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MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
Lyon Soil & Water Conservation District
Tuesday, February 14, 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, Boerboom, Williams, Andries, Colline

Absent: Crowley

Identify Any Conflicts of Interest:

Approve Agenda – Motion by Laleman, 2nd by Prairie to approve the agenda with additions of g. Donation for Hwy. 14 Tour – Approval and h. Reappoint alternate for Redwood River One Watershed One Plan Policy Committee - Approval. All in favor, motion carried

Approve January 10, 2024 Minutes

Motion by Lanoue, 2nd by Laleman to approve January 10, 2024 Minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Financial Reports

Financial Reports presented.

Business

- A. GBERBA Update– Handout** – Handout from Danielle going over Area 5 MAWQCP applications and projects and assessments.
- B. Lyon County Pheasants Forever - Spring Banquet Registration – Handout and Approval 2024** Pheasants Forever Spring Banquet Registration. Motion by Meulebroeck, 2nd by Laleman to do the Chapter Sponsor Option for \$300.00. All in favor, motion carried.
- C. Redwood River One Watershed, One Plan - Memorandum of Agreement – Approval for Chairman Deutz to sign – Handout and Approval**– Motion by Laleman, 2nd by Lanoue to authorize Chairman Deutz to sign the MOA for the Redwood River One Watershed One Plan. All in favor, Motion carried.
- D. Peterson Company LTD - Audit Bid Letter – Handout and Approval**- Motion by Meulebroeck 2nd by Lanoue, to pay Peterson Company LTD in the amount of \$5,000.00 for preparing and completing the audit for Lyon SWCD. All in favor, motion carried.
- E. Conservation Cooperative for Working Lands Grant – Handout and Approval**– Motion by Prairie, 2nd by Lanoue to apply for the Conservation Cooperative for Working Lands Grant. All in favor, motion carried.
- F. Allow purchase of grass seed for projects (MN DOT mix – 200 lbs.) – Approval** – Biren would like to have seed on hand for patching, ditch, waterway, etc. Would be purchased from Lincoln

County at cost. Approximately \$65 per 25 lbs. Motion by Prairie, 2nd by Laleman to approve purchasing grass seeds for projects up to 200 lbs. All in favor, motion carried.

- G. Donation for Hwy 14 Tour – Approval** – Motion by Prairie, 2nd by Lanoue to approve a \$500.00 donation for the Hwy 14 Tour for 2 Speakers and catering. All in favor, motion carried.
- H. Reappoint alternate for Redwood River One Watershed One Plan Policy Committee – Approval** – Motion by Lanoue 2nd by Laleman to approve Lanoue as Alternate for the for Redwood River One Watershed One Plan Policy Committee.

District Technician – Courtney, Brock & Blake – Williams- Feedlot Annual Report- meeting with MPCA next week. Cover Crop Training and JAA and Waterway Design approval and Women in Ag on 2-15-24 and Hwy 14 Tour on 2-20-24. Giles – City of Marshall – presented to Advisory Board on Pollinator Project. Start on property transfer list for Septic’s. Buff Cat just got updated for Parcels needing review – Boerboom – working on CRP Workload – batching periods end in March 15th for 1st batch.

District Report – John – County Environment Update – Handout – has a section in the report to possibly have drain tile reporting. Biren and Cauwels will be working on Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance Update for the County late spring, early summer. Will be an environmental concept to it. County has contracted with SRCD to head up the process. BWSR Water Quality Storage Grants – focus on MN River and has a new batch period for grant funds. Quick turn around time projects are preferred. Looking at 2 projects to apply for the grant. Looking to partner with Bolton & Menk. Tuesday, February 20th will be CD 14 meeting with County/Ditch and JD 12 – old wooden bridge, needs repair. Would like to take out bridge and replace with road after easement has been acquired.

District Conservatoinist – Kelly Heather/Owen Colline – 6 applications for EQIP, farmstead, cropland, wildlife. CSP – starting in March.

