

**Minnehaha Conservation District**  
**May 9th, 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, Jim Pfeifer, Bob Woerman and Tom Wolles

**Supervisors absent:** Jeff Oyen

**Advisors present:** Dana Loseke and Jennifer Schmidtbauer

**Advisors absent:** Jim Jackson

**Others present:** John Parker, Denise Fletcher, Deron Ruesch and Matt Johnson

**Agenda:** MSP to approve by Pfeifer and Woerman. All ayes.

**Minutes of April 11th meeting:** MSP to approve by Pfeifer and Woerman. All ayes.

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

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

**Activities Reports:**

**NRCS activity report by Deron Ruesch:**

Deron handed out and discussed the local area work group resource concerns worksheet. He also passed around brochures we have received from Mad Dog Foam Bridges, a company that will be providing foam bridges to sit over the oil pipelines and under the drain tile.

**WETLANDS:** No report

**CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM (CRP):**

Minnehaha County had no contracts approved under the general sign-up, out of 19 applications. South Dakota only had 2 contracts approved in the entire state.

**CONSERVATION STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM (CSP):**

4 applications have been received and interviews completed.

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

2 animal waste systems are being constructed through the RCPP-EQIP program.

**AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION EASEMENT PROGRAM (ACEP):** No report

**Big Sioux River – RCPP Report by Matt Johnson:**

This spring, 155 acres of SRAM have been surveyed, along with 5.6 acres of RAM. Last fall, 28.8 acres of SRAM and 17 acres of RAM were surveyed. Total linear ft. of stream excluded to date is 28,917 of SRAM and 12,960 of RAM. Grand total to date for both programs is 41,877 linear ft. or 7.9 miles. 5 agricultural waste systems are in the design phase and 2 will start construction this summer.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Gevik Site Endowment**  
Boundaries of the site need to be surveyed or found and marked before the next step can be taken.
2. **Service Report (bio-solids, tree planting, grass planting, newsletter, etc.)**  
Bio-solids – soil sampling is caught up. About 90 acres have been sampled recently. Tree Planting – there are 77 bare root customers. 66 have been picked up. There are 75 acres of trees to plant this year. 17 acres have been completed so far. Grass planting in Lincoln County – 225 acres to do. So far, 125 have been completed. In Minnehaha, there are 300 acres to seed on the 10 ft. drill; 150 have been completed. There are 300 acres completed with the 15 ft. drill. There are 75 acres of pasture to spray.
3. **Equipment**  
Tractors are on the two 10 ft. drills. All equipment is working well.
4. **Banking Options**  
Great West Bank is working with the SDACD and the South Dakota Department of Agriculture to obtain incorporation papers for the District.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Summer Employment Policy**  
Current district policy book says that we cannot hire anyone younger than 15 years old. State policy allows 14 year olds to work, but they cannot run equipment until they are age 16.  
MSP to approve changing District policy to follow state regulations for age requirements for employees by Wolles and Woerman. All ayes.
2. **Area Meeting - June**  
This meeting will be held on June 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in Salem, SD at the Southeastern REA Office, 236 N. Main St.

## **CONSERVATION PLAN APPROVALS**

5-1, 5-2  
MSP to sign agreements by Wolles and Pfeifer. All ayes.

## **OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Correspondence  
A thank- you note was received from the Garretson School for the tour of the tree shed.

MSP to adjourn at 4:10 p.m. by Woerman and Pfeifer. All ayes.

**NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, June 20th, 2016 at 3:00 pm – USDA Service Center**

Submitted by Denise Fletcher, District Office Assistant