



Le Sueur County Soil & Water Conservation District

Le Sueur County SWCD
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Minutes from January 13, 2020 regular meeting of the Le Sueur County SWCD Board of Supervisors.
Traxler's Hunting Preserve, Le Center, MN.

Meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Entinger at 10:00 am.

Members present: Vice-Chairman, Greg Entinger
Treasurer, Cletus Gregor
Secretary, Earle Traxler
PR&I, Glendon Braun

Members absent: Chairman, Jim Struck

Others present: District Manager, Mike Schultz
District Technician, Joe Jirik
Farm Bill Technician, Karl Schmidtke
Ditch Specialist, Nik Kadel
Program Specialist, Sue Prchal
NRCS Team Lead, Chris Schmidt
Alan Kraus, CRWP

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Secretary's report was read and approved.

Treasurer's report was read. Motion by Traxler, second by Gregor to approve as read and to pay bills.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

The 2020 Election of Officers took place. Motion by Traxler, second by Braun for all officers to remain the same for the 2020 calendar year.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Traxler, second by Braun to designate First National Bank of Le Center as the SWCD's primary bank for 2020 and also designate the Le Sueur County News as the SWCD's primary newspaper for 2020.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Mike discussed the SWCD's future vision. The staff was asked to individually provide some goals, both personally and for the office, and will meet as a group to go over everyone's ideas. Mike will bring the results to the next board meeting.

Motion by Gregor, second by Traxler to sign the contract between Le Sueur SWCD and GBERBA for technical and administrative services for the MAWQCP program. The contract is in the amount of \$6000.00.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Traxler, second by Gregor to approve Mark Pettis MAWQCP certification.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Braun, second by Traxler to table Mark Pettis low interest loan application for minimum tillage equipment until the February meeting.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Mike updated the board on 1W1P. There is going to be a policy meeting on January 15, 2020 and they officially became a Joint Powers Board on January 1, 2020.

There will be a TSA meeting on January 28, 2020.

The board was given competitive grant updates. CWP and Lawns and Legumes were applied for.

Alan Kraus gave the board an update on the CRWP.

Legislative Day at the Capital will be held on March 24 & 25, 2020.

Mike discussed entering into a social media partnership with Sibley County SWCD and the Ney Center. The partnership would focus on the SWCD's and be a unique way to tell our stories.

The February board meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2020.

Motion by Traxler, second by Gregor to make payment to Borgmeier Trust in the amount of \$3142.62 for contract #2-19.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Gregor, second by Traxler to make payment to Borgmeier Trust in the amount of \$3730.51 for contract #3-18.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Gregor, second by Traxler to encumber \$7200.00 for Barb Schley, PB Farms, contract #cc-2020-1 for cover crops.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Joe gave the board future dates of cover crop meetings and also brought up the I90 tour.

January 16, 2020 Union Hill

February 19, 2020 Ridges at Sand Creek

Traxler questioned if the SWCD was still considering purchasing a Hagie for cover crops.

Software has been purchased for staff to fill out timesheets.

Chris gave the NRCS report. He discussed EQIP, CSP, certifying practices and approving payments. The lack of CSP funds, conservation desk top training, the CRP general sign up and the 2020 budget that passed for the fiscal year.

Vouchers were reviewed and filled out.

Jeff and Christy Gibbs met with the board and staff to receive their Outstanding Conservationist award and were guests of the board for lunch.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.

2-18-20

Date

Jim Stark

District Secretary



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Minutes from February 18, 2020 regular meeting of the Le Sueur County SWCD Board of Supervisors. Le Sueur Co. SWCD building, Le Center, MN.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Struck at 9:00 am.

Members present: Chairman, Jim Struck
Vice-Chairman, Greg Entinger
Treasurer, Cletus Gregor
PR&I, Glendon Braun

Members absent: Secretary, Earle Traxler

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District Conservationist, Steve Breaker
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The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Secretary's report was read and approved.

Treasurer's report was read. Motion by Entinger, second by Gregor to approve as read and to pay bills.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

The SWCD switched over telephones in the office to Le Sueur County from the federal government phones. The federal government phones have been problematic for quite a few months and no calls were coming into the office.

Mike discussed the NACD convention he attended in Las Vegas.

MASWCD Day at the Capitol was brought up to the board. Dates are March 24-25, 2020.

Motion by Entinger, second by Braun to pay employees MACDE yearly dues at \$25/employee.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Employee and office goals for 2020 were given to the board and discussed.

