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###### Le Sueur County Soil & Water Conservation District

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*Le Center, MN 56057*

Minutes from June 14, 2022 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

Members absent: 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

 Le Sueur Co. Commissioner Rohlfing

 Program Specialist, Sue Prchal

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Secretary’s report from May 10, 2022 was read and approved.

April 2022 Treasurer’s report was updated to separate dollars spent on grants for the 1st quarter 2022. Motion to approve update by Traxler, second by Gregor.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Treasurer’s report for May 2022 was read. Motion by Entinger, second by Traxler to approve as read and to pay bills.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Mike updated the board on upcoming meetings and trainings which are as follows:

* Technical Training – June 26, 2022 @ Mankato Armory
* TSA Meeting – June 23, 2022 @ Mankato Armory
* Area 6 Meeting – June 28, 2022 @ Mankato Armory
* Administrative Training – June 28-30, 2022 @ Brainerd
* Cannon River Watershed JPB tour – July 6, 2022 @ Rice Co. Fairgrounds
* Lower MN River East 1W1P kickoff meeting – July 26, 2022 @ Cedar Lake Farm

Mike discussed leadership training with the board. He would like to attend the training which will be conducted over the course of 7 in-person sessions throughout Minnesota. The registration fee is $5000.00. A scholarship is available through Area 6. Motion by Traxler, second by Gregor to approve Mike to attend the training.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Entinger, second by Gregor to encumber $16,800.00 for Charles Retka cover crop cost-share contract #cc-2022-2 for 160 acres.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Entinger, second by Traxler to continue the janitor position of Dawn Ruhland for $625.00/month through June 30, 2023.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Mike discussed the possibility of selling the following items: Polaris ATV, 18’ trailer and survey equipment. The board would like Mike to explore options of trading the ATV on a new model.

Nik gave a ditch update. He’s working on culvert projects, buffer compliance and buffer law.

Karl updated the board on the water monitoring sampling he’s been working on in the Cannon River Watershed.

July board meeting will also be the outstanding conservationist tour.

The State of Minnesota increased the mileage rate from $.585 to $.625 effective July 9, 2022.

Steve gave the NRCS report. He talked about EQIP, CRP and engineering projects.

Commissioner Rohlfing discussed remodeling of county buildings and the Lake Washington County Park.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 10:15 am.

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Date District Secretary