers Agreement – Approval to have Mark Meulebroeck sign agreement** - Meulebroeck has signed the agreement.
- F. #17/23 – Gary & Carol Mitzner – Grassed Waterway – Handout and Contract Approval** – Motion by Prairie, 2nd by Meulebroeck to approve Contract #17/23 for Gary & Carol Mitzner for a Grassed Waterway in the amount of \$3,495.00. Total amount for the project is \$4,660.00 with Landowner

amount of \$1,165.00. \$3,495.00 will be taken out of 2023 Local Capacity. All in favor, motion carried.

- G. #18/23 – Gary & Carol Mitzner – Grassed Waterway-Subsurface Drain – Handout and Contract Approval** - Motion by Prairie, 2nd by Meulebroeck to approve Contract #18/23 for Gary & Carol Mitzner for a Grassed Waterway and Subsurface drain in the amount of \$17,587.50. This includes \$1,500.00 pre-construction cover. Total amount for the project is \$21,450.00 with Landowner amount of \$5,362.50. \$17,587.50 will be taken out of 2023 Local Capacity. All in favor, motion carried.
- H. #26/22 – Edward Delanghe – Amendment to Cost Share Contract – Handout and Approval –** Motion by Deutz, 2nd by Laleman to approve the amendment to the Cost Share Contract #26/22 in the amount of \$11,626.50. The original total amount authorized was \$12,751.50. Reason for the Amendment is that the constructed waterway did not follow the engineer-approved design and therefore does not meet the NRCS practice code 412-Grassed Waterway standards. All in favor, motion carried.
- I. #26/22 – Edward Delanghe – Cost Share Voucher Payment - Handout and Approval -** Motion by Deutz, 2nd by Laleman to approved the Voucher amount for \$11,626.50. Total cost of the project was \$19,595.87 with Landowner amount of \$7,969.37. \$11,626.50 will be from 2022 Local Capacity. All in favor, motion carried.
- J. #19/23 – Ryan Vandendriessche – Well Sealing – Handout and Approval -** Motion by Deutz, 2nd by Laleman to approve to approve the Well Sealing Voucher for #19/23 in the amount of \$500.00 which is 50% up to \$500.00 per Well Sealing Policy. Total amount of the sealing was \$2,250.00 for a 449', 5" well. All in favor, motion carried.
- K. SWCD Aid Funds – Discussion -** \$166,153.86 total funds by mid-December will be available. Discussion with SWCD Board to focus on projects, equipment, possible shelterbelt or windbreak replacements or other opportunities in future discussions. Check into tractor rental with different implement dealers. Board and Staff will keep working on appropriate ways to utilize the funds.
- L. Report on No-Till Drill – John, Steve and Blake – Discussion and Approval –** The No-Till Drill is a 7.5 foot, 12 row drill with 3 seed boxes. Truck rate from Truax Company to Marshall will be \$750.00. Suggestion to add acre meter for \$300.00. Motion by Meulebroeck, 2nd by Prairie to approve the truck freight rate for \$750.00 and acre meter for \$300.00. Funds will be from 2023 Local Capacity. All in favor, motion carried.
- M. #20/23 -Greg Taylor/Arlington Trust – Retention Pond Maintenance - Cost Share Contract – Approval –** Motion by Meulebroeck, 2nd by Laleman to approve the Retention Pond Maintenance. Previously approved to pay 50% up to \$1,500.00 on December 20, 2022 SWCD Meeting. Funds will be from Miscellaneous Funds. Recommendation by Deutz to approve 75% and not 50%. 4 (Laleman, Meulebroeck, Prairie, Lanoue) in favor, 1 (Deutz) not in favor to pay \$1,500.00. Motion carried.
- N. #21/23 – Paul Arends – Well Sealing – Handout and Approval -** Motion by Meulebroeck, 2nd by Laleman to approve to approve the Well Sealing Voucher for #21/23 in the amount of \$500.00 which is 50% up to \$500.00 per Well Sealing Policy. Total amount of the sealing was \$5,387.50 for a 93', 6" well. All in favor, motion carried.

District Technician – Luke, Courtney and Blake – Olson- Louwagie Country, east of Green Valley, water was diverted. Giles - Pollinator plot is continuing to be worked on with City. Received information back from TSA on side inlets. Went to prescribed control burn training hosted by Pheasants Forever. Will be attending Shoreline Restoration training in Windom.

District Report – John – Possible water storage project including JD 12 by Florence.

Acting District Conservationist – Jeff Berens – Gatlin will be leaving us at the end of October to take a new position with NRCS in Iowa! Also, preparing for CSP payment season and requesting for contract holders to turn

in their completed practice documentation ASAP so that participants can be paid in a timely manner. Kelly should be back by early November. Systems shut down at the end of the month for annual maintenance so we may have a week or 2 stretch where we could be limited on the computers.

Pheasants Forever – Brock Boerboom – Handout for Easement Enhancements for Bees & Insects. Boerboom addressed what they are looking for to improve stands on Easements. Has to be on RIM or CREP land. CRP deadlines are going to be on 9-30-23. No new farm bill yet.

