Red Lake County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors Meeting Monday, September 9, 2024

24-09-01 David Miller, Chairman, called the meeting to order on Monday, September 9, 2024, at 8:07 A.M., at the MN Wheat Growers Building in Red Lake Falls.

24-09-02 Red Lake County SWCD Board Members and Staff Present:

David Miller, Chairman Peter Curran, Resource & Outreach

Technician

Mark LaCrosse, Vice-Chairman

Travis Nelson, Conservation Technician

Nathan Whalen, Secretary

Gabe Okins, Soil Health Outreach

Jim Hagge, Reporter

Technician

Also, Present:

Luke Klawitter, NRCS District Conservationist Tony Gerardy, Red Lake County Commissioner

- 24-09-03 Jim Hagge motioned to approve the September Board Meeting agenda, with the following additions: Notice of Decision for CSAH 5 and Caleb Braird.

 Nathan Whalen seconded the motion, and the motion passed. Affirmative votes: David Miller, Mark LaCrosse, Nathan Whalen, and Jim Hagge.
- 24-09-04 Nathan Whalen motioned to approve the August 12th board meeting minutes. Jim Hagge seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

 Affirmative votes: David Miller, Mark LaCrosse, Nathan Whalen, and Jim Hagge.
- 24-09-05 In August, there were \$50,473.48 total payments and \$10,696.98 total deposits, leaving a cash checking balance of \$966,346.23. Jim Hagge motioned to approve the August Treasurer's Report. Nathan Whalen seconded the motion, and the motion passed. Affirmative votes: David Miller, Mark LaCrosse, Nathan Whalen, and Jim Hagge.

24-09-06 Board Member Reports:

There were no board member reports.

24-09-07 County Update:

Tony Gerardy informed the board that the County hired a heavy equipment/grader operator.

24-09-08 SWCD Staff Reports:

SWCD staff reports have been filed within the 2024 SWCD Board Meeting Agenda and Minutes Binder.

24-09-09 NRCS Report

EQIP ended on Friday. There were 66 applications in Red Lake County.

The Farm Bill expires at the end of the month.

Luther Newton is done in October and will be moving down south...he received a job promotion within NRCS.

24-09-10 Old Business:

Discussion was held on the Red Lake River 1W1P.

- **24-09-11** Discussion was held on the Clearwater River 1W1P.
- **24-09-12** Discussion was held on 2024 Construction Contracts.

Discussion was held on the Glenn Struther's Grade Stabilization Structure Project located in Gervais Township Section 22. Nathan Whalen motioned to approve the Glenn Struther's Grade Stabilization Project cost-share contract in the amount of \$13,500.00. The total estimated cost of this project is \$15,000.00. Funds for this project will come from the CRWBIF Supplemental Funds grant. Jim Hagge seconded the motion, and the motion passed. Affirmative votes: Mark LaCrosse, Nathan Whalen, Kevin Reich, and Jim Hagge. David Miller abstained.

Discussion was held on the David Millers Lined Waterway or Outlet Project located in Gervais Township Section 27. Nathan Whalen motioned to approve the David Miller's Lined Waterway or Outlet Project cost-share contract in the amount of \$43,200.00. The total estimated cost of this project is \$48,000.00. Funds for this project will come from the CRWBIF Supplemental Funds grant. Jim Hagge seconded the motion, and the motion passed. Affirmative votes: David Miller, Mark LaCrosse, Nathan Whalen, Kevin Reich, and Jim Hagge. David Miller abstained.

24-09-13 Discussion was held on 2024 Project Bids for the Glenn Struther's Grade Stabilization Project and the David Miller Lined Waterway or Outlet project.

Discussion was held on the bids received for the David Miller's Lined Waterway or Outlet Project. There was a total of three bids received. Olson construction was the lowest bidder in the amount of \$37,567.10. Nathan Whalen motioned to approve the lowest bid from Olson Construction in the amount of \$37,567.10. Cost-share assistance for the project will be provided at a rate up to 90%, not to exceed \$43,200.00. Funding for this project will be provided by the Clearwater River Watershed Based Implementation (Supplemental) Funds. Jim Hagge seconded the motion, and the motion passed. Affirmative votes: Mark LaCrosse, Nathan Whalen, Kevin Reich, and

Jim Hagge. David Miller abstained.

Discussion was held on the bids received for the Glenn Struther's Grade Stabilization Project. There was only one bid received. The bid was over the Engineer's Probable Cost Estimate. Mark LaCrosse motioned to approve the lowest of any incoming bids for the Glenn Struther's Grade Stabilization Project as long as the bid is below the Engineer's Probable Cost estimate. Nathan Whalen seconded the motion, and the motion passed. Affirmative votes: Mark LaCrosse, Nathan Whalen, Kevin Reich, and Jim Hagge. David Miller abstained.

- **24-09-14** Discussion was held on the 75th Anniversary Banquet. The board tabled further discussion until the October Board meeting.
- 24-09-15 New Business:

Discussion was held on the Red Lake County Non-structural Land Management Policy. Gabe has been working on updating the document. Gabe will be sending the document to Matt Fischer and Jared House from BWSR for additional comments.

- **24-09-16** Discussion was held on the 2024 Erosion Site Inventory.
- **24-09-17** Discussion was held on the final 2023 District Audit.
- **24-09-18** Discussion was held on the Health Care Savings Plan. The board tabled further discussion until the October Board meeting.
- **24-09-19** Discussion was held on the WCA Notice of Decisions.

Nathan Whalen **motioned to approve the WCA Notice of Decision for CSAH 5.** Jim Hagge seconded the motion, and the motion **passed**. Affirmative votes: David Miller, Mark LaCrosse, Nathan Whalen, and Jim Hagge.

Mark LaCrosse motioned to approve the WCA Notice of Decision for Caleb Braird. Jim Hagge seconded the motion, and the motion passed. Affirmative votes: David Miller, Mark LaCrosse, Nathan Whalen, and Jim Hagge.

24-09-20 Nathan Whalen motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9;15 a.m. Jim Hagge seconded the motion, and the motion passed. Affirmative votes: David Miller, Mark LaCrosse, Nathan Whalen, and Jim Hagge.

Respectfully submitted,		
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Nathan Whalen, Secretary Red Lake County SWCD	Date approved.	