

May 19, 2017

Supervisors Present: Kyler Laird, Mark Kingma, Derek Luchik, and Lana Zimmer

Supervisors Absent: Mark Jordan

Staff Present: Dan Perkins, Leslie Davisson, Carolyn Ahler

Associates Present:

Partners Present: Kevin Shide

Citizens Present:

I. Call to Order

Chairman Kyler Laird called the meeting to order at 8:02 am CST.

II. Minutes from Previous Meeting

The minutes from April were presented for approval. Some minor changes were requested.

Leslie will make the corrections. Mark K motioned to approve with changes and Lana seconded. April minutes approved.

III. Treasurer's Report, Claims (on back)

The report and claims from April were presented in the amount of \$9,203.03. Lana motioned and Mark K seconded to approve the report and claims.

IV. Correspondence

Leslie presented various correspondence for training and other informative events. She will send the board the dates of the various events.

V. Old Business

5.1 Travel Log for Vehicle Research

Dan presented his travel log. 75% of the time he met customers or visited fields before he came to the office. This was a particularly heavy travel month due to the time of year. Board requested he continue with the log for research purposes, but present in electronic form next time. Derek L still thinks we should be moving towards having our own vehicle for the professionalism aspect, equipment hauling, and district identity.

5.2 NRCS Vehicle Policy

Leslie relayed Rob Lawson's email regarding ICP use of NRCS vehicles. Kevin's vehicle is available for us to use as long as Kevin doesn't need it, and the travel aligns with NRCS's mission. Leslie will request more information to help determine what travel qualifies as appropriate use. The district will need to obtain its own fleet card PIN number prior to any vehicle use.

5.3 319 FY2018 NOIs

Due June 1st. Dan gave a summary of the two NOIs we're going to submit. There was some discussion about the Kankakee proposal and concern about the level of partnership involvement and our ROI. Derek L and Mark K motioned to submit the two NOIs. Leslie will distribute to the board via email prior to submitting.

5.4 Crimper Demo Plots

Dan got them planted and crimped. A tractor was rented from Macallister at a reduced rate. We were required to secure insurance; Consolidated will work directly with Macallister on our behalf and bill us. Crimping Fact Sheet and Dos and Don'ts needs to

be released per our CWI grant agreement. Jenna Blue from LaCrosse took some good video/pics. She and Carolyn will work on putting something together for media promotion. There are requests from 5-7 farmers to use the crimper thus far. Leslie will bill \$50 for each farmer that actually uses it.

5.5 Jordan’s strip till demo

Initial demo didn’t work very well. Rep was going to come back with some different coulters and when ground isn’t so wet. Ongoing.

5.6 River Friendly Farmer

No recommendations at this time.

VI. New Business

6.1 2018 Budget Request

County hasn’t sent out budget forms yet, so tabled until next meeting.

6.2 Fair Week

2017 fair week is July 15 thru 21. Our building will be open from 5-9pm each night. We will provide popsicles and water free of charge to any visitors. Staffing schedule will be presented at the June meeting.

6.3 Next Meeting:

June 16, 2017 at the Fairgrounds building

6.4 Training Request

Dan would like approval to attend an Organic Valley 2 day training in June in OH. Lana motions to approve the OV trip and Derek seconded. Motion carried.

VII. Agency Reports

7.1 NRCS

Kevin presented his report and answered some questions about CStP. It helps enroll producers that don’t qualify for EQIP for various reasons. NHEL is what most of our ground is classified as, but that is only water based erosion. Wind erosion in our area is not considered significant enough to be classified as highly erodible. All HEL land determinations will have an addendum about new ephemeral gully guidelines.

7.2 ISDA

No report.

7.3 Office

Dan and Leslie submitted vacation requests for the board to approve and sign. Dan is attending the Oregon Ryegrass Seed tour the week of May 22nd. Mark K and Lana motion to approve Dan’s attendance and splitting the time b/w vacation and district. Motion carried.

Lana and Derek motion to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Kyler Laird adjourned the meeting at 9:25am CST.

Minutes approved

Respectfully submitted _____ Leslie Davisson