

**Minnehaha Conservation District  
October 11th, 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 and Bob Woerman

**Supervisors absent:** Jeff Oyen and Tom Wolles

**Advisors present:** Jim Jackson

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

**Others present:** John Parker, Denise Fletcher, Deron Ruesch, Brian Top and Casey Wenzlaff

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

**Minutes of September 12th meeting:** MSP to approve by Pfeifer and Woerman. All ayes.

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

**WETLANDS:** Our current backlog is about 46 outstanding certified wetland determination requests, including 1 consultant request.

**CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM (CRP):**

All planning is done for FY 2016.

**CONSERVATION STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM (CSP):**

3 day training will be held in October for a new and improved program.

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

Payments are being worked on, to be made this fall.

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

No report

A land judging event was held on October 4<sup>th</sup>. Diversity Day training was held on October 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Big Sioux River – RCPP Report by Brian Top:**

An open house was held for a hog barn that was constructed through the program. One more barn is close to being completed. 5 – 6 feedlots are in process. Seeding done this spring looks good.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Service Report (bio-solids, tree planting, grass planting, etc.)**  
Bio-solids – soil sampling has occurred for the last 3 weeks; there is more to do. We need to submit a contract to the City for 2017-2018. 25 acres of tree planting is planned for next year. Grass planting – 125 acres to do in Lincoln County yet this year. About 175 acres of cover crops are left to do this year yet in Minnehaha County. There are a few acres to spray and mow. Terrace work in Lincoln and Union Counties will begin as soon as the crop comes out.
2. **Equipment (Drill, Disc and Mower)**  
There was discussion about purchasing a new 26' drill and a new disc. The mower is running fine.
3. **Mitigation Bank**  
The Joint Powers Agreement with Brookings County has been signed and returned. All paperwork is in process. It will probably be a couple years before much happens.
4. **Fall Convention – Re-cap**  
Meeting was held on September 25 – 27<sup>th</sup> in Deadwood, SD. About 275-300 people attended. (Refer to attached minutes from the convention).
5. **Soil Judging – Re-cap**  
Judging was held at the Gevik site. Scoring occurred at the Hartford Fire Hall. 131 students participated from 12 schools. McCook Central won 1<sup>st</sup> place, with Lennox in 2<sup>nd</sup> place.
6. **Review Pricing**  
MSP by Pfeifer and Woerman to raise the tree price by \$0.10. All ayes. All other prices will remain the same for next year.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **NACD Annual Membership Investment**  
Board agreed to pay a Gold Level membership in this organization, as per the by-laws.

## **CONSERVATION PLAN APPROVALS**

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

## **OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Correspondence

MSP to adjourn at 4:40 p.m. by Woerman and Pfeifer. All ayes.

**NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup> 2016 at 3:00 pm – USDA Service Center**

Submitted by Denise Fletcher, District Office Assistant