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MINUTES
ROSEAU SWCD BOARD MEETING
April 11, 2023

The monthly Board Meeting was held Tuesday, April 11, 2023. Chairman, John Gaukerud, called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m. Supervisors present: Landon Olson, Jade Estling and Jan Miller. District staff present: Scott Johnson, Janine Lovold and Shonda Jelle. BWSR staff present: Matt Fisher

Secretary's Report:

- A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Olson, and passed by unanimous vote to approve the 2023 March Minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

- A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Estling, and passed by unanimous vote to approve the Treasurer's Reports from March 2023.

Supervisor Reports: None

District Conservationist Report:

- See provided attached notes.

BWSR Update:

- See attached reports.

Employee Reports:

District Manager Johnson:

- Has been taking tree orders and ordering trees, will begin coordinating pickup dates with nurseries.
- Attended Area 1 meeting.
- Attended the Warroad Watershed meeting.
- WCA- has been trying to get out to look at a few sites at Cedar Bend E & W, a lot at Warroad Estates, some WRWD sites
- Attended the AgBMP loan program meeting ~ we will not be taking applications for this program until funding becomes available.
- MCIT reporting
- Attended the LOW 1w1p JPB and advisory committee meeting.

Administrative Assistant Jelle:

- Doing regular monthly bills, payroll, reconciling bank statements, regular monthly reporting.
- Has sold some trees and sent out all final statements.
- Attended the Area 1 meeting.
- Sent out rainfall packets.
- Finished uploading all required Two Rivers Plus Audit items for Peterson Company and am waiting to see if they need any additional items.
- Attended BWSR Grant training.

Water Planner Lovold:

- Roseau River CWMP:
 - Virtually presented the Roseau River CWMP with Tracy Halstengard at the BWSR North Committee Meeting on April 5th. The North Committee recommends plan approval to the full BWSR Board that meets towards the end of April. Have been working with Tracy and Matt (BWSR) on the Work Plan. The Work Plan will be reviewed at the JPB meeting on April 13.
- LOWW JPB:
 - Advisory and JPB meetings on April 10
- Two Rivers Plus JPB
 - Working on the draft FY 24 Work Plan with Kittson. FY22 funding has been amended for new projects coming on board from budgeted programs having little to no expenditures. The Local Work Group / TRP Advisory Committee Joint meeting will be April 17 at the Lake Bronson SP Visitor Center. Next JPB meeting is tentatively May 11 not the 18th.
- Roseau SWCD
 - Worked with customers on tree orders. Attended the virtual eLINK training. Collected \$850 for the Envirothon by Roseau County business sponsors. Envirothon is on April 26. Attended two virtual MPCA SWAG administration trainings. (Surface Water Assessment Grant) Attended BWSR Grants Administration Training.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS

Well Decommissioning Cost Share: Lovold requested to update the cost-share that we provide to landowners to seal wells. Previously it was set at 50% with a \$500 cap on it, she asked that this be raised to 90% with a \$900 cap on it. A motion was made by Estling, seconded by Miller, and passed by unanimous vote approve the cost share increase to 90% with a \$900 cap.

Cover Crop Policy Change: This policy change is to make all cover crop programs uniform across the county. The minimum acres will change from 5 acres to 20 contiguous acres. A motion was made by Estling, seconded by Olson, and passed by unanimous vote to adopt the change.

Training: None

Other: Discussion was had with the board on the SWCD potentially taking over some duties from the County when Jeff Pelowski retires. These programs would be programs that are already part of the NRBG grant and consist of SSTS, Floodplain and Shoreland. The board feels we need to find out a few more unknowns before they decide this.

They would like to know more on it such as:

- the actual timeline for handoff of the programs,
- actual workload/hours involved with each program, and the
- amount of funds expended on these programs that go above and beyond the NRBG grant funding, and if those costs would still be covered by the county.

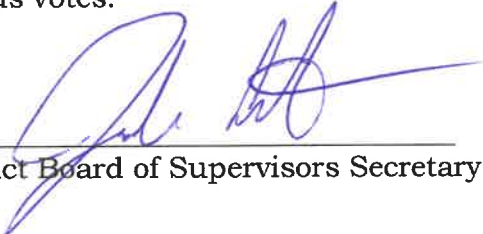
Next Board Meeting Date:

- The next meeting is set for Tuesday, May 9th at 7:00 a.m. in the SWCD conference room.

Adjournment:

- The meeting adjourned at 8:12 a.m. on a motion made by Estling seconded by Miller and carried by unanimous votes.

6/13/2023
Approval Date


District Board of Supervisors Secretary



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CSP –

- Continuing with planning for CSP23-Classic. We are over half done with appointments for the 64 applications in Roseau County that screened as High Priority, so we will be busy finishing those plus assessing and ranking all of them.
- In addition, we will be ranking all eligible CSP applications under the CSP-IRA funding pool.
- We have 6 2024 CSP-Renewal applications that we will start working on in June (these are for contracts expiring Dec 31, 2023).

EQIP –

- We have eight applications approved using a mix of Team and State funding pools. Non-funded applications have been ranked under the EQIP23-IRA funding pool if they have eligible practices. I expect most of these will be funded and will know this in mid-May.
- Local Work Group – The Local Work Group (LWG) meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 18 from 1:30-3:00 pm in the Warren Service Center meeting room. Since funding is allocated via the “Team”, we will be determining priorities for the Team.

CRP –

- General CRP signup ended Friday April 7.

WRE –

- No new applications.

Meetings/Trainings/Other –

- Mar 22 – NRCS NW MN Area Meeting – Detroit Lakes
- Mar 28 – NRCS Easement Training – TRF

Upcoming:

- April 10 – LOW 1W1P meeting – Warroad, 10:00 am
- April 11-13 – MN All-Employee Meeting – Brainerd area
- April 17 – Kittson LWG, Lake Bronson SP, 1:00 pm
- April 18 – Roseau-Kittson-Marshall LWG Meeting – Warren FO meeting room 10:30 am
- April 19 – Envirothon site visit – prep day
- April 26 – NW Area Envirothon – Lake Bronson SP
- May 2 – Roseau Team monthly meeting 1:30 pm

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