The board discussed the sale of the 2008 Chev Silverado pickup. Motion by Gregor, second by Entinger to sell the vehicle to the highest bidder. Two bids were received and the highest bid was from Karl Schmidtke at \$2750.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Staff would like to purchase a pressure washer for the storage building. Motion by Gregor, second by Braun to purchase the pressure washer with the money from the pickup sale and donate the remainder to the American Veterans Association.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Entinger, second by Gregor to accept Joe Jirik's updated Job Approval Authority (JAA).

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

The board was informed that the CRWP JPB membership dues are \$3500.00.

Motion by Entinger, second by Braun to deny Mark Pettis low interest loan for precision planter equipment due to 100% of his crops will not be no-tilled with the equipment.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Struck, second by Braun to encumber Nathan Traxler cover crop cost-share contract #cc-2020-2 in the amount of \$4140.00.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Braun, second by Entinger to encumber Robert Goetl cover crop cost-share contract #cc-2020-3 in the amount of \$7200.00.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Re-enrolling cover crop acres was discussed by the board and staff.

Motion by Entinger, second by Gregor to sign the Lake Washington and County Ditch #61 grant with the State of MN in the amount of \$525,591.00. (Lake Washington \$310,250.00; County Ditch #61 \$215,341.00)

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Gregor, second by Entinger to adopt Lake Washington cost-share policy and grant execution.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Entinger, second by Braun to encumber Washington Township cost-share contract #JG-2020-1 in the amount of \$6790.50.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

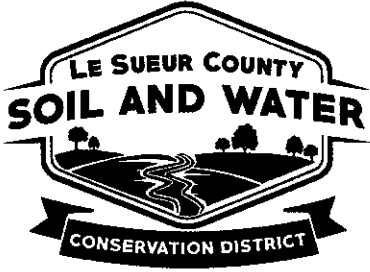
Steve gave the NRCS update. He discussed the general CRP signup, continuing CRP signup, construction payments, new EQIP, and how CRP is approved.

There will be a cover crop meeting on Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at the American Legion in Le Center.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 10:55 am.

3-10, 20
Date Approved

Carle R. Taylor
District Secretary



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Minutes from March 10, 2020 regular meeting of the Le Sueur County SWCD Board of Supervisors. Le Sueur County SWCD building, Le Center, MN.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Struck at 9:00 am.

Members present: Chairman, Jim Struck
Vice-Chairman, Greg Entinger
Secretary, Earle Traxler
Treasurer, Cletus Gregor
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Others present: District Manager, Mike Schultz
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Secretary's report was read and approved.

Treasurer's report was read. Motion by Entinger, second by Traxler to approve as read and to pay bills.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

MASWCD Day at the Capitol was discussed. Entinger or Traxler will attend with staff.

There will be a cover crop meeting on March 19, 2020 at Ridges of Sand Creek.

There will be an Area 6 meeting on March 31, 2020 at the Winnebago Community Center.

Schultz asked the board if they would allow him to seek legal counsel for questions regarding the personnel policy. The board suggested getting an estimate of cost and bring to the next monthly meeting.

Each board member received a copy of the Le Sueur SWCD annual report that was completed by the staff.

Motion by Traxler, second by Gregor to encumber \$11,737.50 for Rich Clifton Jefferson/German c/share contract for shoreline protection. Contract #JGMatch-2020-01

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Gregor, second by Traxler to encumber \$4140.00 for Brian Entinger cover crop cost share. Contract #cc-2020-4 for 46 acres.

Affirmative: Struck, Traxler, Gregor, Braun

Abstained: Entinger

Opposed: None

Motion carried

NRCS had a report to hand out to the board due to a conference call during the meeting. After the May board meeting Steve would like to hold a local work group meeting.

The Cannon River JPB was activated as of April 1, 2020.

Traxler discussed retaining ponds along county ditches.

Vouchers were reviewed and filled out.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 9:55 am.

4-14-20

Date

Brian Traxler

District Secretary



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Minutes from April 14, 2020 regular board meeting of the Le Sueur County SWCD Board of Supervisors. Le Sueur County SWCD building, Le Center, MN.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the board meeting was held by conference call. Cletus Gregor was in office.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Struck at 9:00 am.

