

**July 8, 2014 Monthly Meeting**  
**USDA Service Center**  
**Board meeting 3:00 pm**

Pfeifer called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

**Supervisors present:** Jim Pfeifer, Ron Johnson, and Jeff Oyen

**Absent:** Reid Christopherson, Tom Wolles

**Others present:** John Parker, Barry Berg, Matt Johnson and Denise Fletcher

**Agenda:** Handed out at meeting. MSP to approve, with additions, by Oyen and Johnson. All ayes.

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

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

**Bills:** Reviewed at meeting. Approved to pay at John's discretion. MSP to approve by Johnson and Oyen. All ayes.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Gevik Learning Area: Planning and Zoning has approved putting up the signs. The Board will do this on July 15<sup>th</sup>. 75 experimental trees have been planted. Joan and Sandy will work out there periodically.
2. Mary Jo Wegner Arboretum: Native grass planting was completed. This should lead to more work at that site in the future, as well as creating contacts for seeding with the City of Sioux Falls.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Review potential of being the lead partner on Central Big Sioux Water Project: Barry Berg led the discussion about Minnehaha Conservation District being the lead project sponsor in this through the Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP). The project is requesting \$1.7 million in financial and technical assistance. There are 3 areas to apply in – Special Interest, State Pool and National Pool. We have decided to go into the State Pool. Deadline to apply is July 14th. Final proposals will be due by September 29th. Any EQIP practice would qualify for funding. A contribution agreement could be done between the NRCS and SDACD to fund a coordinator for 0.5 FTE. Barry Berg and Matt Johnson would each be a 0.25 FTE under the project. The Coordinator would be a salesperson that could generate more projects for the Conservation District. As lead project sponsor, the District would provide locally led direction, not monetary assistance. MSP to approve being a lead project sponsor of RCPP, if our proposal is accepted, by Johnson and Oyen. All ayes.
2. Soil Sampling for Tetonka Watershed Project: Discussion about who could do the water quality sampling, possibly as a part of the RCPP. Barry Berg will add this to his preliminary proposal.

**OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Master Gardener meeting will be held on July 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the extension office. Big Sioux Nursery will demonstrate native flowers and grasses.
2. NRCS Special Cover Crop Initiative for Union, Clay, Turner and Lincoln Counties this year. The Conservation District may be able to do some planting in those areas under that program.

MSP to adjourn at 4:32 pm by Oyen and Johnson. All ayes.

**NEXT MEETING DATE: August 11, 2014 at 3:00 pm – USDA Service Center**

Submitted by Denise Fletcher, Ultima Employee