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Minutes for the February 8th, 2024, meeting of the Norman County SWCD Board of Supervisors.

1. Call to Order

The meeting of the Norman County SWCD Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Ron Thorsrud at 8:00 am.

A motion was moved by Rockstad, second by Tufte to approve the February agenda.

**Affirmative: 3 Yays Opposed: 0 Nays
Motion Carried**

Board Reorganization

A motion was moved by Rockstad, second by Tufte to approve keeping the board positions the same for 2024.

**Affirmative: 3 Yays Opposed: 0 Nays
Motion Carried**

2. Roll Call

Members Present

Ron Thorsrud, Chairman
Erik Rockstad, Treasurer
Bruce Tufte, Reporter

Members Absent

Kelly Skaurud, Vice Chairman
Gene Ueland, Secretary

Others Present

Lori Thronson, District Manager
Mark Christianson, District Technician
Emily Knutson, Conservation Technician
Luke Klawitter, NRCS

3. Secretaries Report

A motion was moved by Rockstad, second by Tufte to approve the January 18th Secretaries Report.

**Affirmative: 3 Yays Opposed: 0 Nays
Motion Carried**

4. Treasurers Report

A motion was moved by Rockstad, second by Tufte to approve the December, 2023 Corrected Treasurers report.

**Affirmative: 3 Yays Opposed: 0 Nays
Motion Carried**

A motion was moved by Tufte, second by Rockstad to approve the January Treasurers report.

Affirmative: 3 Yays Opposed: 0 Nays
Motion Carried

5. Speakers Reports:

NRCS: Finishing up with CSP payments. New CSP signup ended in January, 47 applications that we narrowed down to 30. The first ranking of EQIP applications came in for the state; 40 million for all the applications and only 7 million available. Opened the DC position in Ada for the 4th time, still no applicants for this job. Eric is getting his certifications so can be eligible for the position.

6. Unfinished Business

A. Projects

Working with Logan on requests for erosion projects, 16 so far for 2024, some of the projects have been surveyed already. 3 folks who have been in about the RIM program, will be working with them. We have about 6,500 trees ordered for spring.

B. Meetings

Mark - attended the nitrogen smart meeting in Mahanomen. Feedlot meeting with our local state person. Attended WCA training online.

Lori – Envirothon meeting in Fertile. Virtual meeting with PCA on their WRAPS program for the Wild Rice and the Marsh Rivers. Sandhill 1W1P meeting in Fertile, worked with Garry Johanson for the county grant reporting in elink. Virtual meeting with the north pod for the soil health grant app for sharing a position with other counties. Virtual meeting with Liberty Business to go over our contract, machine info and any issues we are having.

Emily - attended the nitrogen smart meeting in Mahanomen. Feedlot meeting with our local state person. Envirothon meeting in Fertile. Virtual meeting with PCA on their WRAPS program for the Wild Rice and the Marsh Rivers.

Sandhill 1W1P policy meeting is February 13th in Fertile. Area 1 meeting is on March 19, managers meeting for the whole state is 3/26-3/27 in Brainerd. Emily will be getting certified for cover crops with webinars and in person training in April.

C. Staff Report

Met with the other SWCD's to plan the Envirothon for this spring, will be held on May 1st at Rydell Refuge. Emily applied for an education grant last year and found out they had misplaced her application, she will reapply this year for the same grant. We did not receive the weed grant from MDA.

D. Bank Insurance info

Went over the insurance info for cyber security, MCIT would cover this if we had an issue.

E. Supervisor Refresher Course

Emily, Bruce, and Ron plan on attending this Friday, February 16th in Crookston.

F. Other

Still planning our Christmas party with the supervisors, hopefully in March.

7. New Business

A. Cost Share

A motion was moved by Rockstad, second by Tufte to approve the following contracts for cost share.

**Affirmative: 3 Yays Opposed: 0 Nays
Motion Carried**

Tim Ramstorf	Farmstead Shelterbelt	\$2,625	75%
Mark Chisholm	Field Windbreak	\$2,347.50	75%

A motion was moved by Rockstad, second by Tufte to approve the following cost share payment for a grade stabilization project.

**Affirmative: 3 Yays Opposed: 0 Nays
Motion Carried**

Wild Rice Township	Grade Stabilization Project	1W1P	\$13,275	90%
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B. Audit letter for the 2023 audit

Went over the letter with the board and the increase in price to \$4,500 due to more grants we are getting and taking more time for them to get the audit done.

C. Sandhill 1W1P MOA

A motion was moved by Tufte, second by Rockstad to approve signing the MOA for the Sandhill Watershed 1W1P.

**Affirmative: 3 Yays Opposed: 0 Nays
Motion Carried**

D. RRVSCA meeting

This meeting will be held on February 29th in Mahnomen, Ron and Lori will be attending.

E. Other

There is no Association of Townships meeting scheduled as of right now. There is a highway 75 corridor meeting to be held in July with Ray Archuleta as the main speaker for promoting soil health.

8. Adjourn meeting at 9:20

A motion was moved by Tufte, second by Rockstad to adjourn the meeting.

**Affirmative: 3 Yays Opposed: 0 Nays
Motion Carried**

Dated _____ Respectfully Submitted:

Gene Ueland, NCSWCD Board Secretary