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MINUTES
ROSEAU SWCD BOARD MEETING
February 13, 2024

The monthly Board Meeting was held Tuesday, February 13, 2024. Chairman, John Gaukerud, called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Supervisors present: John Gaukerud, Ulrik Aaskov, Landon Olson, Jade Estling, and Jan Miller. District staff present: Scott Johnson and Janine Lovold. NRCS staff present: Kathy Fillmore. Other: Daryl Wicklund, County Commissioner (left 8:15 am).

Secretary's Report:

- A motion was made by Aaskov, seconded by Miller, and passed by unanimous vote to approve the 2024 January Minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

- A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Olson, and passed by unanimous vote to approve the January 2024 Treasurer's Report.

Supervisor Reports: None

District Conservationist Report:

- See attached notes.

Employee Reports:

Administrative Assistant Jelle:

- See attached notes.

Water Planner Lovold:

- Has been taking some tree orders.
- Finished eLINK reporting for grants.
- Attended the virtual Envirothon Meeting. Sent out the Sponsor letter and received \$625 so far from 9 businesses.
- Attended the LOWW JPB meeting on January 29.
- The TRP JPB meeting is this Thursday, February 15 at the Lake Bronson State Park Interpretive Center. Updated eLINK and the TRP Project Tracking Tool for the JPB meeting.
- The Baudette Livestock Producer Workshop is also on February 15.
- Producers on Roseau and LOW Counties can still sign up for the Soil Health Summit in Mankato this March and receive a \$500

stipend for attending. There is also a RegenAg Online course that producers may participate in for free upon sign-up.

District Manager Johnson:

- Attended the online MCIT Open Meeting Law training.
- Attended the online Envirothon meeting. Will be working with Larissa on the Forestry Station questions.
- Attended the WWD meeting.
- Attended the TSA Northern Pod Meeting. A Soil Health position will be funded.
- WCA – Have been working with Oseid at Warroad Estates and the Klondike Project
- Worked on grant reporting in eLINK.
- Received funds from the County.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS

Peterson Company - CPA: A motion was made by Estling and seconded by Olson to enter into an Agreement with Peterson Company for the 2023 audit services. Motion passed unanimously.

Truax Drill – Sealed Bids: The Gaukerud had Scott open the 2 bids that were received. The \$11,550 bid from Lakewood Farms for the Truax drill was approved on a motion by Miller, seconded by Olson. Motion carried. Estling abstained from voting.

Contract Update: Janine presented the Program Log for keeping track of contracts per recommendation by Matt Fischer, BC. The Log will be reviewed by the Board and attached to the monthly minutes as new contracts are added. See attached Program Log.

Training:

- **Supervisor Training** – February 16 in ^{Crockston} Mahnomen. Aaskov will be attending.
- **MACDE District Managers Training** – March 26-27 in Brainerd. Scott will be attending.

Other: None

Area 1 Meeting: March 21 at the Shooting Star Casino in Mahnomen

Next Board Meeting Date:

- The next meeting is set for Tuesday, March 12th at 8:00 a.m. in the SWCD conference room.

Adjournment:

- The meeting adjourned at 8:52 a.m. on a motion made by Estling seconded by Miller and carried by unanimous votes.

4-9-24
Approval Date

Kanelan Olson
District Board of Supervisors Secretary

Shonda's Board report for 2.13.24

- Regular Monthly bills, payroll, and month end reporting.
- Have been taking tree orders and have been applying payments.
- All year end items are done on my end for the SWCD.
- Attended the Area 1 Envirothon meeting via teams.
- I am on the planning committee for the MACDE Admin session in June. We have had 1 meeting so far via teams on January 11th. Monthly meetings are scheduled.
- I had to do some research to find out if we had to 1099 Cover crop/ No till people in the 2R 1w1p area. We decided we will just do it since I could not get a straight answer from anyone. All year end items for 2R are done on my end. I also got all items together for the February 15th board meeting & to Jeremy for packets.
- Got all loose ends tied up before vacation that needed doing on my end to make it easier for Scott and Janine.



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CSP –

- We have completed all CSP payments for calendar year 2023.
- Roseau currently has 186 high-screened applications for CSP24-Classic. We have started planning on those and staff will be busy with that job through early April due to the high number of applications.

EQIP –

- The first round of funding decisions will be coming out on or shortly after Feb 5th. Due to Climate-Smart – Inflation Reduction Act funding, we have plenty of dollars to apply to conservation practices that fit the climate-smart priorities.

CRP –

- No new activities for NRCS.

WRE –

- Nothing new.

MANAGEMENT/STAFF –

- We are awaiting a list of applicants for the Roseau DC position. I hope to have that filled within the next 6 weeks.
- I will be assisting with interviews for a Pheasants Forever position that will be housed out of the TRF NRCS Area Office and provide assistance to the Warren, Roseau and Hallock offices with conservation planning work.

Meetings/Trainings/Other –

- Jan 15 – MLK Holiday
- Jan 25 – RUSLE II and WHEG Training – TRF AO
- Jan 26 – CSP24-C screening deadline
- Feb 2 – EQIP24 ranking deadline

Upcoming:

- Feb 8 – PF Interviews – TRF AO
- Feb 15 – Baudette Livestock Producer Workshop
- Feb 19 - President’s Day Holiday
- Feb 21 – Ryegrass Producer Meeting
- Mar 6 – Tech Note 31 & Seed Calculator Training – TRF AO

Kathy Fillmore

CST Lead

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