Pheasants Forever – Brock Boerboom – Position open, applicant deadline March 4th, 2024. Food plot seed will be here at the end of April. Corn and Sorghum.

Committee Reports

- **RCRCA – • Cottonwood-Middle MN 1W1P** The Steering Team and Policy Committee met in-person and virtually on January 17. The Steering Team was taxed with reviewing the PTMApp outputs for the Action/Implementation Tables and determining realistic budgets and number of practices that can be implemented in the 10-year time frame. Only the Steering Team will meet in February; the Policy Committee will meet on March 20 at the Springfield Area Community Center.
 - **Redwood 1W1P Planning Grant** - The Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was reviewed by one county and two city attorneys; the revised document was provided to the MOA members on January 18. Members have been asked to approve/sign the MOA, and to appoint delegates and alternates. Once the MOA is executed, the planning grant agreement from BWSR can be executed. The first Policy Committee will be scheduled for late March/early April.
- **Area II River Basins – • Yellow Medicine Watershed Pilot Water Storage Project** BWSR received a LCCMR grant to model pilot watersheds to identify and prioritize potential water storage sites. The first of six meetings was held January 22 to establish goals and prioritize sub watersheds or the entire watershed. The group opted to analyze the entire watershed and to focus on the 10-yr storm with 48-hour retention time (YM 1W1P goal). The modeling work is LIDAR-based. The grant expires June 30, so the project will have a quick timeline.
- **\$1.5 MILLION GENERAL FUND CONSTRUCTION GRANT.** Netzke met with several BWSR staff to establish the procedure required to access the \$1.5 million for General Fund construction grants appropriated to Area II in 2023. Many of the issues have been resolved except for the grant agreement template to be used between BWSR and the LGU (not the landowner) for each individual project. The

template provided was 44 pages in length. Netzke provided a 5-page contract that BWSR has utilized in the past and asked for a condensed version. This process will create more work for Netzke as it will likely require her to attend the LGU meetings (county, SWCD, watershed district or township) to seek approval and signature of the grant agreements. If additional funds are needed for the project, an amendment to the agreement will need to be executed with that LGU. Netzke will continue to work with BWSR on a shorter version of the grant agreement that would be acceptable to MMB.

- Now that construction funding is available, Area II sent out bids for this dam repair in Lyon County. Bids were opened February 7, 2024 with these results:
Engineer's Estimate = \$83,497.00 with contingency, \$91,846.70
Ground Works = \$81,092.12
Ryan West Excavating = \$83,554.80
D&G Construction = 92,169.60
R&G Construction = \$102,614.00
Lyon County has approved up to \$13,000 of Buffer Enforcement funds to assist the landowner with the 25% local match to the funding.
- **Area V** – Meeting February 15, 2024 at St. Stephens Church.
- **SW Prairie TSA** – Next meeting is March 5, 2024. TSA will be the financial holder for Soil Health Mentor Program. Lyon SWCD will be sharing a mentor with Redwood SWCD.
- **Park & Rec** – Next meeting on March 23, 2024.
- **Yellow Medicine Watershed** – No report
- **One Watershed One Plan (Yellow Medicine)** – The board was talking about giving the administrator particulars that she needs to be fixed. Next meeting on February 29, 2024. Cap will be places on non-structural practices for \$60,000.00.
- **One Watershed One Plan (Des Moines)** – Executive Board Meeting on 2-15-24. If you are not in a priority area, the funds will be limited. Urban practices will be higher priority.
- **One Watershed One Plan (Cottonwood-Middle MN)** - The Steering Team and Policy Committee met in-person and virtually on January 17. The Steering Team was taxed with reviewing the PTMApp outputs for the Action/Implementation Tables and determining realistic budgets and number of practices that can be implemented in the 10-year time frame. Only the Steering Team will meet in February; the Policy Committee will meet on March 20 at the Springfield Area Community Center.
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- **County** – No report.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Lyon SWCD Board Chair Signature

Attest by Board Member

Date

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