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

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Minutes from September 11, 2018 regular meeting of the Le Sueur County SWCD Board of Supervisors. SWCD building, Le Center, MN.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Struck at 9:00 a.m.

Members present: Chairman, Jim Struck

 Vice-Chairman, Greg Entinger

 Secretary, Earle Traxler

 Treasurer, Cletus Gregor

 PR&I, Glendon Braun

Others present: District Manager, Mike Schultz

 District Conservationist, Steve Breaker

 District Technician, Joe Jirik

 Farmbill Tech, Karl Schmidtke

 Ditch Specialist, Nik Kadel

 Program Specialist, Sue Prchal

 BWSR Board Conservationist, Jen Mocol-Johnson

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The secretary’s report from August 13, 2018 was approved.

Treasurer’s report from August 31, 2018 was read. Motion to approve and pay bills by Traxler, second by Entinger.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

There will be a TSA meeting on Tuesday, September 18, 2018.

The board opened bids for janitor services. Motion by Entinger, second by Braun to hire Dawn Ruhland at $700/month for the time period October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019.

Affirmative: Struck, Entinger, Gregor, Braun

Opposed: Traxler

Motion carried

BWSR Academy will be October 29-31, 2018 at Breezy Point.

Schultz discussed internet costs with the board. The SWCD will be updating so costs will be increasing.

GBERBA conservation and drainage projects were discussed.

CRWP policy meeting will be on Wednesday, September 26, 2018.

Lower MN River WRAPS is completed and the summary report was handed out to the board.

Motion by Traxler, second by Gregor to encumber $12,750.00 for Shawn Onken Lake Volney terrace project. Contract #LV-2018-3.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Gregor, second by Entinger to encumber $5100.00 for Robert Goettl Lake Volney terrace project. Contract #LV-2018-2.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Entinger, second by Traxler to encumber $10425.75 for Constance Brastad Lake Volney terrace project. Contract #LV-2018-1.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Gregor, second by Traxler to encumber $20,587.50 for Le Sueur County Highway Department grade stabilization project. German/Jefferson contract #JG-2018-1.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Gregor, second by Braun to encumber $25,440.94 for Jeff Gibbs waterway project. Capacity c/s contract #CAP-2018-1.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Entinger, second by Traxler to encumber $4125.00 for Jim Struck terrace project. Capacity c/s contract #CAP-2017-3.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Gregor, second by Entinger to sign the FY19 Capacity and Buffer Grant with BWSR in the amount of $125,000.00.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Gregor, second by Entinger to sign the FY18 Farm Bill Assistance Grant with BWSR in the amount of $87,992.00.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Nik gave the board an update on the buffer law and the November 1, 2018 deadline for buffering county ditches.

Steve gave the board his NRCS report. He discussed CRP, CREP, fall projects and 2019 EQIP. NRCS has a new State Conservationist, Tony Daniell. NRCS is beginning to back fill some of the vacancies in the agency also.

Jen gave a BWSR update of clean water apps and other grant applications that are coming due.

The storage building is currently under construction.

Vouchers were reviewed and filled out.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

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Date District Secretary