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MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
Lyon Soil & Water Conservation District
Tuesday, April 17, 2018 – 7:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Supervisors Present: Prairie, Laleman, Meulebroeck, Lavoy, Deutz

Others Present: Biren, Cauwels, Crowley, Olson, Waldschmidt, Rainey, Fischer, DeSchepper, Overholser

Absent: none

Call to Order - Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Conservation Planning Local Work Group (LWG) – Develop ranking questions and procedures for local natural resource priorities and criteria for conservation activities and programs. Also covering HUC 12 Watershed Boundaries. Input is from Local Farmers, Watershed District and SWCD Supervisors and findings will be presented to State NRCS Employees. Areas of resource concerns brought up the group are as follows:

1. Sheet, Rill & Wind Erosion
2. Concentrated Flow Erosion
3. Excessive Bank Erosion
4. Soil Compaction
5. Organic Matter Depletion
6. Ponding Flooding, High Water Table, Drifted Snow
7. Inefficient Moisture Management

Identify Any Conflict of Interest

None

Approve Agenda:

Addition of g. Trees and h. Producer Collaboration. Motion by Deutz, 2nd by Meulebroeck to approve the agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

Approve March 20, 2018 Minutes

Motion by Deutz 2nd by Laleman to approve March 20, 2018 Minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Financial Reports - Discussion of Financial Reports, no issues.

Business

- a. **Lyon SWCD 2017 Audit Bids** – Peterson Company Ltd. And CliftonLarsonAllen LLP - Bid price for Peterson Company Ltd is priced at \$2,350 and the CliftonLarsonAllen LLP is at \$ 5,500. Motion by Meulebroeck, 2nd by Prairie to go with Peterson Company Ltd. For \$2,350 for Audit. All in favor, motion carried.

- b. **MASWCD 2018 Election Process** – Discussion and Handout – Deutz will be filing for Supervisor position.
- c. **2017 Lyon County Feedlot Program Year-End Review** – Discussion and Handout - 308 Feedlots in the County as of year-end 2017. Inspections completed and the inspection rate is at 8.1 percent.
- d. **2017 Lyon SWCD Financial Reports** – Discussion and Handout - Presentation of the 2017 End-of-Year Financial Year End. No questions at this time.
- e. **MASWCD 2018 Call for Resolutions** - Discussion and Handout – Discussion on possible resolutions. Need to be received in MASWCD office by July 21, 2018.
- f. **2018 Environmental Fair Donation** – Approved to donate \$500 for Murray County Environmental Fair Donation. Motion by Meulebroeck, 2nd by Prairie. All in favor, motion carried.
- g. **Trees** – Discussion on trees and possibility of having them available for purchase. Tabled for next meeting to see what other participating counties use for a cost share program for purchasing trees.
- h. **Producer Collaboration** – Discussion on cover crops for building up soil and for grazing. Would be a better fit for someone planting small grain (oats or barley if working with swine) and then also being able to pump barns and apply manure to those areas and having the cover crops maintain the nutrients. Possibility of working with some and having a cost share program.

District Technician –Luke/Devin – Worked on the Biennial Budget Report for BWSR. It is a report for the legislative for future funding for grants.

Pheasants Forever – John Rainey - No updates at this time.

District Report – John – County Ditch 14 - Charlie Timmerman had a petition for improvements and it was approved. Hearing for Taxing Authority for SWCD’s was held on 4-12-18. District’s would have the capacity to have up to a million dollars for taxing authority. Nothing has been decided yet. Grandview Township and City of Ghent are looking at cleaning out a ditch. There are private property owners along the ditch. It is in the City of Ghent and landowner’s hands.

District Conservatorist – Danielle Waldschmidt – CSP renewal acceptance deadline was 4-13-18. 22 applications were completed. 34 contracts expire 12-31-18. EQIP has completed ranking on 11 eligible applications. CREP applications are being accepted.

Committee Reports

RCRCA/Area 2/Area 5 – Area 5 meeting is June 25. Yellow Medicine is hosting. RCRCA/ Area 2 – Canoeing Trip is Cottonwood River on June 19th. Redwood River is June 21st. Nordland Retention Project has been approved. Area 2 has an engineer on staff one day a week.

SW Prairie TSA – Meeting was last week. Outreach training with Dawn Madison. Another avenue for field days or outreach, Dawn would be able to assist with it. Additional funding was requested for outreach. Next meeting is end of June.

Yellow Medicine Watershed Meeting - The grant for the Watershed meeting was discussed. Still trying to finalize what the grant will be used for.

Park & Rec – Thursday, April 19, 2018 there will be a meeting on improvements for Garvin Park.

County – No report at this time.

Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Lyon SWCD Board Chair Signature

Attest by Board Member

Date

Date