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MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
Lyon Soil & Water Conservation District
Tuesday, June 12, 2024 – 4:00 P.M.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Supervisors Present: Laleman, Meulebroeck, Prairie

Others Present: Biren, Cauwels, Boerboom, Giles

Absent: Williams, Lanoue, Deutz, Crowley

Identify Any Conflicts of Interest: None

Approve Agenda – Motion by Meulebroeck, 2nd by Prairie to approve the agenda. All in favor, motion carried

Approve May 8, 2024 Minutes

Motion by Meulebroeck 2nd by Prairie to approve May 8, 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. #07/24 – Stanley Stelter – Well Sealing – Handout and Approval–** Motion by Meulebroeck, 2nd by Prairie to approve the Well Sealing Contract in the amount of \$500.00 which is 50% up to \$500.00 per well sealing policy of the total cost of \$1,030.00. Landowner funds are \$530.00. Funds will be from 2023 Local Water Management. All in favor, motion carried.
- C. Peterson Company LTD -Engagement Letter – Handout and Discussion** – Engagement letter from Peterson Company LTD that goes over their professional standards in regards to conducting the SWCD audit. Significant risks are Revenue Recognition and Management Override.
- D. Consider entering into a Partner RCPP with BWSR for Water Quality Storage Funds – Handout and Discussion** – BWSR is applying for Federal funds to expand the Water Quality Storage grants and would like to have SWCDs contribute Cash or In-Kind Funds as match funds. BWSR would like to have our support to go over what we will be doing for the next 5 years. Motion by Prairie 2nd by Meulebroeck authorize Biren to send a letter of support to BWSR. All in favor, Motion carried.

- E. Authorize the Chair to sign the Local Partners Agreement – Lyon SWCD and Pheasants Forever, Inc.** – Agreement between Lyon SWCD and Pheasants Forever. Motion by Meulebroeck, 2nd by Prairie. to include up to \$3,250.00 local contribution and approve the Local Partners Agreement. All in favor, motion carried.
- F. #08/24 – Mike Swanson – Well Sealing - Handout and Approval –** Motion by Prairie, 2nd by Meulebroeck to approve the Well Sealing Contract in the amount of \$500.00 which is 50% up to \$500.00 per well sealing policy of the total cost of \$1,220.00. Landowner funds are \$720.00. Funds will be from 2023 Local Water Management. All in favor, motion carried.
- G. #09/24 – Francis Bot – Well Sealing - Handout and Approval** Motion by Prairie, 2nd by Meulebroeck to approve the Well Sealing Contract in the amount of \$500.00 which is 50% up to \$500.00 per well sealing policy of the total cost of \$1,060.00. Landowner funds are \$560.00. Funds will be from 2023 Local Water Management. All in favor, motion carried.
- H. #10/24 - Francis Bot – Well Sealing - Handout and Approval** Motion by Prairie, 2nd by Meulebroeck to approve the Well Sealing Contract in the amount of \$500.00 which is 50% up to \$500.00 per well sealing policy of the total cost of \$1,360.00. Landowner funds are \$860.00. Funds will be from 2023 Local Water Management. All in favor, motion carried.
- I. #11/24 – Bob Andries– Well Sealing - Handout and Approval** Motion by Prairie, 2nd by Meulebroeck to approve the Well Sealing Contract in the amount of \$500.00 which is 50% up to \$500.00 per well sealing policy of the total cost of \$1,040.00. Landowner funds are \$540.00. Funds will be from 2023 Local Water Management. All in favor, motion carried.
- J. #12/24 – Bob Andries – Well Sealing - Handout and Approval** Motion by Prairie 2nd by Meulebroeck to approve the Well Sealing Contract in the amount of \$500.00 which is 50% up to \$500.00 per well sealing policy of the total cost of \$1,240.00. Landowner funds are \$740.00. Funds will be from 2023 Local Water Management. All in favor, motion carried.
- K. #13/24 – Paul Rasmussen – Well Sealing - Handout and Approval** Motion by Prairie, 2nd by Meulebroeck to approve the Well Sealing Contract in the amount of \$500.00 which is 50% up to \$500.00 per well sealing policy of the total cost of \$1,030.00. Landowner funds are \$530.00. Funds will be from 2023 Local Water Management. All in favor, motion carried.

District Technician – Blake & Brock– Brock - Helping Gavin, summer intern, doing CRP checks, organizing Rim Checks. Blake – keeping eye on Pollinator Plots, city will be mowing. Took Septic soils training and Brock and Blake went to Easement Training in St. Cloud. Going through Cost Share Contracts to come up with Checklist for Inspections.

District Admin – Anita – Put other agency meeting minutes in the board packets for review.

