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

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*Le Center, MN 56057*

Minutes from March 14, 2017 regular meeting of the Le Sueur County SWCD Board of Supervisors. SWCD building, Le Center, MN.

Members present: Chairman, Jim Struck

 Vice-Chairman, Alvin Dietz

 Secretary, Earle Traxler

 Treasurer, Cletus Gregor

 PR&I, Glendon Braun

Others present: District Manager, Mike Schultz

 Ditch Specialist, Nik Kadel

 District Technician, Joe Jirik

 Program Specialist, Sue Prchal

 District Conservationist, Steve Breaker

 Leroy Heyda

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Secretary’s report was read and approved.

Treasurer’s report for January 2017 was read. Motion by Traxler, second by Braun to approve as read and to pay bills.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Treasurer’s report for February 2017 was read. Motion by Traxler, second by Braun to approve as read and to pay bills.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Traxler, second by Braun to amend Shawn Onken cost-share contract #C15-3594-07 to $33,981.00 due to additional tile.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Traxler, second by Braun to approve Shawn Onken final payment of $2739.00 for cost-share contract #C15-3594-07.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Gregor, second by Dietz to hire Peterson Company to complete End of Year 2016 audit.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Jirik explained the SWCD workshop that is being held on March 21, 2017 at the 4-H building in Le Center. Different sessions will be held every 15 minutes and a pizza lunch will be provided.

The Le Sueur SWCD is participating in a cover crop meeting on March 30, 2017 at the KC Hall in New Prague with Scott, Rice and Carver SWCD’s and Scott Watershed Mgmt. Organization.

Le Sueur SWCD is hosting the Area 6 meeting on Wednesday, March 29, 2017 at Traxler’s Hunting Preserve.

Schultz explained the Nonstructural Land Mgmt. Program Policy to the board and cost-share that is available for cover crops and buffers.

Motion by Traxler, second by Gregor to adopt the erosion control and water mgmt. program policy which is for cost-share not to exceed 75% flat rate for cover crops and buffers.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Schultz discussed Nik Kadel being hired as the Le Sueur County Ditch Specialist and that the Farm Bill position will be posted soon.

The board nominated Traxler and Struck to work with the office staff regarding a storage building for SWCD equipment. Traxler and Struck are designated to act on behalf of the board with a motion by Gregor, second by Braun.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

One Watershed One Plan for the Cannon River was discussed.

Steve gave the NRCS report. He talked about finalizing EQIP applications for terraces, waterways and grade stabilization structures. He discussed CRP and wetland restorations. Jeremy is completing on site reviews for projects and expiring CRP contracts will be the priority for funding.

Dietz introduced Leroy Heyda to the board.

Vouchers were reviewed and filled out.

Motion by Dietz, second by Traxler to adjourn at 10:45 a.m.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

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Date District Secretary