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**MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 10, 2024 MONTHLY BOARD
MEETING**

The monthly meeting of the Redwood Soil and Water Conservation District was called to order April 10, 2024 at 8:08 a.m. by Chair Jeff Potter.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jeff Potter - Chair
Ed Carter - Vice Chair (via phone)
Joe Plaetz - Secretary
Rick Maurer - Treasurer
Brain Timm - PR & I

STAFF: Nick Brozek-District Administrator, Jeanne Prescott-Office Manager, Kurt Mathiowetz-Water Quality Specialist, Ben Bauer-Conservation Specialist, Brian Pfarr-Resource Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT: Dennis Groebner, County Commissioner

ADOPT AGENDA: Motion by Plaetz, seconded by Maurer to accept the Agenda. Motion carried.

MINUTES:

March 20, 2024 minutes; Motion by Timm, seconded by Maurer to approve minutes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

FINANCE REPORTS: Motion by Plaetz, seconded by Timm to approve Finance Report. Motion carried.

BILLS PAYABLE: Motion by Timm, to approve Bills Payable as corrected. Seconded by Plaetz. Motion carried.

GRANT TRACKER: *Informational.*

JEFF STROCK, SW RESEARCH AND OUTREACH CENTER: Jeff Strock's Drainage Presentation was very informative, lots of interaction by all that were present.

LCCMR FIELD DAY JUNE 18, 2024: Pfarr explained steps being taken to prepare for the field day event being held at Jackpot Junction Casino Hotel conference room.

REPORTS:

COUNTY COMMISSIONER: Groebner nothing at this time.

RCRCA: Carter reported on Corps of Engineers working on Streambanks, 1W1P canoe trip held in Redwood Falls June 18, 2024 and Cottonwood June 20, 2024.

TSA: Maurer nothing at this time.

DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST: See attachment 4 in the Supervisors packet prepared for the meeting.

CONSERVATION SPECIALIST: Bauer mentioned there are 4 potential applications for CREP, producers showing potential interest in both CREP and RIM programs. Bauer will be putting the soil probes out after the crops are in the fields.

WATER QUALITY TECHNICIAN: Mathiowetz mentioned he received an additional \$18,835.00 AgBMP funds making the funds \$108,715.00. Mathiowetz mentioned VanNurden decided not to purchase a strip till machine. Mathiowetz will continue the list for AgBMP loan requests. He asked the board if they had producers that might

benefit from the AgBMP program to get the word out. Mathiowetz explained that his Federal Computer in which he does the ArcMaps on, glitches and he loses work that has been done. He is looking for a new lap top to do ArcMaps on, the cost will be approximately \$1,700 for a new lap top to be purchased through the Federal system. Maurer questioned if we are budgeted for this and Brozek commented we have \$12,000 for items like this. Mathiowetz stated he will be working with the U of M and doing residue sampling this year.

RESOURCE SPECIALIST: Pfarr explained the map hand out on the Lake Redwood Complex, mentioned working with Kerry Netzke; Area II on a grant. Pfarr mentioned Ann Wessel with BWSR will be doing an article on Bryan Hagert's project. Pfarr talked about other items; TSA staffing with the co-op and agronomist, Climate-Smart, possible updating SWCD banners for upcoming promotions etc. Brozek is looking into getting money from LCCMR for this. Pfarr mentioned there was 63 basins put in last year and farmers hitting them, so SWCD will be putting up tile flags 6' or 8' and mentioned he would like to have SWCD on the flags. Carter commented that it will be too small to read and they know who did the project, the flags are good enough. Pfarr asked for approval for Andrew Rigge's Water and Sediment Control Basin project from the District Cost Share 24-25 money for the contracted \$16,716.50. Motion by Plaetz to approve the contract, seconded by Maurer. Motion Passed.

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR: Brozek mentioned this year is election year for Joe Plaetz, Brian Timm and Rick Maurer. Commented if they are not planning on running again to find a replacement. Prescott gave each supervisor a SWCD Guide to the 2024 Election process. Brozek shared on the depth of his well and Dr. Strock Geological Survey on well drillers, they have to GPS wells.

OTHER BUSINESS: None

NEXT MEETING: The next regular meeting is planned for Wednesday, May 8, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. at the USDA conference room.

ADJOURNMENT: Potter adjourned the meeting at 10:28 a.m.



SUPERVISOR