Members present: Chairman, Jim Struck
Vice-Chairman, Greg Entinger
Secretary, Earle Traxler
Treasurer, Cletus Gregor
PR&I, Glendon Braun

Others present: District Manager, Mike Schultz
District Technician, Joe Jirik
Program Specialist, Sue Prchal
District Conservationist, Steve Breaker

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Secretary's report was read and approved.

Treasurer's report was read. Motion by Braun, second by Traxler to approve as read and to pay bills.
Affirmative: All
Opposed: None
Motion carried

Mike updated the board on how the office staff is coming along due to the pandemic. CDC guidelines are being followed, the front door to the office is locked at all times, there is minimum staff in the office at all times, staff schedules are being discussed weekly through video calls, each employee has a laptop to work from home. State grants are continuing through the pandemic so work needs to continue.

Motion by Traxler, second by Entinger to sign Resolution 2020-1 to support a Le Sueur River Watershed 1W1P.
Affirmative: All
Opposed: None
Motion carried

Cannon River 1W1P update was given by Mike. The policy meeting has been cancelled and a meeting has been scheduled for July.

Motion by Traxler, second by Braun to give Gregor authorization to sign on behalf of the SWCD board during the pandemic.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Gregor, second by Entinger to approve cover crop cost-share contract for Scott Smisek and encumber \$3240.00. Contract #cc-2020-5.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Gregor, second by Traxler to approve cover crop cost-share contract for Nap Scott and encumber \$2250.00. Contract #cc-2020-6.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Braun, second by Gregor to approve Sand Creek cover crop cost-share contract for Marty Krocak. This contract is for a frost seeding for 1 year of 32 acres.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Entinger, second by Braun to approve Vetter Farms state cost-share contract #1-20 and encumber \$17,003.25 for sediment basins.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Entinger, second by Braun to approve Kevin Vetter state cost-share contract #2-20 and encumber \$2475.75 for sediment basins.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Traxler, second by Gregor to approve Kevin Vetter state cost-share contract #4-18 and encumber \$138.38 for sediment basins.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Entinger, second by Braun to approve Kevin Vetter state cost-share contract #3-19 and encumber \$756.84 for sediment basins.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Traxler, second by Gregor to approve Kevin Vetter capacity cost-share contract #CAP-2019-4A and encumber \$4101.00 for sediment basins.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Traxler, second by Gregor to authorize and sign Ruhland Farms MAWQCP contract payment of \$100.00.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Mike updated the board on the county ditch contract between the SWCD and Le Sueur County. The contract has not been updated since the SWCD took over the ditch authority role. Compensation rates for staff time working on county ditches needs to be current and will likely update the contract on a yearly basis. Motion by Braun, second by Traxler to proceed on the contract with Le Sueur County.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Trees will be arriving on April 22, 2020. Trees will be delivered to all county residents and non-county residents will have a date and time for pickup to avoid person to person contact.

Steve updated the board on NRCS projects. He is working on EQIP applications, CREP with Karl, CRP and CCRP. It looks as though the SWCD will be helping with CRP contracts. A local work group meeting will be held in May to set conservation priorities for the county.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 10:00 am.

5-12-2020

Date

Tom Traxler

District Secretary



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Minutes from May 12, 2020 regular board meeting of the Le Sueur County SWCD Board of Supervisors. Le Sueur County SWCD building, Le Center, MN.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the board meeting was held by conference call. Cletus Gregor was in office.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Struck at 9:00 am.

Members present: Chairman, Jim Struck
Vice-Chairman, Greg Entinger
Secretary, Earle Traxler
Treasurer, Cletus Gregor
PR&I, Glendon Braun

Others present: District Manager, Mike Schultz
District Technician, Joe Jirik
Program Specialist, Sue Prchal
Ditch Inspector, Nik Kadel
District Conservationist, Steve Breaker
NRCS Team Lead, Chris Schmidt
NRCS Summer Intern, Kara Fairchild

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Secretary's report was read and approved.

Treasurer's report was read. Motion by Traxler, second by Entinger to approve as read and to pay bills.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Schultz updated the board on how the office is working during the pandemic. The SWCD is considered essential. An office preparedness plan has been completed discussing safety measures. Motion by Entinger, second by Gregor to approve the preparedness plan and to post on SWCD bulletin board and place on the SWCD website.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Schultz asked the board if employees could receive mileage reimbursement if they are working from home and needing to go to a field site that is closer to their home rather than driving to the office and picking up an SWCD pickup. Staff would need prior approval from Schultz prior to the field visit. Motion by Gregor, second by Traxler to allow.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Braun, Struck and Gregor are up for election. Prchal will meet with each supervisor during the filing period (May 19, 2020 through June 2, 2020) for them to complete their Affidavit of Candidacy.

