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

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*Le Center, MN 56057*

Minutes from November 9, 2022 regular meeting of the Le Sueur County SWCD Board of Supervisors. Le Sueur Co. 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

Others present: District Manager, Mike Schultz

District Conservationist, Steve Breaker

District Technician, Joe Jirik

Ditch Specialist, Nik Kadel

Resource Technician, Karl Schmidtke

Le Sueur Co. Commissioner, Steve Rohlfing

Program Specialist, Sue Prchal

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Secretary’s report was read and approved.

Treasurer’s report for 9/30/22 was read. Motion by Traxler, second by Entinger to approve as read and to pay bills.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Traxler, second by Entinger to accept Glendon Braun’s resignation from the Le Sueur Co. SWCD board as of end of meeting October 11, 2022.

The board suggested advertising for the District 3 supervisor position and see if there would be interest in the position.

Upcoming meetings: Area 6 meeting November 15

Mike at leadership training November 15-16

Lower MN E 1W1P November 17

MASWCD convention December 13-14

Cannon cover crop meeting December 19

The SWCD’s 18’ trailer sold for $2650 on Graves Online Auction site.

Motion by Entinger, second by Gregor to approve and pay cost-share contract #CAP-2020-07 for Helen Morsching well decommissioning.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Gregor, second by Entinger to approve amendment #1SS for Steve Stangler to increase the cost estimate for contract #22-LS-003 and CAP-2021-02 from $5700.00 to $6747.50.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Mike discussed the Pilot Water Quality Storage Grant for Lake Washington Patterson Watershed storage project. Motion by Traxler, second by Gregor to approve a contract with ISG for $42,750.00 for engineering services. The total grant will be $408,187.00 and the SWCD has received $204,094.00 to date.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Steve gave an NRCS report. He discussed certifying EQIP, new construction projects, expiring CRP contracts and re-enrollment of CRP. Cover crops through the EQIP program and funding available through NRCS for projects.

Commissioner Rohlfing discussed remodeling projects at the courthouse, a new position in human services for investigating fraud, the tax levy decrease from 7.7% to 5.7%, Lake Washington County Park projects wrapping up and leasing equipment for the sheriff’s office instead of purchasing due to the shortage of vehicles.