

October 21, 2013 monthly meeting
USDA Service Center
Board meeting 3:00 pm.

Pfeifer called the meeting to order.

Supervisors present: Jim Pfeifer, Reid Christopherson, Ron Johnson, Tom Wolles. Not present: Jeff Oyen

Others present: John Parker, Mary Lou Lacy

Agenda: Handed out at meeting. MSP to approve by Christopherson and Johnson.

Minutes of September 2013 meeting: Handed out. MSP to approve by Christopherson and Wolles.

Treasurer's report: MSP Wolles and Johnson

Bills: Approved to pay bills excluding NACD dues and Sioux Falls Chamber of Commerce. MSP to approve by Christopherson and Wolles.

Activities report by Mary Lou Lacy:

- Wetlands backlog is 89
- Field work started to complete determinations
- Nathan Blankers is working in McCook and Minnehaha counties
- CRP- As of 10/01/2013, FSA is not approving any CRP contracts or process offers for enrollment for all signup types.
- EQUIP- one contract for cover crops was cancelled by land owner
- Protracts is up and running as of 10/23/2013 to certify cover crop and integrated pest management practices along with approving payments
- Annual status review on 21 contracts
- Sign up for FY-2014 dollars
- WETLAND RESERVE (WRP) - Currently working with landowner on transfer agreement. Land purchased with existing easement.
- OTHER NOTES - Happy FY-2014. Thanks for cooperation when we were on furlough October 1-16.
- November 5, 2013 - District Conservation meeting in Brookings.

Old business: Bio-Solids -- 5' probe. Bruce Koonze is working with Minnehaha Conservation District to take 5' samples.

Update on Minnehaha Conservation District services: Weed spraying, fall seeding, and interest in trees for 2014 is better than previous years at this time.

Gevik: Mowed and sprayed for thistles; submitted grant to state commission for future work at Gevik site.

Trailer: Board approved to get a quote for trading trailers. John will check with the Dressin dealer in Dell Rapids.

Wetland slide checks: Brian is currently doing the tract work until office support is decided.

District accounting: John is working on transferring info to the QuickBooks Online version. Still using desktop version until the switch is complete.

Website/Grants: Melanie is keeping the website up to date, and will keep adding info as we are getting more usage. Grants that she wrote will go in front of commission in November.

Water Festival Checking: Gordon and John were unable to get together to reconcile so it can be turned over to the committee. Will try to work on it in November. Also check on insurance for storing water festival trailer, as well buying out the district half.

Other old business: None.

New business: Grant commission is meeting 11/14/2013, John is planning to attend and present the grants at meeting if recovery from hip surgery allows.

Mailbox: Because of shutdown, the District couldn't get mail. Discussion was held regarding getting our own mailbox or leave as is. The Board decided that since it doesn't happen very often, we'll stay as is.

Office area at shed: It was discussed to check on prices for materials, water, and sewer to build a room at the location. Space could be used by all workers and office when needed.

Tree Flyer: Revamp flyer and plan to send out in January 2014.

Shelter belt awards: Decided to continue with them at current rate (1st = \$75.00, 2nd = \$50.00, and 3rd = \$25.00).

Trees/grass/plants for spring: Discussion on whether to offer larger trees and more flowers and plants. Decided to stay as we are and fine tune what we are doing.

Conservation Plan approval: One plan to sign. Motion by Christopherson to approve one contract; three ayes.

Other business and announcements: None.

Next meeting date: November 25, 2013 at 3:00 pm

MSP by Johnson and Christopherson to adjourn.