

**Minnehaha Conservation District
November 13, 2018 Monthly Meeting
USDA Service Center
Board meeting 3:00 pm**

Woerman called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

Supervisors present: Gordon Heber, Ron Johnson, Jim Pfeifer and Bob Woerman

Supervisors absent: Jeff Oyen

Advisors present: Jennifer Schmidtbauer

Advisors absent: Jim Jackson and Dana Loseke

Others present: John Parker, Denise Fletcher, Mary Lou Lacey and Brian Top

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

Minutes of October 15th meeting: MSP to approve by Pfeifer and Johnson. All ayes.

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

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

NRCS activity report by Mary Lou Lacey:

WETLANDS: No report

CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM (CRP): No report

CONSERVATION STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM (CSP):

We have received partial funding, so will get a list of contracts that wish to re-new and modify them to extend the expiration date by one year. With no farm bill, new applications cannot be taken.

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY INCENTIVE PROGRAM (EQIP):

Batching deadline for applications is December 21st. No changes are expected to the ranking questionnaire.

AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION EASEMENT PROGRAM (ACEP):

We can continue to take applications, but not able to process those without a new farm bill.

Big Sioux River – RCPP Report by Brian Top:

We are still waiting for 3 contracts to be signed for SRAM. 1 producer in Moody Co. is finishing up with a manure pack barn, with hopes to finish the deep pit barn soon. 1 producer in Brookings Co. is finishing up a hoop barn soon. 2 feedlots in Minnehaha Co. are being designed. This year's GRTS report is finished. We are working on the RCPP Annual Report and fiscal year report.

No Public Comments were made.

OLD BUSINESS

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

Bio-solids: Deep soil sampling is occurring and should finish soon. Trees: 22 acres are planned for next year so far. Grass: 10 acres to seed yet in Minnehaha County and 20 acres to dormant seed in Lincoln Co. Some of these may not get done, due to wetness. Gevik Site: Discussion was held about a complaint that has been made to the State DENR about pollution run-off across the Gevik site and into Wall Lake. The District has done much work this year to mitigate damage from a neighboring land owner's run-off. Parker will work on a letter from the District to the land owner specifying the estimated costs to the District and what will be required to remedy the situation. Heber offered to help compose the letter.

2. **Equipment**

The Lincoln County Conservation District declined to purchase the 10' drill at the proposed price. MSP to purchase a new 12' drill, trade in the old Lincoln County 10' drill and sell the District's other 10' drill on the market by Johnson and Heber. All ayes. In addition to the new 12' drill, the District still has 6', 15' and 26' drills. The 26' drill will be stored in Ron Johnson's machine shed for the winter.

3. **National Convention (February 2 – 6) – San Antonio, TX**

Parker plans to attend. The early bird rate will end by the 1st part of December.

4. **Water Festival 2019**

This event will be held March 13-14, 2019 at USF. 1200 kids have signed up so far. Various funding donations have been received and the budget is looking good.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Water Summit – December 6th from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. at Hilton Garden Inn, Downtown Sioux Falls**

Barry Berg will speak at this event, along with others.

CONSERVATION PLAN APPROVALS

MSP to sign agreements by Johnson and Heber. All ayes.

OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Correspondence

MSP to adjourn at 4:30 p.m. by Pfeifer and Johnson. All ayes.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Tuesday, December 11th, 2018 at 3:00 pm – USDA Service Center

Submitted by Denise Fletcher, District Office Assistant