The Outstanding Conservationist tour is usually held in June as part of the regular board meeting. The board agreed to wait until closer to June meeting time to see if the tour will still take place.

Le Sueur County ditch spraying will begin shortly. Kadel explained to the board that 1/3 of the county ditches are set to be sprayed with a tractor and boom. Letters will be sent out to all those affected.

Schultz discussed the county ditch contract between the SWCD and Le Sueur County. The commissioners have signed the agreement which begins January 1, 2020 and runs through December 31, 2020. Each year the contract will be updated to reflect current compensation rates. Motion by Traxler, second by Gregor to enter into the contract with Le Sueur County.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Traxler, second by Entinger to approve and pay Kevin Vetter state cost-share contract #4-18 in the amount of \$138.38 for a sediment basin.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Traxler, second by Braun to approve and pay Kevin Vetter capacity cost-share contract #CAP-2019-4A in the amount of \$4101.00 for a sediment basin.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Braun, second by Gregor to approve and pay Kevin Vetter state cost-share contract #3-19 in the amount of \$756.84 for a sediment basin.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Entinger, second by Gregor to approve and pay Kevin Vetter state cost-share contract #2-20 in the amount of \$1397.53 for a sediment basin.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Entinger, second by Traxler to approve and pay Mark Pettis state cost-share contract #1-19 in the amount of \$14,991.65 for sediment basins.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Steve gave the NRCS report. He virtually introduced Kara Fairchild, the NRCS summer intern. He discussed CRP plans and contracts, Karl completing conservation planning, EQIP ranking and scoring. He mentioned that EQIP has a mortality signup for farmers having to euthanize their animals due to the Covid-19 pandemic. There will be a local work group meeting today at 11:00.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 9:57 am.

6-11-20

Date



District Secretary



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Minutes from June 11, 2020 regular board meeting of the Le Sueur County SWCD Board of Supervisors. Le Sueur County SWCD building, Le Center, MN.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the board meeting was held by conference call. Cletus Gregor was in office.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Struck at 9:00 am.

Members present: Chairman, Jim Struck
Vice-Chairman, Greg Entinger
Secretary, Earle Traxler
Treasurer, Cletus Gregor
PR&I, Glendon Braun

Others present: District Manager, Mike Schultz
District Technician, Joe Jirik
Farm Bill Technician, Karl Schmidtke
Ditch Inspector, Nik Kadel
BWSR Board Conservationist, Jen Mocol-Johnson
Program Specialist, Sue Prchal

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Secretary's report was read and approved. Struck questioned if ditch spraying will be occurring on CRP, Schultz informed him that it will not.

Treasurer's report was read. Motion by Entinger, second by Braun to approve as read and to pay bills.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Schultz gave the board an update on how the office is running during the pandemic. The office recently organized desks so the 6' spacing between exists, plexy glass is put up at front counter, FSA is only meeting with landowners outside of the building, the front door remains locked.

Motion by Gregor, second by Braun to sign Mark Pettis certification form for the MAWQCP.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Entinger, second by Traxler to sign Greg Schwarz, Loan Oak Farms, application for the MAWQCP.

Affirmative: All
Opposed: None
Motion carried

Motion by Gregor, second by Traxler to accept Karl Schmidtke Job Approval Authority (JAA) for creating CRP conservation plans.

Affirmative: All
Opposed: None
Motion carried

The Cannon River 1W1P is on the June 24, 2020 BWSR board agenda for approval. A policy meeting is planned for July 1, 2020.

Motion by Gregor, second by Traxler to approve payment of \$300.00 to Marty Krocak cover crop cost-share contract #WMO#20-42.

Affirmative: All
Opposed: None
Motion carried

There will be a Webex TSA meeting on June 16, 2020. Traxler and Jirik will attend the virtual meeting at the Le Sueur Co. SWCD office.

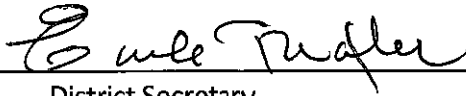
The board and staff discussed trying to have the Outstanding Conservationist tour at the July meeting.

Steve Breaker gave out a typed NRCS report prior to the meeting and Schultz shared with the board.

Schultz discussed the office air conditioning system needing a new compressor and also the retaining wall on the SW side of the building needing some maintenance.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 9:45 am.

