

**Minnehaha Conservation District
September 13th, 2021 Monthly Meeting
At the Tim Wakefield Residence – (25709 479th St., Brandon, SD)
Board Meeting at 3:00 pm**

Pfeifer called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. There were not enough board members present to hold a meeting. Discussions continued and Tim Wakefield presented his tree and grass set-up.

Supervisors present: Jim Pfeifer and Jennifer Schmidtbauer

Supervisors absent: Travis Entenman, Gordon Heber, and Susan Kruse

Advisors present: None

Advisors absent: Brian Alderson, Rick Bonander, Carl Eliason, Kelly Lyons, and Mark McGee

Others present: John Parker, Eric Grootenboer, and Dan Wehmeyer

Agenda: Agreed to by Pfeifer and Schmidtbauer.

Minutes of August 9th meeting: Reviewed by Pfeifer and Schmidtbauer.

Minutes of August 12th Special meeting: Reviewed by Pfeifer and Schmidtbauer.

Treasurer's report: Reviewed by Pfeifer and Schmidtbauer.

Bills: Reviewed by Pfeifer and Schmidtbauer.

Public Comment Time – 15 minutes - None

Update from Supervisors - None

OLD BUSINESS

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

Bio-solids: Soil sampling has started; will increase as crops are harvested. Trees: Survival counts in progress. Grass: Finishing up fall seeding; have 50-75 acres of dormant seeding to do. Gevik Site: Working on draft proposal for site upgrades and improvements.

2. Building Remodeling Update

First Rate Excavation is digging the sewer line on 9/13 – 9/14. Bathroom area is the last to be completed.

3. Future Equipment Needs

Parker discussed the John Deere and International leases. He will create a work specification for Bobcat usage and money to be spent.

4. Land Judging – September 28th

Judging will start at 8:00 a.m. at the chosen site.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Fall Convention – Spearfish, SD – September 19 - 21

Parker, Heber, and Kruse will attend.

2. Gevik Plans Review

Working on a draft for improvements and up-grades.

3. Field Tour of Tim Wakefield's Project

Tim Wakefield presented his grant information and discussed dos and don'ts. He showed his water wagon and procedure. Brady Wakefield figured out water usage and approximate cost.

4. Big Sioux Project Reimbursement to EDWDD (East Dakota Water Development District)

Proposed checks to be written discussed by Pfeifer and Schmidtbauer. No vote taken.

Executive Session (if needed) - None

CONSERVATION PLAN REVIEW - None

It was brought to our attention by the South Dakota Department of Ag. according to Title 180, part 409.0, SD amendment to the USDA-NRCS General Manual, that Board of Supervisors may not delegate conservation plan signing to an advisor or employee. Approval had been given to the District Manager in the July meeting. We will correct this issue at the October meeting when a quorum is present and re-sign and approve plans that have been signed since July 12, 2021 to present.

OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

The meeting/discussion was dismissed at 5:00 p.m. after the field demonstration.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, October 18th, 2021 at 3:00 pm – via Zoom/District Shed

Submitted by John Parker, Recording Secretary