

**Minnehaha Conservation District  
December 16th, 2019 Monthly Meeting  
USDA Service Center  
Board Meeting at 3:00 pm**

Pfeifer called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

**Supervisors present:** Brian Alderson, Gordon Heber, Jim Pfeifer, and Bob Woerman

**Supervisors absent:** Jennifer Schmidtbauer

**Advisors present:** Susan Kruse

**Advisors absent:** Carl Eliason, Jim Jackson, Dana Loseke, Kelly Lyons and Mark McGee

**Others present:** John Parker, Mary Lou Lacey, Denise Fletcher, Barry Berg, Brian Top, Roger Scheibe, Jay Gilbertson and Rick Lehman

**Agenda:** MSP to approve (with the addition of Roger Scheibe to Public Comments Section) by Heber and Woerman. All ayes.

**Minutes of November 14th meeting:** MSP to approve by Heber and Woerman. All ayes.

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

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

**NRCS activity report by Mary Lou Lacey:**

**WETLANDS:** We currently have 14 certified wetland determination requests in progress. Nathan Blankers is on detail in Minnesota for not more than 120 days. Daniel Morrison in Webster is handling our wetland determination requests.

**CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM (CRP):** Currently have a general and continuous CRP sign-up. Statewide training for NRCS staff being held on 12/17/19.

**CONSERVATION STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM (CSP):** Modifications and payment applications are being processed.

**ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY INCENTIVE PROGRAM (EQIP):** Applications are being taken. Not much interest lately.

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

**Big Sioux River – RCPP Report by Barry Berg:** 7 or 8 SRAM and RAM applications have been signed. 200-300 acres of interest so far. A new RCPP full proposal was submitted on 12/3/19. Successful applications will be contacted on 3/30/20. Gave presentation for Segment 4 PIP for the Nonpoint Source Taskforce Meeting in Pierre on 12/10/19. Final decision to be made in January.

**Public Comment Time – 15 minutes**

Roger Scheibe with the Renner Sanitary District spoke about flooding issues that have occurred this year in the Renner Sanitary Sewer District and Silver Creek Watershed. He is looking for any mitigation and stream restoration assistance that may be available to minimize future problems.

**Update from Supervisors** – Heber and Woerman spoke about the State SDACD Convention they attended in Pierre, SD. (See old business item #3)

### **OLD BUSINESS**

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

Bio-solids: completed for the year. The 2020 contract will be sent in this week. Trees: 12 secured acres from 30-35 customers for next year. Grass: Dorman seeding is completed. Gevik Site: Parker met with SDSU about their research interest in the site.

**2. CCG Grant**

Job opening for Urban Conservation Coordinator to be funded under this grant closed on 12/13/19. 42 applications have been received so far, and will be evaluated starting this week.

**3. Fall State Convention for SDACD – December 9-11 in Pierre, SD**

Woerman, Heber, Parker and Hersh Smith attended. Woerman, Heber and Parker spoke about topics covered in the sessions. CRP and soil health were big topics. A new Memorandum of Understanding was signed at the meeting. State Commission grants were also discussed. MSP by Heber and Woerman to apply for 2 grants – 1) Soil Health, Tree Renovation and Grass Planting Grant and 2) Native Grass and Wildlife Habitat Establishment Grant. All ayes. The Big Sioux Nursery presentation at the meeting was also discussed.

**4. New Memorandum of Agreement (Signed)**

The new memorandum was signed at the state convention.

**5. Projected Budget for 2020 (Approval)**

Parker presented the budget for 2020, which needs to be sent to the state by 3/1/20. This will be tabled until the next meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**1. 2020 Annual Plan of Work**

Plan will be emailed to board members for future consideration.

**2. Long Range Plan of Work**

Plan will be emailed to board members for future consideration.

**3. Board Positions for 2020**

Board officers will be chosen at the January meeting. Elected positions that are up for re-election in 2020 are held by Jim Pfeifer and Brian Alderson (appointed by the Board in 2019).

**4. Employee Reviews**

Parker will work on a template for reviews and send it out to board members.

### **CONSERVATION PLAN APPROVAL**

None

### **OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**1. Correspondence**

MSP to adjourn at 4:55 p.m. by Heber and Woerman. All ayes.

**NEXT MEETING DATE: Thursday, January 9th, 2019 at 3:00 pm – USDA Service Center**

Submitted by Denise Fletcher, District Office Assistant