

**MINNEHAHA CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUPERVISORS
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

DATE – TIME – LOCATION

July 8, 2013, USDA Service Center, 3:00 PM

CALLED TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Minnehaha Conservation District Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Pfeifer.

SUPERVISORS PRESENT

Jim Pfeifer, Jeff Oyen, Ronald Johnson

SUPERVISORS ABSENT

Reid Christopherson, Tom Wolles

OTHERS PRESENT

John Parker, Amy Van Dam, Melanie Raine, Deron Ruesch, Greg Schneiders, Jim Jackson

AGENDA

The agenda was mailed out prior to the board meeting.

MOTION by Johnson; seconded by Oyen to approve the agenda as ammended. Three ayes.

MINUTES

The minutes of the regular June meeting were emailed or mailed out prior to the board meeting.

MOTION by Oyen; seconded by Johnson to approve the minutes of the regular June board meeting as submitted. Three ayes.

TREASURER'S REPORT

MOTION by Johnson; seconded by Oyen to approve the Treasurer's Report as printed. Three ayes.

JUNE BILLS APPROVED

MOTION by Oyen; seconded by Johnson to accept the bills as presented, holding NACD and SDACD membership fees until a later date and also paying Big Sioux Nursery and Milborn Seed when funds are available. Three ayes.

ACTIVITIES REPORT

WETLANDS:

- NRCS backlog is at 74 outstanding requests for determinations on file.
- Training is being planned for new NRCS wetland tracking database, which is still in Access.

CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM (CRP):

- Field checking (status reviews) new plantings and some existing contracts.

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY INCENTIVE PROGRAM (EQIP):

- Finishing up Contract Obligation for EQIP-NWQI Contracts, waiting for approval from the Regional Conservationist.
- Continuing to field check/certify conservation practices for payments.

WETLAND RESERVE PROGRAM (WRP):

- Working on one Compatible Use Agreement (CUA) for haying.

OTHER NOTES:

- July 9th: SDSU Research Farm Field Day, 1:00pm, Beresford.

OLD BUSINESS

HISTORIC MINUTES:

- Copies have been made and will be putting on a jump drive to put in the safe.

BIO-SOLIDS UPDATE:

- A payment request has been sent to the City of Sioux Falls for \$5110. The Kubota is working well.

COUNTY FUNDING:

- We have a funding hearing set for July 10th at 6:45 pm with the County Commissioners. John practiced his speech and the board gave him ideas on what to say.

HANDPLANT/MACHINE/FABRIC/DRILL REPORT:

- Trees and Fabric are finished.
- The acres are up from last year on the drills.
- We have been selling lots of tree tubes this year.

GEVIK LEARNING AREA:

- The site has been mowed and Thursday or Friday will go back out to do more work.
- The bottom of Paul Nelson's tile is very wet. The board suggested that we should put tile in.
- The signs are not installed yet. John will contact the landowners to make sure it is still okay to install them on their land.

RESOURCE TECHNICIAN:

- Jeff Kroon was hired for this position.

BLY BROS.

- The amount we will be requesting from the grant is \$4140.
- We will also be sending in a request to Angela for \$1800 for NRCS work we have done since January 1st.
- We have to send in a request for reimbursent from the tree renovation grant.

NEW BUSINESS

AREA MEETING REPORT:

- Deron Ruesch and Amy Van Dam attended the meeting in Brookings. Brian Scott encouraged supervisors to take the online training. A new module has been added. It is highly recommended, but not mandatory. The Endowment Fund Honoree picked is Wendel Anderson from McCook Conservation District.

TRUCK/TRAILER:

- The board advised John to get a price on trading one of the gooseneck trailers in for a tilt car trailer with a 6000 lb. axle. At this time we will not be selling the truck.

CREDIT CARD:

- The fee we pay to accept credit cards is 4.3%. It was discussed to add 5% to the bills of those who use credit cards or give discounts to those that pay with check or cash. Amy will check to see if we can add 5% for the customers that use credit cards.

OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONSERVATION PLAN APPROVALS

MOTION by Oyen; seconded by Johnson to approve one CRP contracts. Three ayes.

MOTION by Oyen to adjourn; seconded by Johnson. Three ayes.

Amy Van Dam, Recording Secretary