

MINUTES FOR THE April 8th, 2021, BOARD MEETING OF THE SUPERVISORS FOR THE CLAY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, HELD ELECTRONICALLY THROUGH ZOOM. The Clay Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) held the April 8th, 2021 meeting via “Zoom” according to Minnesota Statutes 13D.021, subdivision 1. The Clay SWCD will return to in-person meetings when allowable and safe. In the meantime, the Clay SWCD will continue to hold meetings via telephone or other electronic means if the conditions of this section are met.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Hildebrandt at 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Members present: Joel Hildebrandt, Chairperson
Paul Krabbenhoft, Vice Chairperson
Carol Schoff, Treasurer
Randy Schellack, Secretary
Robert Anderson, Reporter

Others present: Amanda Lewis, District Coordinator
Craig Halverson, District Technician/CFO
Gabe Foltz, District Technician/ CAI
Tony Nelson, Natural Resources Management Technician
Robert Guetter, NRCS Team Lead

Absent: Kevin Kassenborg, District Manager
Jenny Mongeau, County Commissioner

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVE AGENDA: M/S/P, Schellack/Schoff, to approve the April agenda. Motion carried.

MEETING AND MILEAGE FORMS COMPLETED BY SUPERVISORS.

SECRETARY’S REPORT: A draft copy of the March 11, 2021, meeting minutes was emailed to the Supervisors prior to the March meeting. **M/S/P, Schoff/Schellack, to approve the March 11, 2021 minutes.** Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Mandy discussed the financials. See Mandy’s report. Paul stated that he would like to see the budget worksheet with the reports as that is the sheet we used in the past (budget vs. actual). Mandy will share the budget sheet as well as the others.

M/S/P, Schellack/Krabbenhoft, to approve the treasurer’s report. Motion carried.

APPROVE STATE COST SHARE CONTRACTS REQUESTING CANCELLATION:

CS 21-01 M. Valan for a field windbreak in the amount of \$2,224.00. There was a drainage issue that interfered with the planting.

M/S/P, Krabbenhoft/Schellack, to approve the above listed cost-share contracts for assistance. Motion carried.

APPROVE VOUCHERS PAID: The list of vouchers from Elect # 2121 - 2128 and #20838 - 20863 were reviewed, and credit given to have been paid by due date. **M/S/P, Schoff/Anderson, to approve the vouchers that had been paid as listed.** Motion carried.

MASWCD LEGISLATIVE DAY AT THE CAPITOL:

Paul, Carol, and Randy attended the session. Paul stated that the number of attendees was at an all time high with approximately 190 people in attendance. There was a discussion held on the presentations.

LEGISLATOR MEETINGS: See Kevin’s report.

AREA 1 MEETING COMMENTS: See Kevin's report.

Mandy stated that the meeting was well attended. There was a discussion held on future meetings and options to hold those meetings.

NRCS MOA: See Kevin's report.

Troy Daniell was scheduled to attend this evening's meeting but had to cancel. There was lots of discussion held on the agreement.

M/S, Krabbenhoft/Schellack to approve the agreement as printed. The motion passed with 3 votes in favor, Krabbenhoft/Schellack/Anderson, 1 vote against, Hildebrandt, and 1 abstaining from the vote, Schoff.

LOCALLY LED CONSERVATION TRAINING FOR SUPERVISORS: Paul and Carol attended. Paul stated that there were approximately 90 in attendance. This training focused on how to involve SWCD Supervisors in the LWG process. There was a discussion held on the training.

LOCAL WORK GROUP (LWG) SESSIONS: See Kevin's report.

Robert Guetter discussed the 4 work group sessions and details for local work group meetings. There was a discussion held.

CWF: See Craig's report.

BUFFER LAW: See Gabe's report. Gabe stated that Tom Gile, BWSR reached out about potential additional funding for the Buffer Law. There was a discussion held. More to come.

U of M TILLAGE RESEARCH PROJECT: See Gabe's report. Discussion held.

BRR COMPREHENSIVE WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN (CWMP): See Kevin's report.

WR-M CWMP: See Kevin's report.

Joel stated that the plan was approved and is being sent to the BWSR Board for approval.

WILD RICE WATERSHED DISTRICT – MANAGER RE-APPOINTMENTS: See Kevin's report.

TSA BOARD MEETING: See Kevin's report.

Carol stated that there is an Executive Committee meeting scheduled for the last week of April. More to come.

CRESTWOOD POLLINATOR HABITAT PROJECT: See Mandy and Tony's reports.

CREP: See Tony's report.

WIA SIGNUP: See Tony's report.

PHEASANTS FOREVER BIOLOGIST POSITION: Tony stated that he talked with Tanner Bruse, PF Ag & Conservation Programs Manager for MN about the position. More to come.

COVID 19 – Update: See Kevin's report. Discussion held.

BEGINNING FARMER PRESENTATION: See Kevin's report.

BWSR SPRING TRAINING: See Kevin's report.

NRCS – See Sharon's report

ROBERT GUETTER REPORT: He discussed the EQIP funding, 8 out of 14 applications were approved. They made a request for additional funding in hopes to get a few more approved. He asked if the district would like to assist with the Local Workgroup Meeting. More to come.

REPORTS:

COUNTY COMMISSIONER:

No report.

MASWCD: No report. There was a discussion held on the annual convention and what that looks like for 2021.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Joel stated that they discussed the town of Sterling. They approved a subdivision in the Oakport area. Discussion held.

CFO PROGRAM UPDATE: See Craig's report.

TREE PROGRAM UPDATE: See Craig's report.

NO-TILL DRILL PROGRAM: See Craig's report.

URBAN CONSERVATION: See Mandy's report.

CAI UPDATE: See Gabe's report. Discussed Pesticide Applicator Testing and the future of using a computer for that purpose.

WCA/LWM/AIS: See Tony's report.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- April 8th – Rural Cities & County Joint Meeting – Clay County Law Enforcement Center
- April 9th – Area 1 NRCS/BWSR Listening Session
- April 12th – SWCD/County Highway Dept./Spraying Contractor Meeting
- April 14th – Tree Delivery
- April 20th & 27th – Rain Barrel Workshops – Wilkin County

ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

Joel stated that one of the requirements for passing the Zavoral Gravel Pit was to conduct a site visit. He stated that he will reach out to Matt Jacobson, Clay County Planning and Zoning Director, to request that he includes Tony in on the site visit to the Zavoral Gravel pit. More to come. Joel stated that he would like to think about a potential tour for 2021 sometime in the fall of this year.

NEXT MEETING DATE: May 13th, 2021 @ 4:00PM

ADJOURN: Supervisor Hildebrandt called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. **M/S/P, Schoff/Anderson, to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 p.m.** Motion carried.

BY: Amanda Lewis
District Coordinator

Randy Schellack
Secretary

Signature after approved Date