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**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING**  
**Lyon Soil & Water Conservation District**  
**Tuesday, May 8, 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, Lanoue, Laleman, Meulebroeck, Prairie

**Others Present:** Biren, Cauwels, Boerboom, Williams, Crowley, John Shea, BWSR

**Absent:** Giles

**Identify Any Conflicts of Interest:** None

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

**Approve April 10, 2024 Minutes**

Motion by Meulebroeck 2<sup>nd</sup> by Laleman to approve April 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. #06/24 – Richard Coad – NW Farm Management – Grassed Waterway – Contract Approval – Handout and Approval**– Motion by Laleman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Meulebroeck to approve the Cost Share Contract, a Grassed Waterway in the amount of \$2,277.00 which is 75% of the total cost of \$3,036.00. Landowner funds of 25% is \$759.00. Funds will be from 2023 State Cost Share. All in favor, motion carried.
- C. DRAFT bylaws for Redwood River One Watershed, One Plan – Handout, Review & Discussion** - Motion by Laleman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lanoue to approve the draft bylaws for Redwood River One Watershed, One Plan. Meeting for Adopting bylaws will be on May 13, 2024. All in favor, motion carried.
- D. CD 37 Repair- WASC0B - Handout and Approval** – Motion by Meulebroeck, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Laleman to approve the Cost Share Contract for a repair on CD 37 in the amount of \$8,803.58 which is 75% of the total cost of \$11,738.10. CD 37 will cover 25% is \$2,934.52. Funds will be from Miscellaneous Funds. All in favor, motion carried.

**District Technician – Courtney & Brock**– Boerboom – Food Plot Seed – Corn pickup on 5-9-24. Working on CRP for Lyon, Lincoln and Yellow Medicine – Williams – Contractors out fixing tile, possible amendment for Mitzners. Working on other designs and WCA. 5 Fischer designs ready to go.

**District Admin – Anita** – LWG to be included in with the Redwood River One Watershed One Plan Kickoff Meetings. Getting more details to the attendees of the meeting.

**District Report – John** – Applied for 3 Water Quality Storage Grants, CD 12, CD 14, JD 12 and ready by 22<sup>nd</sup> of May to find out if awarded. CD 17 accepted petition for abandonment and re-route with County Board. Working with Rinke-Noonan Law Firm to work with ditch. Election for 3 Districts for SWCD Supervisors.

**District Conservationist – Kelly Heather** – No report

**Pheasants Forever – Vacant** – Mark Peper starting June 10, 2024.

## **Committee Reports**

### **RCRCA**

**Cottonwood-Middle MN 1W1P** The Advisory Committee and Policy Committee met in person on April 17. 23 were in attendance and the feedback on the Measurable Goals and Implementation/Action Tables was valuable. The Steering Team and Policy Committee will meet on May 15 to review the draft of the full plan. It was decided that Implementation will be administered by a Joint Powers Agreement which is being drafted using the Des Moines agreement as a template. A coordinator will be hired and paid by the Watershed Based Implementation Funds (WBIF) which would be an RCRCA employee and housed in the RCRCA office. This person could potentially handle the administration of both the Cottonwood-Middle MN and Redwood River plans.

- **Redwood 1W1P** The first Policy Committee was held on April 8. Election of officers was held with Chairman Luke Johnson, Vice Chairman Tom Andries, and Secretary Jackie Meier being selected. The standing meeting date will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at 1:00 PM at the Lyon County Government Center. The 60-Day Notice of Planning was approved and will go through June 14. Houston Engineering with Rachel Olm as Project Manager was hired as the plan consultant/facilitator. Public Information Kick-off meetings will be held on Tuesday, June 25 at Lake Benton (5-7 PM), and Wednesday, June 26 in Marshall (10 AM-12 PM) and Redwood Falls (5-7 PM). The Policy Committee will meet again May 13 to approve the bylaws, consultant agreement, and plans for the kick-off meetings.

- **Lake Redwood** Bonding proceeds cannot be used for agricultural use, thus the CDF property cannot be placed back into ag production. Senator Dahms consulted with MMB. He explained seeding the 140-acres into a perennial crop would be the most effective way to prevent erosion, promote pollinators and provide weed control. He suggested grazing the property in a similar fashion to grazing of DNR properties by private parties and suggested that income from the grazing be placed into a designated fund for the ongoing maintenance of the CDF property. MMB was warm to this idea and a meeting with MMB will be scheduled after the legislative session.

### **Area II River Basins**

- **Yellow Medicine Watershed Pilot Water Storage Project** The 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting was held virtually on April 5. Existing retention structures of Area II and Lyon County have been removed from the model. A Data Viewer was provided so users could view and comment on the identified storage areas. Many projects were too large or involved too many owners. These changes will be incorporated into the model and another meeting scheduled.

- **Water Quality & Storage Grants** Applications were due April 11 for the \$2.5 million in funding, providing 90% cost-share. Area II submitted 5 applications of which Lynd 31 Road Retention (\$559,444.05 grant amount) is in Lyon County.

- **Yellow Medicine Watershed Trends and Updates** A virtual meeting on April 22 reviewed the assessment findings from 2021 and 2022. Cycle 2 sampling was to determine if the quality has changed in the past 10 years. A few additional fish impairments were added, but no delistings are supported. It was agreed that it took more than 10 years to degrade the conditions, and it will take more than 10 years to realize the improvements.

**Area V** – Next meeting in June 14<sup>th</sup> in Windom. Jeffers Petroglyphs tour.

- **SW Prairie TSA** – Next meeting is in June. Soil Health Initiative Grant passed, Lyon working with mentors from area Central and Meadowland offices.
- **Park & Rec** – Garvin Park Restrooms almost available. May 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- **Yellow Medicine Watershed** – Starting at 8 a.m.
- **One Watershed One Plan (Yellow Medicine)** – Out of funds for Non-Structural Practices
- **One Watershed One Plan (Des Moines)** – Bigger topic at last meeting was Septic Loans for imminent public health threats. Financial incentive depending on the problem and apply for loan program to qualify.
- **One Watershed One Plan (Cottonwood-Middle MN)** - The Advisory Committee and Policy Committee met in person on April 17. 23 were in attendance and the feedback on the Measurable Goals and Implementation/Action Tables was valuable. The Steering Team and Policy Committee will meet on May 15 to review the draft of the full plan. It was decided that Implementation will be administered by a Joint Powers Agreement which is being drafted using the Des Moines agreement as a template. A coordinator will be hired and paid by the Watershed Based Implementation Funds (WBIF) which would be an RCRCA employee and housed in the RCRCA office. This person could potentially handle the administration of both the Cottonwood-Middle MN and Redwood River plans.
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- **County** – Landfill issues with state policy, so construction waste needs to be in a lined location. PFAS treatment discussion with Landfill level.

Meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

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Lyon SWCD Board Chair Signature

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Attest by Board Member

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