

**Minnehaha Conservation District  
May 14th, 2018 Monthly Meeting  
USDA Service Center  
Board meeting 3:00 pm**

Woerman called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m.

**Supervisors present:** Gordon Heber, Ron Johnson and Bob Woerman

**Supervisors absent:** Jeff Oyen and Jim Pfeifer

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

**Advisors absent:** Jim Jackson

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

**Agenda:** MSP to approve by Heber and Johnson. All ayes.

**Minutes of April 9th meeting:** MSP to approve by Johnson and Heber. All ayes.

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

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

**NRCS activity report by Deron Ruesch:**

**WETLANDS:** Our current backlog is about 22 outstanding certified wetland determination requests. The current turnaround time is about 3 months.

**CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM (CRP):**

No new information. FSA continues suspension of all new signup activities.

**CONSERVATION STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM (CSP):**

1 application has been processed.

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

2 animal waste storage facilities have been completed and \$391,705.38 practice payments approved. RCPP-EQIP: 14 applications were submitted for cover crops. 8 were preapproved on 2,359.9 acres for \$66,461. The other 6 were not preapproved at this time on 536.9 acres for \$11,516.

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

No new information

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

SRAM: 21 projects to survey (350-400 acres); only 2 are completed. Bank Stabilization: 8-9 sites are in the design phase. Some interest in terraces/WASCOB. RCPP funds for cost-share will be exhausted after the current round of projects.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

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

Bio-solids: Soil sampled for 5 days before rain started. 14 fields left for deep soil sampling.

Trees: 9 out of 39 locations are planted. 58 total acres to plant in Minnehaha Co. 14 sites (15 acres) to plant in Lincoln Co. Grass: 250 acres of CRP and 125 acres of general seeding left to do in Minnehaha Co. 475 acres of CRP and 60 acres of general seeding left to do in Lincoln Co.

Some spraying to do.

### **2. Equipment**

Equipment is all in place, except for 1 tractor that should arrive this week.

### **3. Gevik Complaint**

Trail clean-up has been completed and trail has reopened. A 40 ft. buffer has been placed around the adjoining feedlot. Eventually a 75 ft. buffer with trees and a permanent fence will be in place. This site helps filter water that flows into Wall Lake.

### **4. Vermillion/Big Sioux Area Meeting – June 18th**

Morning meeting and lunch. Deron, Bob, Gordon and John plan to attend.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Cover Crop Pricing**

Discussion about pricing for drills, which is currently \$10.50/acre. Board decided not to offer a lower rate for volume work.

### **2. Tree Planting Agreement with Lincoln County**

Discussion about the proposed agreement. Fuel, lube cost, breakdowns and tree crew hours would be covered by Lincoln County, plus a 10% fee. MSP to sign agreement with Lincoln County to plant trees by Heber and Johnson. All ayes.

## **CONSERVATION PLAN APPROVALS**

None

## **OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **1. Correspondence**

Deadline for election petitions for 2 open board member positions is July 2. Discussion and approval of more bird houses to be constructed by scouts and installed at the Gevik site. Approval to pay yearly SDACD (South Dakota Association of Conservation Districts) dues, per by-laws.

MSP to adjourn at 5:00 p.m. by Heber and Johnson. All ayes.

**NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, June 11th, 2018 at 3:00 pm – USDA Service Center**

Submitted by Denise Fletcher, District Office Assistant