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Marshall Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) Board Minutes From the August 1, 2024 Marshall SWCD Board Meeting

Minutes of the Marshall Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) from the August 1, 2024, Marshall SWCD Board Meeting that was held at the Marshall SWCD Conference Room in Warren, Minnesota.

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

Marshall SWCD Members Present:

Vice Chairman, Joey Peterson

Treasurer, Barry Walton

Public Relations, Carl Green

Marshall SWCD Members Absent:

Chairman, Brent Miller

Secretary, Randy Larson

Others Present:

Marshall SWCD District Manager, Darren Carlson

Marshall SWCD Administrative Assistant, Jill Larson

Marshall SWCD New Business:

- Meet Jill Larson. Jill Larson will be the new Marshall SWCD Administrative Assistant. She gave us a background of herself. She will be starting full time in September 2024.
- District Manager Carlson reviewed past Marshall SWCD Board Minutes that have not been approved. Marshall SWCD Board Minutes from the past meetings were approved by Carl Green and seconded by Barry Walton. No objections and the following SWCD Board Minutes were approved:
 - April 11, 2024 Marshall SWCD Board Minutes
 - May 24, 2024 Marshall SWCD Board Minutes
 - June 25, 2024 Marshall SWCD Board Minutes



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- District Manager Darren Carlson passed out 2nd Quarter SWCD Supervisors Reimbursement for signatures. Checks will be mailed out.
- District Manager Darren Carlson discussed the Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Funding and the program. A request for funding was received from Curt Quesnell for 2025 NCOR Clean Drain and Dry Partnership. Carlson passed around what the 2025 proposal will be and what Curt Quesnell has done in the past few years. Barry Walton made a motion to approve the Partnership for \$3,500 and Carl Green seconded it. No objections. Motion was approved and carried.
- District Manager Darren Carlson discussed the Marshall SWCD Soil Health funding received for 2025 & 2026. \$150,000. He showed examples from neighboring SWCD's on what they are planning on doing with the money. Marshall SWCD Board Members told Carlson to come up with a proposal to be voted on at the next SWCD Board Meeting.
- Drill Planting 2024 was discussed. Not as many CRP acres have been planted as of yet for 2024 due to the excess moisture/storm events during the CRP planting dates of March 15 – July 1. A 2 week extension was granted, but few plantings were able to get done due to the excess moisture. Carlson stated a potential fall/dormant seeding date could happen around November 1, potentially. NRCS personnel will make that decision on a case by case scenario as the time gets closer. 2025 and beyond look to be very busy with CRP Rental Rates on the rise for Marshall County for potential Marshall SWCD plantings.
- Tree Planting for 2024 was above average. More tree planting sites were completed in 2024, than in 2023. Lot of this success was due to the 2024 & 2025 Conservation Contracts Program cost share dollars program. With continued cost share program, tree plantings should continue to increase for Marshall County.
- District Manager Carlson also talked about the Fair Booth and Tree Giveaways for the Marshall County Fair and Warren/Alvarado/Oslo Alumni Golf Tournament. Technician Carlson did a good job of setting up and taking down the Fair Booth.
- District Manager Carlson talked about recent construction projects that are being installed. Wright Township Section 35 project/narrative was handed out and show for the Board Members. Other projects that are ongoing are Donnelly Township Section 20 and Wright Township Section 9. These should be done by the next Marshall SWCD Board Meeting. New Maine Township Section 32 will start as soon as the Wright Township Section 9 project is completed. District Manager Carlson also gave an update on well sealings that were being planned or had been sealed for 2024.



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- SWCD Aid. District Manager Carlson brought up the 2024 SWCD Aid and what these funds can be used for. He mentioned that the SWCD Aid will need a motion/approval and the work plan will need to be placed on the SWCD website. Barry Walton made a motion to approve the 2024 SWCD Aid with Carl Green seconded it. No objections. Motion carried.
- District Manager Carlson brought up that he will be meeting with the Marshall County Commissioners on August 6, 2024 for the 2025 County Allocation/Budget review. District Manager Carlson will also be presenting a slideshow/PowerPoint to the Commissioners on what the Marshall SWCD has accomplished the last year.
- District Manager brought up 2025 calendars. Each year the Marshall SWCD hands out around 55 calendars to those landowners/operators who are interested in them. Carlson also talked about pens with the Marshall SWCD information on them. Barry Walton made a motion and Carl Green made a second to approve the buying of calendars and pens for 2025. District Manager gave an estimate of \$500 for the purchase.
- Next Marshall SWCD Board Meeting will be tentatively scheduled for September 5, 2024 at 8 a.m. This will depend on the harvest at that time and the sugar beet pre pile schedule.
- Meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Secretary

Date