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MINUTES
ROSEAU SWCD BOARD MEETING
February 9, 2021

The monthly Board Meeting was held Tuesday, January 12, 2021. Chairman, John Gaukerud, called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m. Supervisors present: John Gaukerud, Landon Olson, Jan Miller and Jade Estling. District staff present: Scott Johnson and Shonda Jelle.

Secretary's Report:

- A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Estling and passed by unanimous vote to approve the 2021 January Minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

- A motion was made byEstling, seconded by Olson and passed by unanimous vote to approve the Treasurer's Report for January 2021.

Supervisor Reports:

- None

District Conservationist Report:

See attached notes

Employee Reports:

District Manager Johnson

- Participated in the LOW 1W1P and TR+1W1P meetings.
- Attended a TSA Meeting
- Working on eLINK reporting
- AgBMP Loan program through LOW 1W1P
- Did a department of Ag check
- AIS – Working on getting level 1 and 2 inspectors lined up, also working on a Spiney Water Flea campaign for LOW with U of M
- We are 99% compliant with all buffers.
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Water Planner Lovold

- See Notes provided by Lovold

Administrative Assistant Jelle:

- Doing regular monthly bills, payroll, reconciling bank statements, regular monthly reporting
- Completed year-end reporting until its Audit time
- Has billed out and received payments for trees.
- Scanning in old files

- We only have about 10,000 trees left to sell.

OLD BUSINESS:

SWCD Supervisor Vacancy: Nothing new to report on this, we are still in search of a District 2 supervisor.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve 2021 Billable Rate

- Billable Rate calculation for 2021 will be made retroactive back to January 1st of 2021 a motion by Estling, a second by Miller, and carried by unanimous votes.

TR+ 1W1P – Entity or Collaboration:

- A motion that we recommend that they move forward as an Entity over a collaboration was made by Miller, seconded by Estling and passed by unanimous votes.

Next Board Meeting Date:

- The next meeting is set for March 9th at 8:00 a.m. in the SWCD conference room.

Adjournment:

- The meeting adjourned at 8:54 a.m. on a motion made by Estling, seconded by Olson and carried by unanimous votes.

3-9-2021
Approval Date

District Board of Supervisors Secretary

USDA

United States Department of Agriculture

February 2021 NRCS Board Report

CSP –

- No information on FY21 CSP other than we will have less money and several enhancements will have reduced payment rates.
- Letters for contract renewals will be going out soon. We have 33 that are eligible to renew.

EQIP –

- We will have around $400,000 for the 3-county area for Cropland and Pastureland pools. We did not have any eligible applications for the Forestry fund pool.

CRP –

- SU56 scheduled for Jan 4 - Feb 12.

WRE –

- No new easements or applications.

COVID19 Office Status –

- NRCS will be following guidelines from the White House until further notice. This means masks will be worn by everyone at all times in the office (other than when eating or drinking & then need to social distance). Staff are to telework to the extent possible/feasible.

Meetings/Trainings/Other –

- Jan 12 – NW Area Team Lead call
- Jan 13 – State Leadership/TL call
- Jan 18 – MLK Holiday
- Jan 19 – NW Area Team Lead call
- Jan 20 & 21 – Annual Leave

Upcoming:

- Feb 2 – Weekly Team Lead call
- Feb 3 – Women in Ag virtual conference
- Feb 4 - Statewide Team Lead TEAMS training
- Feb 8-9 – SkillPath training for Roseau Team
- Feb 10 – Roseau Team monthly meeting (virtual) 1 pm
- Feb 11 or 15 – UMC Natural Resources Dept Steering Committee meeting (Zoom)
- Feb 15 – Presidents Day Holiday
- Feb 16 – new SCT starts in Roseau – Erik Endacott
- Feb 16 – Weekly Team Lead call
- Feb 18-19 – USDA Conference
- Feb 25 – State Leadership Team (NRCS) meeting (8 am-12 pm)
- Feb 25 – State outreach cadre meeting (1 pm–3 pm)

Yours in Conservation,

Kathy Fillmore

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Janine's Employee Report for Feb 9, 2021

1. 1W1P
    a. Two Rivers Plus
        i. Attended PC and Steering Team meetings
        ii. The next PC Mtg is tentatively Feb 18.

    b. Roseau River 1W1P pre-application

        i. Attended meeting with RRWD and BWSR

        ii. Send out emails to surrounding SWCD's regarding participation level (No, yes). If the answer is "no", general support for the plan development in form of letter or resolution was requested. Kittson SWCD may be on Advisory Committee when their area is worked on. (Tracy Halstengard will be getting County participation levels.)

        iii. A pre-Policy Committee meeting will be in April or May. This is a BWSR application item within the RFP (request for proposal) now. The 2021 RFP will come out the end of March.

        iv. Questions to consider

            a) Do you lean towards a 3-member (with alternates) Policy Committee or 6? RRWD, Roseau SWCD, Roseau County

            Kittson County would be the most likely to participate out of LOW, Marshall, or Beltrami Counties. It is expected that Kittson will not, but you never know. Their jurisdictional land is 2.7% of the watershed area, highest of the four. There are some private acres with ag and some of those acres belong to a current RRWD Manager.

            b) Which Board Supervisors would like to be on the Policy Committee?

2. Started newsletter

3. Finished eLINK reporting for LWM

4. Took some tree orders