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Marshall SWCD Board Minutes From the February 2024 Marshall SWCD Board Meeting

Minutes of the Marshall Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) from the February 21, 2024, Marshall SWCD Board Meeting that was held at the Marshall SWCD Conference Room.

Supervisor Miller called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M.

Marshall SWCD Members Present:

Chairman, Brent Miller
Secretary, Randy Larson
Treasurer, Barry Walton
Vice Chairman, Joey Peterson

Marshall SWCD Member Absent:

Public Relations, Carl Green

Others Present:

NRCS Staff Member, Thane Espe
District Manager, Darren Carlson

January 2024 Minutes – Motion by Larson, seconded by Walton to accept the minutes as delivered from the January 20, 2024, Marshall SWCD Board Meeting. None opposed. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report - Motion by Larson, seconded by Walton to accept and approve the Treasurer's Report as given. None opposed. Motion carried.

Pheasants Forever Report – None was given. District Manager Carlson did inform the Marshall SWCD Board that Micah has taken another position with Pheasant's Forever.



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NRCS Report – Thane Espe gave an update from the NRCS. Workload continues to be with the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP), Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and the Continuous Conservation Reserve Program (CCRP).

Marshall SWCD New Business:

- District Manager Carlson brought up that it is an Election Year. Supervisors Brent Miller and Carl Green have terms that end this year (2024) and will need to decide if they would like to run again.
- Audit Engagement Letter – Peterson Company of Waconia, MN sent an Audit Engagement Letter. Randy made a motion to accept their proposal for the audit and Joey seconded. None opposed. Motion carried.
- Seasonal Help – Randy made a motion and Joey seconded to hire seasonal help as needed at \$15/hour for the upcoming season. None opposed. Motion carried.
- Marshall SWCD Staff Cell Phones – Motion by Joey, seconded by Randy to increase the monthly payment to the Marshall SWCD Staff for their cell phones to \$60/month. None opposed. Motion carried.
- Year End Reporting – District Manager Carlson gave an update on the year end (2023) reporting on the numerous grants that the Marshall SWCD are working on.
- Thief River 1W1P – District Manager Carlson gave an update on the Thief River 1W1P. Policy Meeting is scheduled for March 11, 2024 at the Red Lake Watershed District at 9 a.m.
- Middle/Snake/Tamarac 1W1P – District Manager Carlson gave an update for the M/S/T 1W1P. Next Policy Meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2024 at 1 p.m. at the Marshall SWCD Conference Room. Carlson gave an update on the Supplemental Funds, Swift Coulee Project and the CCRP Funds Incentives. Also discussed was the new Project Worksheet/Ranking Sheet for projects. Ranking projects using this scoresheet may potentially show the need for some projects to receive up to 90% cost share assistance. The Marshall SWCD Board liked the project/scoring worksheet. The Marshall SWCD Board would like to advise/encourage the Middle/Snake/Tamarac 1W1P Policy Committee to use this worksheet and approves it's use. Randy made a motion and Joey seconded. None opposed. Motion carried.
- Drill/Seed and Tree Program – District Manager Carlson gave an update on the upcoming Drill and Tree planting season for 2024.



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- Conservation Contracts Program – 6 Contracts were presented to the Board for cost share contract approval at 75% Cost Share Assistance:
 - CCP 24-01 Tree Planting McCrea Twp. Section 34 2 Rows = 1,100'
 - Total Project Cost = \$1,504 Total Amount Authorized = \$1,128
 - CCP 24-02 Tree Planting Comstock Twp. Section 12 2 Rows = 1,600'
 - Total Project Cost = \$520 Total Amount Authorized = \$390
 - CCP 24-03 Tree Planting Wanger Twp. Section 16 2 Rows = 3,100'
 - Total Project Cost = \$4,470 Total Amount Authorized = \$3,352.50
 - CCP 24-04 Tree Planting Augsburg Twp. Section 35 5 Rows = 7,500'
 - Total Project Cost = \$1,728 Total Amount Authorized = \$1,296
 - CCP 24-05 Tree Planting Bloomer Twp. Section 19 3 Rows = 3,990'
 - Total Project Cost = \$3,696 Total Amount Authorized = \$2,772
 - CCP 24-06 Tree Planting Holt Twp. Section 19 4 Rows = 2,100'
 - Total Project Cost = \$3,645 Total Amount Authorized = \$2,733.75

Barry made a motion at approve these contracts as they were presented with randy seconded.
None opposed. Motion carried.

- Soil Health Position – District Manager Carlson discussed the proposed Soil Health Position with Pennington, Norman and Marshall County.
- Winter Newsletter – District Manager Carlson discussed that the Winter Newsletter had been mailed out and numerous phone calls/stop ins have occurred due to this letter.
- Next Board Meeting Date is scheduled for March 14, 2024 at 8 a.m. at the Marshall SWCD Conference Room.
- Meeting Adjourn at 10:45 a.m.

Randy Larson
3/14/24