7-14, 2020
Date


District Secretary



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Minutes from July 14, 2020 regular board meeting of the Le Sueur County SWCD Board of Supervisors. Le Sueur County Justice Center, Le Center, MN.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Struck at 9:00 am.

Members present: Chairman, Jim Struck
Vice-Chairman, Greg Entinger
Secretary, Earle Traxler
Treasurer, Cletus Gregor
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The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Secretary's report was read and approved.

Treasurer's report was read. Motion by Entinger, second by Traxler to approve as read and to pay bills.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Schultz gave an update on how the office is working during the covid-19 pandemic. A preparedness plan has been completed for the SWCD, an SWCD employee was on quarantine for coming in contact with a covid positive, the employee tested negative for the virus and returned to work after the 14 day quarantine, there is now a questionnaire for anyone who needs to visit the office along with masks being available.

Schultz informed the board that the Cannon River 1W1P has been approved. A work plan needs to be completed now.

Motion by Traxler, second by Gregor to approve and pay Washington Township Jefferson/German cost-share contract #JG-2020-1 in the amount of \$6790.00.

Affirmative: All
Opposed: None
Motion carried

Motion by Entinger, second by Gregor to approve and pay Lisa Dembouski Jefferson/German cost-share contract #JGMatch-2019-1 in the amount of \$1500.00.

Affirmative: All
Opposed: None
Motion carried

Motion by Braun, second by Traxler to approve and pay Le Sueur County Buffer cost-share contract #BCS-7-2018 in the amount of \$8778.01.

Affirmative: All
Opposed: None
Motion carried

Kadel discussed county ditch projects, either completed or being worked on, that are being funded by FEMA due to the spring 2019 rain damage. Total dollars that Le Sueur County will be receiving in FEMA funds is approximately \$461,408.

The board and staff discussed the 2020 Outstanding Conservationist award. Francis Budin and Mitch Holicky were nominated. The board voted and chose Mitch Holicky for the 2020 Outstanding Conservationist. Mitch will be contacted by the office and an interview will be done for the local newspapers.

Steve gave the NRCS report. He is working on CRP spot checks and reviews. Le Sueur County is in the top 3 in the State of Minnesota for CRP contracts. Gary Hahn will be retiring on July 17, 2020.

The board discussed the 2021 budget. Motion by Traxler, second by Cletus to approve the budget.
Affirmative: All
Opposed: None
Motion carried

Vouchers were reviewed and filled out.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 10:42 am.

8-18-2020
Date

Carle Traxler
District Secretary



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Minutes from August 18, 2020 regular board meeting of the Le Sueur County SWCD Board of Supervisors.
Le Sueur County Justice Center, Le Center, MN.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Struck at 9:00 am.

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Affirmative: All
Opposed: None
Motion carried

Schultz discussed that the SWCD's Covid-19 preparedness plan needs to be updated to add wearing face masks inside public spaces according to the State of MN guidelines. Motion by Entinger, second by Traxler to add wearing of face masks to the District preparedness plan.

Affirmative: All
Opposed: None
Motion carried

Schultz, Gregor and Prchal met with the Le Sueur Co. Commissioners to discuss the SWCD's 2021 budget and request next years' allocation.

Jirik and Prchal met with Mitch Holicky, Outstanding Conservationist, in the office and discussed his farming practices so as to begin writing an article for the county newspapers, the SWCD website and facebook page.

The supervisors were informed that BWSR academy will be virtual this year as will the MASWCD annual convention.

Motion by Entinger, second by Gregor to sign the 2021 CREP Outreach Grant for a 1 year extension in the amount of \$56,900.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Schultz gave the board an update on the CR 1W1P.

Motion by Entinger, second by Traxler to make payment to Reid Wondra cost-share contract #CAP-2019-2A in the amount of \$7501.61.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Entinger, second by Braun to encumber \$9600.00 for Jerry Beckel cost-share contract #WASH-1.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Steve had a typed NRCS report for the board. In the report he discussed EQIP, CREP and CRP. Continuing to work in Carver County and Kara, the summer intern, will be going back to school August 14.

Vouchers were reviewed and filled out.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 10:10 am.

4-15-20

Date

Charles Traxler

District Secretary



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Minutes from September 15, 2020 regular meeting of the Le Sueur County SWCD Board of Supervisors. Le Sueur County SWCD storage building, Le Center, MN.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Struck at 9:00 am.

