



McLeod Soil & Water Conservation District

2385 Hennepin Ave. N, Glencoe, MN 55336

Phone: 320/864-5176

Website: www.co.mcleod.mn.us

McLeod SWCD Board Meeting Minutes of June 4, 2018 McLeod County North Complex South Half Large Conference Room, 10:00 A.M.

Meeting called to order at 10:07 a.m. by Chairman, Jeremy Bolland.

Members present: Roger Schultz, Charles Mathews, John Adamek and Jeremy Bolland

Members Absent: Mark Schnobrich

Others present: SWCD Program Director, Ryan Freitag,
Pheasants Forever, Kayla Blocker
District Technician, Coleton Draeger
District Technician, Mark Yrjo
SWCD Secretary, Diane Miller

1. MINUTES

Charles Mathews made a motion to approve the May 7, 2018 meeting minutes. John Adamek seconded this motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2. FINANCIALS

Ryan Freitag explained the financial reports that Colleen ran.

John Adamek made a motion to approve the May Financial Report. Roger Schultz seconded this motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. BILLS

Colleen was also able to run a report that shows only the bills that were paid in May.

Charles Mathews made a motion to approve the May bills. John Adamek seconded this motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Area 6 Meeting

Ryan Freitag said there will be an Area 6 meeting located in Cortland, MN Thursday June 21st at the Cortland Community Center. Registration is at 8:30 a.m. and will be adjourned by 1:30 p.m. Agenda will include the Department of Ag (Ground Water protection rule) , Legislative Update, AIS, Resolutions & Butterfly's in there habitat after lunch. Ryan Freitag said we need to know by June 7th if you will be going. Jeremy Bolland will see if that will work for him and will let Ryan know. Roger Schultz will definitely go.

Roger Schultz made a motion to approve expenses for anyone going to the Meeting. Charles Mathews seconded this motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Ryan Freitag told them it will be easier for them to pay for registration and bring the receipt in then we will reimburse you.

Roger Schultz wanted to know if Ryan, Coleton or Mark is going. Roger Schultz said there was conversation about using their services to help other districts out and this would be an opportunity to market that. He feels this would be a way to bring money into the district since we have a truck to pay for. They will look at their schedules but feel right now they are really busy writing a grant application.

5. 2019 Budget Request

Ryan Freitag said Mark Schnobrich asked him to put this on the agenda. He is not here so Ryan's not sure what he had to bring up. Jeremy Bolland tabled the 2019 Budget Request until later.

6. State Cost Share

1. Lance Lewin located in Helen Township Section 14 Contract No. 6-17. Total cost is \$1,176.00. 50% is \$588.00.

Roger Schultz feels that the well sealing prices must have really gone up. Ryan Freitag said getting rid of the pump is high at \$300.00 along with the department of health notification has also gone up to \$75.00.

Roger Schultz made a motion to approve the \$588.00 to seal this well. John Adamek seconded this motion. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Conservation Reports

Coleton Draeger

- a. CREP application funded for a Wetland restoration South of the South Fork Crow by Biscay. We have a couple more in the process because we have been pushing this program since we do not have the CRP available.
- b. Writing a Grant Application
- c. Tree sales went well – everything sold except one bundle.
- d. Nature Field Day at the Fairgrounds went well - only negative response was that the fairgrounds building was loud.
- e. Drill Rental has 17 or 18 people on the list. Six are done. We are trying to keep the larger acres for the weekends to keep things going. No repairs needed so far.
- f. Tree planter went out twice. Once was in Renville County and North of Hutchinson.

Mark Yrjo

- a. I went with Mike Anderson from BWSR to stake the Swan Lake RIM-WRP Easement project. BWSR will reimburse the farmer for land rent and for the crop lose to not plant the area. This is a 2008 application so it will be good to finish this project.

