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The Board of Supervisors of the Kandiyohi Soil and Water Conservation District held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at the Kandiyohi SWCD Shed.

Chairman Hanson called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

Present at the meeting were Ron Dilley, Doug Hanson, Brandon Smith, Donnel Williamson, and Jane Youngkrantz. Also present were Ellie Faber, Conservation Technician, Sandy Laumer, Office Manager, and Ryan Peterson, RIM Coordinator.

Hanson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Hanson read the Mission Statement: Our mission is to encourage the wise use of land and water and to treat these resources in accordance with their needs for protection and improvement.

Vouchers were prepared.

Motion by Youngkrantz, second by Williamson to approve the agenda with the change of moving Peterson's staff report to after the Treasurers Report. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Dilley, Hanson, Smith, Williamson, and Youngkrantz. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report was presented. Motion by Smith, second by Dilley to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on April 13, 2021. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Dilley, Hanson, Smith, Williamson, and Youngkrantz. Motion carried.

Smith read through the bills for reviewal and payments, the Treasurers Report and Outstanding Bills as listed on the Agenda. A motion was made by Youngkrantz, second by Dilley to approve the Treasurers Report. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Dilley, Hanson, Smith, Williamson, and Youngkrantz. Motion carried.

Peterson's Staff report included: discussion on approving Ridgewater College Pollinator planting; Ideker WASCOB project was completed and needs approve for payment; has about 100 acres of seeding done; and has completed the RFP for CREP funding for fiscal year 2022.

Motion by Smith, second by Youngkrantz to approve cost share contract WP 1FY20 Ridgewater College Pollinator Planting in the amount of \$2,400. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Dilley, Hanson, Smith, Williamson, and Youngkrantz. Motion carried.

Motion by Dilley, second by Williamson to pay cost share contract 2FY19 Craig Ideker in the amount of \$5,528.99. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Dilly, Hanson, Smith, Williamson, and Youngkrantz. Motion carried.

Dickman's written NRCS Report included: have 8 Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) applications being ranked before May 28th; 1 Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) contract was obligated for a sediment basin; 2129 RCPP-LM-MAWQCP deadline is June 4th and this helps pay for practices that have started MAWQCP or are certified; discussion on Local Work Group Meeting; and COVID-19 Policy was updated and we can have customers in the office by appointment only.

Cost Share Assistance forms were discussed, and Faber added two applications to the book for rain gardens. Discussion was held if we have a rain garden policy and staff will look into rain garden policy and put together policy if needed.

Motion by Smith, second by Dilley to approve Chris Schueller Biomass Forage Planting in the amount of \$904. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Dilley, Hanson, Smith, Williamson, and Youngkrantz. Motion carried.

Laumer discussed that there are no new changes to the COVID-19 Office Policy at this time.

Discussion was held on the Local Work Group meeting and included: the meeting will be on June 8th at 9:00 a.m.; the meeting will be at the Kandiyohi County Fairgrounds Log Cabin; staff put together a list of people to invite to the meeting; and will serve rolls and coffee at the meeting.

Discussion on the Area 2 Meeting included: meeting will be June 22nd; will be at the Willmar American Legion; and discussed possible speakers for the meeting.

Discussion was held on Conservation Farmer Nominations and staff thought of Ken Hess as a possible nomination. More nominations will be discussed at the meeting next month.

Staff and Supervisors reviewed the posters submitted for the poster contest. The top posters were picked, and Faber will notify the teachers of the winners.

Motion by Smith, second by Williamson to approve the Resolution for Chippewa River Watershed. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Dilley, Hanson, Smith, Williamson, and Youngkrantz. Motion carried.

No District Administrator Report was given.

Faber's staff report included: helped with tree pick up and open house; finished up MAWQCP for a couple of landowners; visited 2 rain garden sites; worked with Chris Schueller on a grazing plan; working with the Chris Schueller on cover crop cost share; helped with education pollinator event with CMCS at PWELC; attended Engineer Boot Camp field training days: met with fairgrounds on project and have another meeting; reviewed plan for Hawk Creek 1W1P; and have South Fork 1W1P meeting this month.

Laumer's staff report included: listened to cost share training on April 15th; received agreement for Kandiyohi County Fair Booth; helped with tree pick up and open house; staff meeting minutes; working

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Faber's Staff Report included: working on 4 new MAWQCP applications; working on buffer compliance statuses for NE portion of the county; need MOA for 1W1P South Fork Crow signed; attended 1W1P Hawk Creek meeting; had meeting on fairgrounds project; working with landowners on projects; planning a conservation day with day care kids; working with the City on an education event; planning a soil health day with Meeker SWCD on July 15th; and attended Water, Wind & Fire online conference.

Peterson's staff report included: got design for Chris Dahline project and he is getting bids; still working on the seed program: working on CREP; getting up to date on WCA duties; Helgeson Road Easement is moving forward; and the City of Willmar started tillage for Parks to Prairie.

Laumer's staff report included: listened to 1W1P North Fork Grant webinar; put together 2022 budget; made arrangement for local work group meeting and Area 2 meeting; put together staff meeting agenda and minutes; billings for seed orders and tree plantings; set up ACH for employees paychecks; completed BWSR County Allocation Survey; and putting together list of Cost Share Inspections to complete.

Dilley reported that the 1W1P for Chippewa River is moving forward and going well.

Hanson reported that the North Fork has made some adjustments on technical committee approving projects.

Motion by Smith, second by Dilley to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 4:39 p.m.


Jane Youngkrantz, Secretary

7-20-21
Date