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The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Secretary's report was read and approved.

Treasurer's report was read. Motion by Entinger, second by Traxler to approve as read and to pay bills. The SWCD money market account was discussed.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Schultz gave the board an office update. Gary Kunz, FSA-CED retired, Gov. Walz peacetime order continues, appointments are needed for anyone to meet in the SWCD office, masks must be worn.

The SWCD building janitor's contract is set to expire on September 30, 2020. The lease the SWCD has with the USDA, for office space, is set to expire on July 31, 2021. Schultz asked the board what they would like to do as far as either opening up the janitor bidding process or continuing with the current janitor until the new USDA lease is complete. The board would like to open the janitor bidding process with the bid expiring on July 31, 2021 and then have a cleaning bid for month to month services until a new office contract is complete with the USDA.

Motion by Traxler, second by Entinger to open up the janitor position for bids.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Low interest loan for Jim Hoefs minimum tillage equipment was discussed. Motion by Entinger, second by Gregor to approve the loan application.

Affirmative: Struck, Entinger, Gregor, Braun

Opposed: None

Abstained: Traxler

Motion carried

Schultz updated the board on 1W1P for Cannon River. There will be a policy meeting on October 7, 2020.

There will be a TSA meeting on September 22, 2020.

Motion by Traxler, second by Entinger to make payment to Dean Koppelman for cost-share contract #JG-2018-1W in the amount of \$34,569.00.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Entinger, second by Traxler to encumber \$26,100.00 for Mike McCarthy cost-share contract #WASH-2 for sediment basins.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Traxler, second by Entinger to encumber \$1830.00 for Eric Muellerleile cover crop cost-share contract #cc-2020-7.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Entinger, second by Braun to encumber \$1078.22 for John Sauber cost-share contract #CAP-2020-1 for a sediment basin.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Entinger, second by Braun to encumber \$6946.78 for John Sauber state cost-share contract #3-20 for a sediment basin.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Entinger, second by Braun to encumber \$3710.89 for Connie Brastad cost-share contract #CAP-2019-5A for a sediment basin.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Steve gave the NRCS report. He discussed new CRP and CCRP contracts, encumbering EQIP dollars, working in Carver County and certifying payments for programs.

Chris also discussed EQIP, CSP payments, replacing the Civil Engineering Technician position in Le Sueur County, Covid, scanning HEL and wetland determination documents and hiring a Soil Conservationist Technician position for Le Sueur County NRCS.

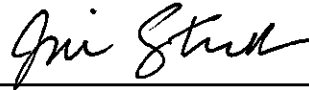
Mowing and spraying procedures of the county ditch buffers was discussed.

Vouchers were reviewed and filled out.

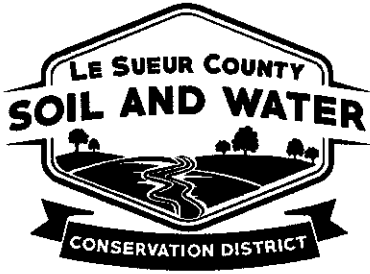
There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 10:50 am.

10-13, 20

Date



District Secretary



Le Sueur County Soil & Water Conservation District

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Minutes from October 13, 2020 regular meeting of the Le Sueur County SWCD Board of Supervisors. Le Sueur County EOC room, Justice Center, Le Center, MN.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Struck at 9:00 am.

Members present: Chairman, Jim Struck
Vice-Chairman, Greg Entinger
Treasurer, Cletus Gregor
PR&I, Glendon Braun

Members absent: Secretary, Earle Traxler

Others present: District Manager, Mike Schultz
District Technician, Joe Jirik
Farm Bill Tech, Karl Schmidtke
Ditch Specialist, Nik Kadel
District Conservationist, Steve Breaker
Program Specialist, Sue Prchal

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Secretary's report was read and approved.

Treasurer's report was read. The money market account was discussed, RIM signs and truck payments.

Motion by Entinger, second by Braun to approve as read and to pay bills.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Next month's board meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 17, 2020 and the board will tour Outstanding Conservationist's, Mitch Holicky, farm and take him for lunch to honor him.