District Report – John - County has hired SRDC to updated County Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance. CD 14 project has started. JD 15 has 3 crews working on it.

District Conservationist – Kelly Heather – No report

Pheasants Forever – Mark Peper– Mark Peper started June 10, 2024.

Committee Reports

RCRCA • 16th MN River Congress - 6:00 PM Kato Ballroom – Mankato. The agenda includes a history of the Isaak Walton League Upper Mississippi Initiative, Successes of MN River Collaborative Actions (Lyon CD 14, YM CD 9, Limbo Creek, etc.), Water Storage Program update, and potential collaboration of state agencies for water storage. I plan to attend the meeting and will report back.

•**Cottonwood-Middle MN 1W1P** The Steering Team and Policy Committee met on May 15 at the Springfield Area Community Center and reviewed the draft of the full plan, minus the Executive Summary, Table of Contents and Appendices. Netzke emailed links to the full plan and appendices on May 30 to the Steering Team, Policy Committee, and Advisory Committee with comments due June 14. These committees will meet on Monday, June 24 to review/discuss edits. Formal 60-Day Review will start July 1.

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- **Redwood 1W1P** The Policy Committee met May 13. The Bylaws were approved, kickoff meeting format approved, and recommendation for RCRCAs to enter into contract with Houston Engineering, Inc. (\$159,200). 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). PLEASE RSVP to attend if you are able. The Policy Committee will meet again July 8 to review the comments received, and review/edit the draft Land and Water Resources Narrative for the Plan. Revised logo options will be presented.

- **2024 Canoe Trips [pending river flow conditions]**

Tuesday, June 18: Redwood River – County Road 6 to Lake Redwood. Lunch at Perk's Park at Lake Redwood.

Thursday, June 20: *NEW ROUTE* Cottonwood River – Soldiers and Sailors Park at Sanborn to Riverside Park in Springfield. Lunch at Shelter 2 in Riverside Park.

There is a log jam in the river that is not passable by the Springfield Golf Course. RCRCAs contacted DNR as this is a designated canoe route and is required to be passable. MN Conservation Corps contacted RCRCAs and reported that this is a large jam and they do not have chainsaws large enough for some of the trees. They will return when water levels are lower.

Netzke contacted Mathiowetz Construction Company for drone footage and to determine if an excavator could reach enough of the trees to make it passable by June 20. Mathiowetz responded that some additional trees along the north bank would need to be removed in order to maneuver the excavator. He anticipates 2 full days at a cost of \$5000-\$6000.

RCRCAs is lining up helpers to assist the canoes and kayaks to portage around the log jam.

Area II River Basins

- **Yellow Medicine Watershed Pilot Water Storage Project** The 5th meeting was held June 10, 2024. 33 potential projects have been identified which would reduce the 100-year peak flow by 5%. It was noted that the existing retention structures have been located well and are doing a good job at reducing peak flows. A technical meeting is being arranged to illustrate how to use the model under different scenarios.

- **Water Quality & Storage Grants** BWSR announced the awards on May 22. Area II's applications ranked 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, and 9th. The top 5 were funded including North Hero 34 Road Retention (\$867,549.51) in Redwood County and Holly 22 Road Retention (\$555,770.38) in Murray County. Netzke completed the Work Plans in eLINK and is awaiting the grant agreements.

Area V – Next meeting in June 14th in Windom includes Jeffers Petroglyphs tour.

- **SW Prairie TSA** – Next meeting is on June 24th. Coordinator Report – Possibility of hiring another Engineering Technician. Houston Engineering will be completing a Workload Analysis. Purpose is to prepare a workload/technical analysis.
- **Park & Rec** – Garvin Park Restrooms almost available. May 16th meeting. Archery Deer hunting permits approved. Looking at a couple of different grant applications, one for electrical upgrades and the other for HELP Prairie Restoration Grant.
- **Yellow Medicine Watershed** – Starting at 8 a.m. now instead of 10 a.m. Perennial planting flat rate of \$100/ac
- **One Watershed One Plan (Yellow Medicine)** – No meeting.
- **One Watershed One Plan (Des Moines)** – Giles attended June 12th.
- **One Watershed One Plan (Cottonwood-Middle MN)** - The Steering Team and Policy Committee met on May 15 at the Springfield Area Community Center and reviewed the draft of the full plan, minus the Executive Summary, Table of Contents and Appendices. Netzke emailed links to the full plan and appendices on May 30 to the Steering Team, Policy Committee, and Advisory Committee with comments due June 14. These committees will meet on Monday, June 24 to review/discuss edits. Formal 60-Day Review will start July 1.

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- **County** – No report

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Lyon SWCD Board Chair Signature

Attest by Board Member

Date

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