



Lyon Soil & Water Conservation District  
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**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING**  
**Lyon Soil & Water Conservation District**  
**Tuesday, January 10, 2024 – 4:00 P.M.**

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 4:05 P.M.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call**

**Supervisors Present:** Deutz, Meulebroeck, Lanoue, Laleman, Prairie  
**Others Present:** Biren, Cauwels, Giles  
**Absent:** Snyder

**Election of Officers 2024**

**Chairman:** Allen Deutz  
**Vice Chairman:** Gary Laleman  
**Secretary/Treasurer:** Steve Prairie  
**PR & I:** Mark Meulebroeck  
**Member:** John Lanoue

Motion by Meulebroeck, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lanoue for Election of Officers for 2024. All in favor, motion carried.

**2024 Appointed Committees**

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Main</b>	<b>Alternate</b>
Liaison Committee	John Lanoue	Allen Deutz
SWPTSA	Allen Deutz	Mark Meulebroeck
RCRCA/Area 5	Mark Meulebroeck	John Lanoue
Yellow Medicine River Watershed Advisory Committee	Gary Laleman	Allen Deutz
Water Task Force	All Supervisors	
Lyon County Park Board	Mark Meulebroeck	
Yellow Med One Watershed One Plan	Gary Laleman	Allen Deutz
Des Moines One Watershed One Plan	Steve Prairie	John Lanoue
Cottonwood –Middle MN One Watershed One Plan	John Lanoue	Steve Prairie
Redwood One Watershed One Plan	Allen Deutz	Mark Meulebroeck

Motion by Meulebroeck, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lanoue for 2024 Appointed Committees. All in favor, motion carried.

**Identify Any Conflicts of Interest:** Meulebroeck abstain on Agenda Item G.

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

## **Approve December 6, 2023 Minutes**

Motion by Meulebroeck, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lanoue to approve December 6, 2023 Minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

## **Financial Reports**

Financial Reports presented.

## **Business**

- A. GBERBA Update and Year End Report – Handout** – Handouts from Danielle going over Area 5 MAWQCP applications and Year End Report totaling projects and assessments. Contact Danielle with any questions or anyone that would like information on MAWQCP Program.
- B. 2024 IRS Standard Mileage Rates – Handout-** 2024 IRS Standard Mile Rate has been set to \$.67 per mile driven for business use, up 1.5 cents from the rate for 2023.
- C. Authorize Staff to approve GBERBA Contracts – Discussion and Approval** – Motion by Lanoue, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Meulebroeck to authorize staff to approve GBERBA Contracts for authorizing payment. All in favor, Motion carried.
- D. MASWCD FY 2024 Dues** - Motion by Meulebroeck 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lanoue, to pay MASWCD FY 2024 Dues in the amount of \$7,077.92. All in favor, motion carried.
- E. SWMASWCD Area V 2024 Dues - Discussion and Approval** – Motion by Prairie, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Meulebroeck to approve \$400.00 for the Area V 2024 Dues. All in favor, motion carried.
- F. 2024 Equipment – Steve Prairie & John Biren– Discussion** – Discussion on current equipment and future purchases. Possible purchase of a tractor, 90 hp. \$100,000.00 for tractor and brush cutter for CRP - Willows/Brush. Lease vs. purchasing, will need to get more information. County Employee will need to operate and will need to check into insurance coverage. Open for future discussions and check with other departments.
- G. #25/23 – Lynda Meulebroeck Life Estate Trust C/O Brad Meulebroeck – WASCOB/Grassed Waterway Voucher Approval – Handout and Approval** – Motion by Prairie 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lanoue to approve the cost share voucher for WASCOB and Waterway in the amount of \$26,726.97, which is 75% of the total cost of \$35,635.96. Landowner amount is \$8,908.99. All in favor, motion carried. Funds are taken out of 2023 Conservation Delivery -\$2,513.94. 2022 Local Capacity - \$4,014.03, 2022 WCA -\$2,028.86 and 2023 Local Capacity - \$18,170.14.
- H. SWPTSA – 2024 Local Share for NPEA Grant & Shared Technical Services— Handout and Approval** -2024 - Local Share for NPEA Grant (\$1,159.10) and Enhanced Shared Technical Services (\$2,204.55). Total is \$3,365.00. Motion by Laleman 2<sup>nd</sup> by Laleman to pay local share in the amount of \$3,363.65. All in favor, motion carried.

**District Technician – Courtney and Blake** - Working on year-end reporting. Looking at other funding opportunities.

**District Report – John** – Interviews for vacant position and looking for summer internship/help. Commissioner Todd Draper looking for help for private wells, possible Amiret well repair.

**District Conservationist – Kelly Heather** – no report

**Pheasants Forever – Brock Boerboom** – no report

## **Committee Reports**

- **RCRCA** – • Redwood 1W1P - Following the Kickoff Meeting held on December 8 at the Lyon County Government Center, the cities of Marshall, Redwood Falls and Ghent intend to join the MOA. The Lower Sioux Tribal Nation is considering joining, and if they do, they will use the “late joining” clause to join by March 30. The Redwood County attorney has provided some changes/clarifications to the MOA; all minor in significance. I have asked that she provide her final review/approval so that I can

forward the draft MOA to all the parties. MOA members have been asked to appoint delegates and alternates at their January organizational meetings. Once a signed MOA, work plan and budget are completed, the planning grant agreement from BWSR can be executed. The first Policy Committee meeting is anticipated in late March or early April 2024. Cottonwood-Middle MN 1W1P - The Steering Team will meet at 11:00 AM and the Policy Committee will meet on January 17, 2024 at the Springfield Area Community Center where the draft Measurable Goals section will be presented. The group will begin discussions on governance and whether a joint powers collaboration or joint powers entity will be desired for implementation.

- **Area II River Basins** – Water Quality & Storage Grants - The Redwood Falls 8/9 Grade Stabilization/Terraces was completed in December and payment approved on January 4, 2024. EQIP funding was secured for the Terraces portion of the project which reduced the amount needed from the Water Quality & Storage grant. \$25,333.35 is estimated to be returned to BWSR – Netzke will discuss with BWSR if there is a way to redirect those unused funds to Lyon County/SWCD for their project.
- **Area V** – Meeting February 15, 2024 at St. Stephens Church.
- **SW Prairie TSA** – Meeting on January 8, looking at submitting application for Soil Health Position. Purchased side by side and trailer, also software updates for Districts. MN West at Canby for soil technicians, hoping to add classes. Next meeting is March 5, 2024.
- **Park & Rec** – By-law issues have been resolved and Meulebroeck will remain on the Park Board. Next meeting on January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
- **Yellow Medicine Watershed** – Darwin Bach is new on board. Next meeting on Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
- **One Watershed One Plan (Yellow Medicine)** – Next meeting on Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
- **One Watershed One Plan (Des Moines)** – Next meeting on Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
- **One Watershed One Plan (Cottonwood-Middle MN)** - Next meeting on Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
- **One Watershed One Plan (Redwood)** - Late March – early April 2024 meeting.
- **County** –MRC – spokesmen for rural counties. Lobbying power will increase for rural counties.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

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Lyon SWCD Board Chair Signature

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Attest by Board Member

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