

**July 13, 2015 Monthly Meeting  
USDA Service Center  
Board meeting 3:00 pm**

Johnson called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

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

**Absent:** Jim Pfeifer

**Others present:** John Parker, Denise Fletcher, Nile Herbener, Barry Berg, Brian Top, Nathan Blankers, Dana Loseke and Mary Ellen Connelly

**Agenda:** Handed out at meeting, with the addition of Nathan Blankers for the Wetlands report and Wolles' request for the addition of an executive session. MSP to approve by Woerman and Oyen. All ayes.

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

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

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

**Accounts Receivable:** Reviewed at meeting.

**Activities Reports:**

***WETLANDS Report by Nathan Blankers:***

Our current backlog is about 28 outstanding certified wetland determination requests. One of those is a consultant case. 27 are 10 months old or less. New off-site methods will be in place soon.

***NRCS activity report by Nyle Herbener:***

***CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM (CRP):***

12 applications are being worked on (8 of them are re-enrolls) and due by September 1<sup>st</sup>.

***CONSERVATION STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM (CSP):***

3 applications have been approved and are being finalized.

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

Nutrient Management payments will be worked on in the next month. 4 applications were recently approved.

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

No report

Nyle will be in the Sioux Falls office on Tuesdays during Deron's assignment in Brookings.

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

5 contracts for SRAM have been signed, totaling 227.4 acres. 1 contract for RAM totals 4 acres. A total of 4.7 miles have been enrolled this year in various programs. 7 producers are in construction phase this summer for Animal Waste Management Systems. 8 new applications may be eligible for RCPP. The contracting deadline for RCPP is July 17<sup>th</sup>.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **1. Gevik Site Pipeline Discussion**

A list of concerns was sent to Dakota Access Pipeline on 7/07/15. They postponed their response until the August meeting. Several additional points of concern were raised. John will check with the States Attorney about whether the easement payment would need to be shared with any other entity.

### **2. County Signs for Gevik Site**

John has talked to the prison about signs. Signs are available in blue or brown with reflective writing, about 36" X 84" in size. Board decided to get them in brown and have the county highway shop erect them.

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

Soil sampling is occurring for bio-solids. About 65 acres of trees have been planted. Grass planting went well. About 80 acres of native grasses will be planted for the City of Sioux Falls in various sites over the next year.

### **4. Update on Equipment**

Lawn mower tires need replacing. The trailer, trucks and drills are in good shape. The loader is in and needs to be mounted.

### **5. Area Meeting Review**

Johnson and Woerman attended. Woerman was elected to the Public Relations Committee. Discussion held about Conservation Districts being converted to Water Districts in the future.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. State Commission Grants**

Meeting will be held on 7/15/15. They are working on establishing guidelines for payment. Our district will continue with current procedure.

### **2. Contribution Agreement for 2015-2016**

Deron and John submitted the new proposal, adjusting the funds requested up slightly.

## **CONSERVATION PLAN APPROVALS**

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

## **OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **1. Correspondence**

Several items of mail correspondence were mentioned. There was discussion about getting pieces written about the Gevik Site and getting them published.

MSP to go into executive session by Wolles and Oyen at 5:15 p.m.

Executive session ended at 5:27 p.m.

MSP to adjourn at 5:27 p.m. by Wolles and Oyen. All ayes.

**NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, August 10th, 2015 at 3:00 pm – USDA Service Center**

Submitted by Denise Fletcher, District Office Assistant