

December 2013 Monthly Meeting
USDA Service Center
Board meeting 4:00 pm.

Pfeifer called the meeting to order.

Supervisors present: Jim Pfeifer, Reid Christopherson, Ron Johnson, Jeff Oyen, Tom Wolles

Others present: John Parker, Brian Top, Deron Ruesch, Gordon Heber

Agenda: Handed out at meeting. MSP to approve by Christopherson and Wolles. Five ayes.

Minutes of November 25, 2013 meeting: Handed out at meeting. MSP to approve by Johnson and Christopherson. Five ayes.

Treasurer's report: Handed out at meeting. MSP to approve by Christopherson and Wolles. Five ayes.

Bills: MSP to approve payment of all bills by Wolles and Christopherson. Five ayes.

Activity reports and wetland updates: Reports will be given every other month in 2014 beginning with the February meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Business opportunity with Millborn Seeds – will discuss further at a later meeting.
- Bio-solids update – Brian and John are contacting producers for future application sites; still waiting for payment from the City of Sioux Falls after numerous requests for payment.
- Update on District services – John is working on a report to show the true costs of each enterprise.
- Gevik Learning Area report – the Plant Material Research Center from North Dakota requested to do tree research on three species of trees. MSP to approve by Johnson and Christopherson. Five ayes.
- Trailer sell / trade – Dressen's will call when a sales rep is in the area..
- Ultima / District position update – NRCS will be hiring someone for 16-24 hours and the District will add 8-12 hours.
- Website / Quickbooks – Melanie is updating QuickBooks Online transactions to match the desktop version transactions.
- Other old business
 - Water Festival checkbook review – John is working with Gordon on this.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Hoo-Hoo Club of Sioux Falls – want to donate \$2000 to the District so a reduction in bareroot prices can be offered to customers. John will be meeting with them sometime in January 2014.
- NRCS / building – Curt Elke from the NRCS asked Deron about sharing a building to be owned by the District that would also house NRCS, FSA, and others.
- District services and product review – Review services and price increases of 3%, 5%, 7%, and 10% during the January meeting.
- Employee review – will be done in January.
- Other new business – none.

CONSERVATION PLAN APPROVALS: Two plans – MSP to approve by Christopherson and Oyen. Five ayes.

OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Correspondence – none.

NEXT MEETING DATE: January 13, 2014 at 3:00 pm.

MSP to adjourn at 5:45 pm by Johnson and Christopherson. Five ayes.

Submitted by John Parker, District Manager