- b. Coleton & I went to survey wetlands for CREP so we need to finish those designs.
- c. Met with Jerry Paumen who has a water & sediment control basin design that we want to wrap up. We have \$8,800 left in the 16 D Wrap money fund which won't be enough money to fund this project, therefore, we will have to break the project into 2 phases.
- d. Just wrapping up the Harland Jerabek design with funding coming from the North Fork Crow River. This should be done this fall.
- e. Worked with Ryan to send out an Invoice for \$2,750 to Wright County Soil & Water for engineering that was provided to them. Sounds like there are more opportunities available to do more of this.
- f. Coleton and I did \$2,000 dollars' worth of work for Angelica who is an Independent TSP for CAP & Nutrient Management plans and she asked for our assistance on doing mapping for her nutrient management plans. We charged \$46 an hour to provide these services. She has 12 more CNMP's available in 2019 that she wants us to do work for. I told her they could help when or if time allows.
- g. Coleton and I went out to Andy Cotter's to do the seeding on his Spill Way that was done last year but was never finished. Closed this contract with BWSR now.
- h. Working on the design for Warren Kieser and Steve Moen for the grant Coleton is writing.
- i. Did more surveying for Mankato TSA to finish Collins Township. They actually sent the final design so we can now get a contract signed by Collins Township. Looking at a \$6,000 State Cost share to get that project going. Will be an August Project.
- j. Heard back from Cultural Resources on John Adamak's project. There were some issues with potential site impacts. Something on the hillside they were concerned with. Waiting for funding on this.
- k. BWSR would like us to get the Bruce Stacken project cleaned up this year.
- l. Andy Cotter from York Farms has some concerns about how RIM Easements are being accessed for taxes by McLeod County. We will be meeting with him on Thursday so he gets all his facts straight before he meets with the McLeod County Board.

Ryan Freitag

- a. Met with Julie Kreps the BWSR Auditor for Grants. Ryan Freitag had to even call Kim regarding old documentations but it is all gone. The year that Mathew was paid per diem there was no vouchers so we might have to back out \$1,300.00 from that grant and come up with something else.
- b. CD 5 is in the middle of re-determination and the Viewers when in this morning said they have 3 other ditch systems that they are going to start on. They also have a 4th person on their viewers group so they are ramping up to get more done.
- c. Meeting June 18th to talk about working with Enterprise Fleet Services our Joint Powers thru the TSA to see if districts would be interested in a fleet service for leasing, purchasing or lease to purchase vehicles for the South Central TSA. They will need 20 vehicles available before they can do this. The MN Conservation Core does this so it peaked Jerod in Mankato's interest.
- d. June 28th is Women in Ag Day at the Tree Shed.
- e. Bought a 2017 Silver Ford F150 with 19,000 miles. We found it on Auto Trader on a Monday and had to get the stuff in to the Auditor by Tuesday to get a check cut by Friday. The Truck came with a bed liner, receiver hitch and full warranty. We went to Dundas to pick it up on

Friday. It is perfect for a work truck. We already had the stickers put on. We can look at it after the meeting.

Kayla Blocker:

- a. Last week she was in Wisconsin for our PF Regional team meeting and on our way back on Friday and she received an email with a press release saying that they are opening up CRP again. The Notice says we have from June 4th to August 17th to create there CRP 1 & 2's and have them signed. We received 1.3 million acres to work with and they are not opening up a general sign up; however, they are allowing a 1 year extension for expiring CRP's. One downside is no pollinators and no 38E's which encompasses everything. Filter strips and wetland restoration are still open. No incentives are authorized. All they are getting is 50% cost shares for incentives; therefore, I will be getting a lot of phone calls with questions. Previous established estimates will all have to be re-done since the soil rental rates have changed. The first priority will be re-enrolls.
- b. She will be working on WRP monitoring for McLeod & Renville County. She has 17 or 18 to do and if she can use the Kubota she might be able to get 5 done in a day.
- c. Josh Peterson from the Habitat for Humanity drove past our GSL site and suggested there be a fall burn. Has the fire department every done a burn out there before? Do you do donations for the fire department to do a fall burn? Ryan said it depends. Kayla will talk to them.
- d. Meeker County soil field day will be Wednesday evening to finish up there 10 & 20 year CRP soil class comparison testing.
- e. Precision ag Webinar on Wednesday
- f. Conservation plants have to be done by September 7th for CRP.
- g. They did approve hiring a new State Conservationist from Texas. Troy will start July 8th.

8. Meeting Updates

There should be a TSA meeting in June but nobody has heard when.

9. Adjournment

Jeremy Bolland called for Adjournment at 11:02 a.m.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the McLeod Soil & Water Conservation District will be held on Monday, July 2, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the McLeod County North Complex South Half Large Conference Room located at 2391 Hennepin Avenue North, Glencoe, MN 55336.

Diane Miller

Secretary, Diane Miller

8/6/2018

Date