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

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Minutes from September 15, 2020 regular meeting of the Le Sueur County SWCD Board of Supervisors. Le Sueur County SWCD storage 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

 PR&I, Glendon Braun

Others present: District Manager, Mike Schultz

 District Technician, Joe Jirik

 District Conservationist, Steve Breaker

 NRCS Team Lead, Chris Schmidt

 Farm Bill Tech, Karl Schmidtke

 Ditch Specialist, Nik Kadel

 Program Specialist, Sue Prchal

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Secretary’s report was read and approved.

Treasurer’s report was read. Motion by Entinger, second by Traxler to approve as read and to pay bills. The SWCD money market account was discussed.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Schultz gave the board an office update. Gary Kunz, FSA-CED retired, Gov. Walz peacetime order continues, appointments are needed for anyone to meet in the SWCD office, masks must be worn.

The SWCD building janitor’s contract is set to expire on September 30, 2020. The lease the SWCD has with the USDA, for office space, is set to expire on July 31, 2021. Schultz asked the board what they would like to do as far as either opening up the janitor bidding process or continuing with the current janitor until the new USDA lease is complete. The board would like to open the janitor bidding process with the bid expiring on July 31, 2021 and then have a cleaning bid for month to month services until a new office contract is complete with the USDA.

Motion by Traxler, second by Entinger to open up the janitor position for bids.
Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Low interest loan for Jim Hoefs minimum tillage equipment was discussed. Motion by Entinger, second by Gregor to approve the loan application.

Affirmative: Struck, Entinger, Gregor, Braun
Opposed: None

Abstained: Traxler

Motion carried

Schultz updated the board on 1W1P for Cannon River. There will be a policy meeting on October 7, 2020.

There will be a TSA meeting on September 22, 2020.

Motion by Traxler, second by Entinger to make payment to Dean Koppelman for cost-share contract #JG-2018-1W in the amount of $34,569.00.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Entinger, second by Traxler to encumber $26,100.00 for Mike McCarthy cost-share contract #WASH-2 for sediment basins.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Traxler, second by Entinger to encumber $1830.00 for Eric Muellerleile cover crop cost-share contract #cc-2020-7.
Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Entinger, second by Braun to encumber $1078.22 for John Sauber cost-share contract #CAP-2020-1 for a sediment basin.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Entinger, second by Braun to encumber $6946.78 for John Sauber state cost-share contract #3-20 for a sediment basin.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Entinger, second by Braun to encumber $3710.89 for Connie Brastad cost-share contract #CAP-2019-5A for a sediment basin.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Steve gave the NRCS report. He discussed new CRP and CCRP contracts, encumbering EQIP dollars, working in Carver County and certifying payments for programs.

Chris also discussed EQIP, CSP payments, replacing the Civil Engineering Technician position in Le Sueur County, Covid, scanning HEL and wetland determination documents and hiring a Soil Conservationist Technician position for Le Sueur County NRCS.

Mowing and spraying procedures of the county ditch buffers was discussed.

Vouchers were reviewed and filled out.

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

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Date District Secretary