Motion by Gregor, second by Entinger to approve and sign the Jefferson-German grant extension with the State of Minnesota in the amount of \$387,100.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Gregor, second by Entinger to approve and sign the 2021 Capacity and Buffer grant with the State of Minnesota in the amount of \$152,631.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Entinger, second by Gregor to approve payment for Rich Clifton contract #JG-Match-2020-01 in the amount of \$11,737.50.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Entinger, second by Braun to encumber \$3600.00 for Baker Brothers cover crop cost-share contract #cc-2018-3JG for 30 acres.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

The board discussed cover crops and promoting the program with the county dairy farmers. Jirik commented that all the dairy farmers left in Le Sueur County have been seeding cover crops.

Schultz informed the board that on November 24, 2020 the Area 6 will have a virtual meeting for the election of officers to take place.

Schultz discussed the annual convention with the board. December 8, 2020 the MASWCD will host a virtual business meeting for resolution voting to take place.

Motion by Gregor, second by Entinger to terminate Roger M. Ruhland from the SWCD janitor position effective 11-1-2020.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Entinger, second by Gregor to hire Dawn Ruhland for the janitor position effective 11-2-2020 at \$625.00 per month.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

The board discussed allowing Dawn Ruhland to bring forth a wage renegotiation when the SWCD enters into a lease contract with the USDA.

Schultz gave the board an update on the Cannon River 1W1P and the Lower MN 1W1P.

Steve gave the NRCS report. He discussed working in Carver County and CRP completions in Le Sueur County. The highest CRP rate in Le Sueur County is \$222.00/acre.

Schultz notified the board that the F250 pickup will be needing new tires.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 10:10 am.

The board reconvened with District Manager Schultz to discuss personnel issues.

Schultz suggested reclassifying the Farm Bill Technician position, Karl Schmidtke, to a Resource Technician position. The position would begin immediately at a GS 7-1 position at \$21.60/hour through December 31, 2020 and on January 1, 2021 the position would be a GS 7-2 at \$23.02/hour.

Motion by Entinger to approve the position reclassification, second by Gregor.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

There being no further business, the personnel meeting adjourned at 10:45 am.

11-17, 20

Date

Carli Pedler
District Secretary



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Minutes from November 17, 2020 regular meeting of the Le Sueur County SWCD Board of Supervisors. Le Sueur County EOC room, Justice Center, Le Center, MN.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Struck at 9:05 am.

Members present: Chairman, Jim Struck
Vice-Chairman, Greg Entinger
Secretary, Earle Traxler
Treasurer, Cletus Gregor
PR&I, Glendon Braun

Others present: District Manager, Mike Schultz
District Technician, Joe Jirik
Resource Technician, Karl Schmidtke
Ditch Specialist, Nik Kadel
District Conservationist, Steve Breaker
Program Specialist, Sue Prchal

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Secretary's report was read and approved.

Treasurer's report was read. Le Sueur County appropriation, food plot seed discussed. Motion by Braun, second by Entinger to approve as read and to pay bills.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Schultz discussed the rising number of Covid cases in Le Sueur County. With that being said, the SWCD scaled back to 50% staff in office at one time as of yesterday. Staff will also be working at home when not in the office. Wifi is assessable in the SWCD storage building, if a staff member would prefer to be there. USDA will begin working at 50% in office next week and the front door will be locked with no customers allowed in the building until further notice.

Schultz informed the board that the front office door was vandalized on October 30/31. The Le Center police department got in contact with Schultz.

The MASWCD will hold its annual convention virtually on December 8, 2020 from 8:00 – noon.

Schultz updated the board on the Cannon River 1W1P.

Kadel will be working on the buffer compliance notifications. Approximately 30 landowners in Le Sueur County are not in compliance with the State of MN buffer law. Landowners will have 11 months to comply before they would start to see fines.

Motion by Entinger, second by Traxler to approve the payment for the GBERBA multipurpose drainage management storage and treatment wetland project to the Le Sueur County Drainage Authority, cost-share contract #CWF-MDM-17-40-01 in the amount of \$50,000.00.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Gregor, second by Entinger to approve payment to Connie Brastad cost-share contract #CAP-2019-5A in the amount of \$3710.89.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

The board was handed out an update from Southcentral Area 6 Director, Mark Schnobrich.

Steve gave the NRCS report. He is currently certifying practices, fall construction work and working with landowners on future construction projects.

The board received a copy of the 2019 annual audit which was recently completed.

Schultz discussed the possibility of Holly Kalbus, County Water Planner, coming into the SWCD office.

Resolutions were read and voted upon.

Struck gave an update to the board on the personnel committee meeting he and Entinger had with Schultz.

Motion by Entinger, second by Gregor to approve the SWCD employee's 2021 salaries.

