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Minutes of Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, May 2, 2023, 8:00 a.m.
Meeker SWCD Offices
522 South Johnson Drive
Litchfield, MN 55355

Present: Fred Behnke, John Haffley, Greg Jans, Jon Hoff, and Bob Schiefelbein. Staff Present: Joe Norman, Ann Steinhaus, Jaden Hunter and Lacey Clark, SWCD; Josh Pommier, Pheasants Forever; Jacob Stich, NRCS.

The meeting was called to order by Bob Schiefelbein at 8:09 a.m.

Agenda: Motion by Haffley and seconded by Hoff to approve the agenda with the addition of the 2020 Local Capacity grant and the shared water planner position to the agenda. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None.

Minutes: Motion by Haffley and seconded by Behnke to approve the minutes from the April 4th, 2023, regular meeting. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None.

Treasurer Report: Motion by Jans and seconded by Haffley to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented, subject to audit, including bills payable in the amount of \$67,472.89 and bills paid. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None.

Clark presented the board with the 2024 budget and the 2024 county allocation request. Motion by Jans and seconded by Haffley to approve the 2024 budget and the 2024 county allocation request as presented. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None.

Motion by Jans and seconded by Behnke to finalize the 2020 Local Capacity Grant. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None.

Correspondence: None.

Field Office Report: Norman, Hunter, and Steinhaus reported on their recent activities and programs.

Farm Bill Report: Stich reported on his activities.

Meeting/Training Reports: None.

Training/Meeting Requests: Motion by Hoff and seconded by Jans to approve Norman, Clark, Hunter, and Haffley to attend the Area 2 meeting on June 6, 2023. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None.

Poster Prizes: Motion by Jans and seconded by Behnke to award potted trees and cash prizes to the first place (\$10) and second place (\$5) winner of each class, and bare root trees to the remaining students. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None.

Meeker County Fair: Motion by Haffley and seconded by Behnke to purchase a 2023 fair booth and tickets at a cost of \$130. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None. Motion by Haffley and seconded by Hoff to purchase Meeker SWCD pens to use as prizes and advertising. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None. Motion by Jans and seconded by Haffley to purchase ice cream tickets from the dairy booth to use as fair prizes. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None.

Cost Share: None.

Poster Judging: SWCD board members judged posters submitted by the Eden Valley Watkins School district and the Litchfield School District. The winners will move ahead to the Area Contest.

Next Meeting: The next board meeting will be held on Thursday, June 8th 2023, at 8 a.m.

Adjournment: After a motion by Behnke, Chairman Schiefelbein adjourned the meeting at 9:11 a.m.

Secretary

Date