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Marshall SWCD Board Minutes From the March 14, 2024 Marshall SWCD Board Meeting

Minutes of the Marshall Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) from the March 14, 2024, Marshall SWCD Board Meeting that was held at the Marshall SWCD Conference Room.

Supervisor Miller called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M.

Marshall SWCD Members Present:

Secretary, Randy Larson
Treasurer, Barry Walton
Vice Chairman, Joey Peterson (Online)
Public Relations, Carl Green

Marshall SWCD Members Absent:

Chairman, Brent Miller

Others Present:

NRCS Staff Member, Thane Espe
District Manager, Darren Carlson

February 2024 Minutes – Motion by Larson, seconded by Walton to accept the minutes as delivered from the February 21, 2024, Marshall SWCD Board Meeting. None opposed. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report – None was delivered at this Board Meeting.

Geasants Forever Report – None was given.



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NRCS Report – Thane Espe gave an update from the NRCS. Workload continues to be with the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP), Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and the Continuous Conservation Reserve Program (CCRP)/General CRP Signup.

Marshall SWCD New Business:

- Election Reminder - District Manager Carlson brought up that it is an Election Year. Supervisors Brent Miller and Carl Green have terms that end this year (2024) and will need to decide if they would like to run again.
- North Pod Engineers Update – District manager gave an update on the agreement the Marshall SWCD has with the North Pod/Pennington SWCD. Year end graphs/spreadsheets were handed out to show the workload that Justin & Logan have been doing in Marshall County.
- Drill/Seed and Tree Program – District Manager Carlson gave an update on the upcoming Drill and Tree planting season for 2024. Numerous grass plantings are scheduled (over 20 sites for over 650 Acres) and tree planting (14 sites for over 4,000 trees).
 - Overtime was also discussed for 2024. Walton made a motion and Green seconded to approve Overtime Salary and Hours for District Technician not to exceed 100 hours and to have his overtime wage at 1.5 times his base wage, after the core working hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. None opposed and motion carried.
 - Overt time was discussed and tabled for District Manager Carlson. This will be brought up at the April 2024 Board Meeting.
- Buffer Program – All noncompliance parcels have been sent to enforcement agencies. Buffer Law continues to be a hot topic among Marshall County landowners/operators. Many still do not want to comply. Marshall SWCD is working with enforcement agencies/landowners/operators of Marshall County and trying to get all parcels in compliance.
- Conservation Contracts Program – 1 Contract(s) was presented to the Board for cost share contract approval at 75% Cost Share Assistance:
 - CCP 24-07 & CP 25-01 Tree Planting Spruce Valley Twp. Section(s) 32 & 33 4 Rows = 2,000'
 - Total Project Cost = \$6,115.00 Total Amount Authorized = \$4,586.25
 - Motion by Green, seconded by Walton to approve this contract as it was presented. None opposed. Motion carried.



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- 2022 Marshall SWCD Cost Share Program – 1 Contract(s) was presented to the Board for cost share contract approval at \$300/Acre for a Buffer/Pollinator Planting:
 - Eng. 22-01 Buffer Planting Como Twp. Section(s) 20 1 Acre
 - Total Project Cost = \$300 Total Amount Authorized = \$300
 - Motion by Walton, seconded by Green to approve this contract as it was presented. None opposed. Motion carried.
- Supervisors Reimbursement Worksheet – District Manager Carlson showed the new/up to date Board Member Reimbursement Worksheet that he encouraged to be filled out on a quarterly basis. Board Members were happy with the worksheet and instead of being paid once a year, the Marshall SWCD Board will not be paid on a quarterly basis.
- Administrative Assistant Position – District Manager Carlson gave an update on the advertisement, job description, etc. of the Administrative Assistant Position. When completed, the advertisement will be displayed in the Northern Watch, Middle River Honker, Warren Sheaf and Stephen Messenger along with being on the Marshall SWCD Website/Facebook and the Minnesota Association of Conservation District Employee (MACDE) Website.
- Thief River 1W1P – District Manager Carlson gave an update on the Thief River 1W1P. A recent Policy Meeting occurred on March 11, 2024 at the Red Lake Watershed District. Board member Larson was in attendance and gave an update on what was discussed.
- Middle/Snake/Tamarac 1W1P – District Manager Carlson gave an update for the M/S/T 1W1P. Policy Meeting occurred on March 13, 2024 at the Marshall SWCD Conference Room. Carlson gave an update on the Supplemental Funds, Swift Coulee Project and the CCRP Funds Incentives. Also discussed was the new Project Worksheet/Ranking Sheet for projects. Ranking projects using this scoresheet may potentially show the need for some projects to receive up to 90% cost share assistance. The Marshall SWCD Board liked the project/scoring worksheet.
- Well Sealings – District Manager Carlson gave an update on Well Sealings in Marshall County and those within the Middle/Snake/Tamarac 1W1P areas of Polk County. A new well sealing contract was signed and approved to proceed:
 - 23-MSTR-WS-10 1 - Well Sealing Newfolden Twp. Section(s) 5
 - Total Project Cost = \$1,000.00 Total Cost Share Amount Authorized = \$900.00



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- RIM Updates – District Manager Carlson discussed the different types of current RIM Signups and the current increases to RIM Payments per acre for the Townships in Marshall County.
- Next Board Meeting Date is scheduled for April 11, 2024 at 8 a.m. at the Marshall SWCD Conference Room.
- Meeting Adjourn at 10:45 a.m.

Randy Jensen

4/11/24

Secretary

Date