Affirmative: All

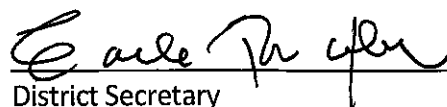
Opposed: None

Motion carried

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 11:35 am.

12-9-20

Date


District Secretary



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Minutes from December 9, 2020 regular board meeting of the Le Sueur County SWCD Board of Supervisors. Le Sueur County SWCD building, Le Center, MN.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the board meeting was held by conference call. Cletus Gregor was present in the office for the meeting.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Struck at 9:00 am.

Members present: Chairman, Jim Struck
Vice-Chairman, Greg Entinger
Secretary, Earle Traxler
Treasurer, Cletus Gregor
PR&I, Glendon Braun

Others present: District Manager, Mike Schultz
District Conservationist, Steve Breaker
Program Specialist, Sue Prchal

Secretary's report from November 17, 2020 regular meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report for December 2020 will be sent out.

Motion by Traxler, second by Entinger to authorize Cletus Gregor to sign on behalf of the Le Sueur County SWCD.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Mike updated the board on the measures the office is once again taking due to the pandemic. The front office doors are locked and staff is reduced to 50% in office at one time. This is due to the increasing cases of covid-19 in the county and state. The office has had its first covid-19 positive employee and that employee is quarantining at home. Staff was not affected due to the employee becoming infected over the Thanksgiving holiday. The SWCD is working closely with Le Sueur County Public Health so as to make sure employees remain safe.

Mike and Earle attended the MASWCD virtual convention. They informed the board of things discussed such as capacity dollars, emailing their congressmen, elections, resolutions, and budget shortfalls due to the pandemic.

Motion by Traxler, second by Entinger to sign the GBERBA JPA.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Traxler, second by Gregor to pay the MACDE staff dues at \$25.00 per employee.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Mike discussed entering into a JPA with Le Sueur County Human Resources for SWCD payroll. The SWCD and Le Sueur County currently have no formal agreement.

Motion by Traxler, second by Entinger to approve the 2021 Non Structural Land Management Practices, Cover Crop Policy. Cost-share for multi species cover crops will be \$30/acre and single species cover crops will be \$15/ac. 2021 Capacity dollars will be used.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Mike will attend a work group meeting with the Le Sueur County Commissioners and Environmental Services on January 5, 2021 to discuss the Le Sueur County Water Planner transferring to the SWCD office.

Motion by Braun, second by Traxler to approve and pay cost-share contract #cc-2020-1, PB Farms, in the amount of \$7200.00 for 3 years of cover crops.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Entinger, second by Gregor to approve and pay cost-share contract #cc-2020-3, Robert Goettl, in the amount of \$7200.00 for 3 years of cover crops.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Entinger, second by Traxler to approve and pay cost-share contract #cc-2020-5, Scott Smisek, in the amount of \$3240.00 for 3 years of cover crops.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Gregor, second by Braun to approve and pay cost-share contract #cc-2020-6, Nap Scott, in the amount of \$2250.00 for 3 years of cover crops.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Entinger, second by Traxler to approve and pay cost-share contract #cc-2020-7, Eric Muellelilele, in the amount of \$1830.00 for 3 years of cover crops.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Gregor, second by Traxler to approve and pay cost-share contract #cc-2018-3JG, Baker Brothers, in the amount of \$3600.00 for 3 years of cover crops.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Entinger, second by Gregor to approve and pay cost-share contract #cc-2020-2, Nathan Traxler, in the amount of \$4140.00 for 3 years of cover crops.

Affirmative: Entinger, Gregor, Braun, Struck

Opposed: None

Abstained: Traxler

Motion carried

Motion by Gregor, second by Traxler to approve and pay cost-share contract #cc-2020-4, Brian Entinger, in the amount of \$4140.00 for 3 years of cover crops.

Affirmative: Gregor, Braun, Traxler, Struck

Opposed: None

Abstained: Entinger

Motion carried

Motion by Traxler, second by Gregor to approve and pay cost-share contract #1-20, Vetter Farms, in the amount of \$15,637.50.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Steve gave the NRCS report. He presented the SWCD board with the Memorandum of Understanding between the SWCD and NRCS for 2021. Motion by Braun, second by Gregor to sign the memorandum.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Vouchers were reviewed and filled out.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 10:00 am.

1-12-21
Date

C. Allen P. Allen
District Secretary