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

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Minutes from July 18, 2017 regular meeting of the Le Sueur County SWCD Board of Supervisors. Le Sueur County SWCD building, Le Center, MN.

Members present: Chairman, Jim Struck

 Secretary, Earle Traxler

 Treasurer, Cletus Gregor

 PR&I, Glendon Braun

Members absent: Vice-Chairman, Greg Entinger

Others present: District Manager, Mike Schultz

 Ditch Specialist, Nik Kadel

 District Technician, Joe Jirik

 Conservation Corps, Becky Picha

 District Conservationist, Steve Breaker

 Farm Bill Technician, Jack Bushman

 Program Specialist, Sue Prchal

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Secretary’s report from June 13, 2017 was read and approved.

Treasurer’s report was read. Motion by Braun, second by Gregor to approve the June 30, 2017 treasurer’s report and to pay bills.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Struck, second by Braun to encumber $4050.00 for Earle Traxler’s 45 acre cover crop cost-share.

Affirmative: Braun, Struck, Gregor

Abstained: Traxler

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Traxler, second by Braun to encumber $7200.00 for Jim Struck’s 80 acre cover crop cost-share.

Affirmative: Braun, Traxler, Gregor

Abstained: Struck

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Braun, second by Traxler to approve Jean Gregor Sand Creek cover crop cost-share in the amount of $1020.00 for 51 acres.

Affirmative: Struck, Braun, Traxler

Abstained: Gregor

Opposed: None

Motion carried

The board signed letters to legislators Klobuchar, Franken and Walz regarding technical funding for NRCS.

Motion by Traxler, second by Gregor to order a roll up cover, weather tech floor mats for the F150 pick up and to get SWCD decals put on.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Traxler, second by Gregor to sign the FY18 Buffer Cost-Share Grant with BWSR in the amount of $30,000.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Buffer enforcement dollars were discussed. Le Sueur County will be receiving $71,147 in 2017 and $88,934 in 2018. Nik Kadel will be the buffer enforcer.

There will be a workshop with the County Commissioners on August 22, 2017 regarding buffer enforcement.

Motion by Gregor, second by Traxler to sign the Farm Bill Assistance Grant with BWSR in the amount of $58,500.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Traxler, second by Gregor to hire Stasney Renovations to install new air conditioning units in the building. An estimate was received for $7900.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

The Clean Water Fund grant for German/Jefferson was discussed. The grant will target 14 projects within the watershed.

The staff discussed items they would like to have at the Le Sueur County Fair in August. A cover crop demo, the truax drill and the gator were some of the ideas.

SWCD Governance workshop was discussed.

Steve gave the NRCS report. Motion by Gregor, second by Traxler to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between NRCS and the SWCD and an Operation Agreement. He discussed CRP, construction and EQIP.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

The 2018 budget was reviewed. Motion by Gregor, second by Traxler to accept the 2018 budget. Hourly salaries are as follows: District Manager $39.34; District Technician $26.28; Program Specialist $35.90; Ditch Specialist $21.48; Farm Bill Technician $19.33; Janitor $8425/year.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

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Date District Secretary