

**Minnehaha Conservation District
June 20th, 2016 Monthly Meeting
USDA Service Center
Board meeting 3:00 pm**

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

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

Supervisors absent: Jim Pfeifer

Advisors present:

Advisors absent: Jim Jackson, Dana Loseke, and Jennifer Schmidtbauer

Others present: John Parker, Denise Fletcher, Deron Ruesch, Barry Berg, and Brian Top

Agenda: MSP to approve by Oyen and Woerman. All ayes.

Minutes of May 9th meeting: MSP to approve by Oyen and Wolles. All ayes.

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

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

Activities Reports:

NRCS activity report by Deron Ruesch:

WETLANDS: Our current backlog is about 35 outstanding certified wetland determination requests.

CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM (CRP):

We are working on 2 re-enrolls and status reviews.

CONSERVATION STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM (CSP):

2 applications were approved; the other 2 applications were ineligible. The first part of quality assurance reviews has been completed.

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY INCENTIVE PROGRAM (EQIP):

We are working on planning for 2 RCPP-EQIP applications received. Construction has begun on 2 RCPP-EQIP animal waste systems.

AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION EASEMENT PROGRAM (ACEP):

We are working to finish the closing process (purchase an easement) on our 1 application from last year.

A tour around the county was held on June 14th and 16th for the NRCS New Employee Orientation held in Sioux Falls, with employees from around the nation.

Big Sioux River – RCPP Report by Barry Berg:

132.2 acres SRAM and 33.6 acres RAM (35,688 linear feet) has been added in 2016 and a total of 30 miles since 2013. 2 Ag. Waste Management Systems are planned to start construction this summer in Minnehaha County. 5 of these systems are currently in the design phase. An auto sampler was installed on Skunk Creek in cooperation with SDSU extension.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Service Report (bio-solids, tree planting, grass planting, newsletter, etc.)**

Bio-solids – soil sampling is caught up. 82.5 acres of trees have been planted, with 3.2 acres left to plant. 109 rolls of fabric need to be put on yet, for a total of 375 rolls of fabric to be applied this year. Grass planting – the 15' drill has planted 600 acres; the 10' drill has planted 575 acres and the 6' drill has planted 20 acres. 375 acres have been sprayed, with 65 acres remaining to spray. 100 acres of fall grass seeding are planned.

2. **Equipment**

All equipment is working. The tongue of the 15' drill has a crack that needs to be reinforced.

3. **Area Meeting Report – June 13**

The 2017 Contribution Agreement plan is to have one agreement for all conservation districts in the state to be run through the SDACD. The Local Work Group will be held once every 3 years in the future and will cover a bigger geographical area. Conservation District Board vacancies need to be posted as they arise.

NEW BUSINESS

None

CONSERVATION PLAN APPROVALS

6-1, 6-2, 6-3, 6-4, 6-5

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

OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Correspondence

MSP to adjourn at 4:50 p.m. by Oyen and Woerman. All ayes.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, July 11th, 2016 at 3:00 pm – USDA Service Center

Submitted by Denise Fletcher, District Office Assistant