Committee Reports

RCRCA –

- **Lake Redwood Dredging Update** The City has arranged for 2,4-D to be aerially applied to control the weeds and to allow for more direct seed-to-soil contact when the aerial seeding is done in September. Pioneer Public TV filmed at Lake Redwood for a Prairie Sportsmen segment on September 12. They want to focus on the benefits of the dredging: fishing, birding/wildlife, economic impact, and recreation. Netzke lined up several to be interviewed including Senator Gary Dahms, DNR Fisheries Regional Manager Scott Mackenthun, lake resident Dave Tisue, economic development coordinator Briana Mumme, city public works director Jim Doering, and Netzke herself.
- **JPA** Netzke sent the revised JPA to all members for review and approval for signature. No comments have been received opposing any of the changes. Netzke will collect the remaining four signatures by month end.
- **Environmental Fair** RCRCA was asked to present the Stream Table during the Environmental Fair to be held at the Lyon County Fairgrounds on September 26 & 27. 8 oz bottles of water will be provided to the students with printed labels promoting RCRCA's 40th Anniversary in water quality improvements.

Area II River Basins –

- **Hansel's Replacement** Bolton & Menk had identified Matt Simon as Hansel's replacement for Area II. It is proposed that Matt would come to the Marshall office twice per month, every-other-week, and will work remotely the in-between weeks with a brief ZOOM "staff meeting" at the start of the day. Area II can easily provide remote access to the cloud server. Duane and Matt plan to overlap during the months of November and December, and hopefully Matt will be able to start in January. Hansel informed Netzke on September 6 that Matt Simon announced his resignation from Bolton & Menk. We will continue to work with Bolton & Menk to find another engineer.
- **Corps of Engineers (USACE)** Area II continues to struggle with USACE and obtaining permits for 2 projects. Permit applications were submitted December 2022, and very little movement happened until March/April. It was felt that the delay was intentional as the WOTUS Supreme Court ruling was expected in June. After site visits, more information requests, and virtual meetings, USACE revealed that they would receive WOTUS guidance on September 1. On September 1, USACE informed Netzke that they hadn't received training on the guidance yet which they anticipated would happen within the next few weeks.
- **Water Quality & Storage Grants**
 - 2021 Custer 10 Dam (Lyon)** – D&G Excavating has completed the project and payment is being issued. The flowage easement is being recorded at the courthouse, and final bills paid
 - 2023 Redwood Falls 8/9 Grade Stabilization (Redwood)** – Bids for this project were received on August 16 with the low bidder being Ryan West Excavating at \$62,220.50. This project, together with a related terraces job across the Redwood River, will be financed with BWSR Water Quality and Storage grant funds. Construction on the grade stabilization began September 11. The City of Redwood Falls has offered to provide 15% funding, lowering the landowner match to 10%, using remaining funds from the Lake Redwood dredging local funds. These two projects will capture 2060 tons/year of sediment which is 11% towards the Redwood River TSS goal of 18,674 tons/year. 55.3 acre-feet of floodwater storage is provided on a 100-year storm event.
 - 2023 Alta Vista 27 Road Retention (Lincoln)** – Area II sent out an RFP for soil borings to be collected this Fall. With that information, final design can be completed and permit applications submitted. 2024 construction is anticipated.
- **AREA II/RCRCA Legislative Gathering**. Save the date: Thursday, November 2. The guest speaker will be 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 will be Key Largo at Lake Shetek. The meeting will start around 3:30 with evening meal provided.
- **Area V** – Next meeting is on November 16th at St. Stephens Church in Marshall

- **SW Prairie TSA Meeting** - Meeting last week, financial standpoint they are doing fine. They are in the process of purchasing a drone with lidar capabilities. Possible future technician to be hired. Next meeting in January. Will not be charging for tech services due to increased grant funds.
- **Park & Rec** - No report
- **Yellow Medicine Watershed** – Shared coordinator position
- **One Watershed One Plan (Yellow Medicine)** – The Yellow Medicine & Lac qui Parle-Yellow Bank 1W1P Policy Committees will be scheduling a joint meeting soon to discuss a shared coordinator position to serve both watersheds. A Doodle Poll has been conducted, but due to poor participation in the poll, no meeting date has yet been determined.
- **One Watershed One Plan (Des Moines)** – Technical meeting today. One contract for cover crops.
- **One Watershed One Plan (Cottonwood – Middle MN)** – The Steering Team and Policy Committee meet the 3rd Wednesdays of the month. The priority issues have been categorized into Ground Water, Surface Water, Excess Water and Lands and ranked (high-medium-low). The draft Land and Water Resources narrative was approved. The logo is undergoing a final revision. HUC-12 level subwatersheds were chosen for priority setting. The next Policy Committee meeting will be Wednesday, October 18; the September meeting is cancelled due to a light agenda. The Steering Team will meet virtually on September 20 at 11:30 AM.
- **One Watershed One Plan (Redwood)** - RCRCA’s application was approved by BWSR. The amount requested was \$238,700. Member counties/SWCDs include Lincoln, Lyon, Murray, Pipestone and Redwood; however Murray SWCD has opted out of planning. Area 2 and RCRCA will be members as well as any cities within the watershed that choose to join. Meetings will not start until after January 1.
- **County** – Approved the preliminary budget for 2024 with a 1.2% levy increase.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Lyon SWCD Board Chair Signature

Attest by Board Member

Date

Date