

**Sept. 14, 2015 Monthly Meeting**  
**USDA Service Center**  
**Board meeting 3:00 pm**

Johnson called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

**Supervisors present:** Ron Johnson, Jeff Oyen, Jim Pfeifer, Bob Woerman, and Tom Wolles

**Advisors present:** Jennifer Schmidtbauer

**Absent:** None

**Others present:** John Parker, Denise Fletcher, Mary Lou Lacey, Barry Berg, and Brian Top

**Agenda:** Handed out at meeting. MSP to approve by Oyen and Woerman. All ayes.

**Minutes of August meeting:** Handed out. MSP to approve by Oyen and Pfeifer. All ayes.

**Treasurer's report:** Handed out at meeting. MSP to approve by Pfeifer and Woerman. All ayes.

**Bills:** Reviewed at meeting. Approved to pay. MSP to approve by Woerman and Oyen. All ayes.

**Accounts Receivable:** Reviewed at meeting.

**Activities Reports:**

**NRCS activity report by Mary Lou Lacey:**

**WETLANDS: Report by Nathan Blankers.** Our current backlog is 3 outstanding certified wetland determination requests, which need to be reviewed in the field. Nathan has been using the new State Offsite Mapping conventions and they have allowed for many offsite determinations for Minnehaha County. He is currently working on Hamlin County requests, where the backlog is much bigger and older.

**CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM (CRP):**

Applications are due by October 1st. There are 47 total applications, mainly re-enrollments. 3 new applications were received and 9 applications were in-eligible.

**CONSERVATION STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM (CSP):**

No update.

**ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY INCENTIVE PROGRAM (EQIP):**

RCPPEQIP has 4 continuing contracts (3 ag. waste and 1 grazing management). All need to be complete by September 18<sup>th</sup>.

**AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION EASEMENT PROGRAM (ACEP):**

No update.

**Big Sioux River – RCPP Report by Barry Berg:**

Barry presented his slide talk that was shown at the Mayor's Water Summit in Brookings. Segment 2 of the project has been finalized. Through the present time – 100 acres have been placed in CRP and 31.2 acres into RAM. SRAM has enrolled 889.1 acres total through 2015. Total cash funding for segment 3 is \$5,616,605.00. MSP to approve Brian Top's hours for payment through the Contribution Agreement by Woerman and Pfeifer. All ayes.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **1. Gevik Site and Brochure**

Brochure changes were discussed. Visitors have been coming through; 75 people visited during one week in August. A memorial bench was placed along the trail in memory of Coletta Bly. A request had been made to the Board, asking for the spill-way to be lowered. MSP that the spill-way would not be lowered, as it was built as a filtration system, by Wolles and Oyen. All ayes.

### **2. Service Report (bio-solids, tree planting, grass planting, etc.)**

Bio-solids – 1100 acres to do this fall. Tree planting – 55 – 60 acres are lined up for next year. This year, 63.5 acres were machine planted and 8 acres were hand planted. Grass – 75 acres of dormant seeding is to be done yet this fall. Cover crops are being planted. 175 acres of fall pasture spraying will be done.

### **3. Update on Equipment – Larger Drill Info. from Pfeifer**

Everything is running, except the tiller. Discussion held about a 26' Great Plains drill. This will be looked at again in November.

### **4. State Commission Grants**

MSP to approve applying for the Shelterbelt Renovation Grant for 15 months, starting on 7-01-16, by Oyen and Wolles. All ayes. The Tech. Grant for 2016-2017 was tabled.

### **5. Big Sioux Nursery Annual Meeting**

The nursery is doing better financially. Over 1 million trees were sold this year.

### **6. Soil Health Workshop – September 8<sup>th</sup>**

Bob attended the local workshop, which drew a large crowd. Sioux Falls Mayor Huether was impressed with this demonstration. John will pursue more work with the City on projects.

### **7. Land Judging – September 29<sup>th</sup>**

Discussion held about a location for the event. Pfeifer Implement will provide an excavator.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. SDACD Fall Conference – November 30 – Dec. 2**

This will be held in Pierre, SD.

### **2. Board Advisors**

No action taken.

### **3. South Dakota Public Assurance Alliance Liability & Property Pool Review**

Discussion about schedule of coverages for liability insurance. John will check on rates for raising deductibles.

## **CONSERVATION PLAN APPROVALS**

MSP to sign agreements by Oyen and Wolles. All ayes.

## **OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **1. Correspondence**

MSP to adjourn at 5:20 p.m. by Pfeifer and Woerman. All ayes.

**NEXT MEETING DATE: Tuesday, October 13th, 2015 at 3:00 pm – USDA Service Center**

Submitted by Denise Fletcher, District Office Assistant