

**Minnehaha Conservation District
January 10, 2022 Monthly Meeting
At the District Shed and via Zoom
Board Meeting at 3:00 pm**

Schmidtbauer called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

Supervisors present: Travis Entenman, Gordon Heber, Susan Kruse, and Jennifer Schmidtbauer

Supervisors absent: Jim Pfeifer

Advisors present: Rick Bonander and Allen Severtson

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

Others present: John Parker, Denise Fletcher, Alina Krone-Hedman, Dan Wehmeyer, Barry Berg, and Alexa Kruse

Yearly Election of Supervisors

MSP to nominate Jim Pfeifer as Chairperson by Kruse and Entenman. All ayes. MSP to nominate Schmidtbauer as Vice-Chairperson by Kruse and Entenman. All ayes. MSP to nominate John Parker as Secretary/Treasurer and Denise Fletcher as Recording Secretary by Entenman and Kruse. All ayes.

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

Minutes of December 13th meeting: MSP to approve by Heber and Kruse. All ayes.

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

Bills: Reviewed at meeting. Approved to pay. MSP to approve by Kruse and Entenman. All ayes.

NRCS activity report by Dan Wehmeyer:

WETLANDS: We currently have 24 certified wetland determination requests in progress.

CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM (CRP): No updates

CONSERVATION STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM (CSP): Application deadline extended to 1/21/22. Initial planning for 2022 applicants (2 applications so far).

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY INCENTIVE PROGRAM (EQIP): Initial planning for 2022 applications (2 applications in general and 46 applications total).

EQIP COVER CROP INITIATIVE – NEW PILOT PROGRAM: 32 applications received.

BIG SIOUX RIVER PROJECT RCPP: Initial planning on potential applicants (7 applications – including Ag. Waste/Grazing Systems).

Big Sioux River Project/RCPP Report by Barry Berg: Finished putting together RAM packages for 1 producer in Minnehaha County and 1 producer in Moody County. Working with 2 producers in Lincoln County on SRAM and RAM. Finished priority maps and practice list for CART (EQIP/RCPP program).

Urban Educator Report by Alina Krone-Hedman: Krone-Hedman gave a preview of the new website. Heber mentioned adding a place where people can donate to the Conservation District. Supervisors liked the look of the new website. Berg mentioned that the Big Sioux River Project also has a link to the District website. Krone is also working with the City

of Sioux Falls regarding obtaining a site for a community garden. She is also collaborating with the City on infrastructure projects.

Public Comment Time – 15 minutes – Bonander mentioned a proposed CO2 pipeline project meeting that will be held in Garretson on January 18th from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm at the American Legion. Kruse will plan to attend. Hazardous material would be transported in the pipelines. Parker mentioned that there is another proposed CO2 pipeline project on the west side of town that would transport waste from ethanol plants. He and Brian Top attended a meeting last fall.

Update from Supervisors - None

OLD BUSINESS

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

Bio-solids: Complete until spring. Trees: 25 acres planned. Grass: 200 CRP acres planned. 30' and 15' drills are being rented for spring. Gevik Site: Parker will meet with Chad of Confluence next week about plans for changes. The newsletter will be put together and go out the last week of January.

2. Budget Plan 2022

Parker presented the budget figures. MSP to approve 2022 Budget Plan by Heber and Entenman. All ayes.

3. Soil Health Convention – January 18-19, 2022 in Aberdeen, SD

Per Parker, these are two good days of soil education that can be attended in person or virtually. Entenman plans to attend.

4. Sediment & Erosion Regulation Review

The document was reviewed. Only a couple complaints have been received and were handled. MSP by Heber and Kruse that the board reviewed the regulations and will adopt them. All ayes.

NEW BUSINESS

1. South Dakota Association of Conservation Districts 2022 Membership Investment

MSP to pay annual membership investment of \$975.00 by Heber and Entenman. All ayes.

2. National Convention – Orlando, FL – February 12-16, 2022

Let Parker know if interested in attending.

3. Sioux Falls Farm Show – January 26 – 28, 2022

District has not been participating in recent years. Parker will volunteer time if needed.

4. Supervisor Training Module

There are 10 modules to complete, with much good information for board members. Parker would like to complete a module at the meeting as a group. Kruse and Schmidtbauer would prefer to do the modules on their own. Parker will get information and send out to board members so they can complete this.

5. Annual Plan of Work & Long-Range Program – Review & Approval

MSP to approve Annual Plan of Work by Entenman and Heber. All ayes.
MSP to approve Long-Range Program by Heber and Entenman. All ayes.

Executive Session (if needed) – None

CONSERVATION PLAN SIGNING - None

OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Per Parker, a position is open on the Big Sioux Nursery Board, if anyone is interested.

MSP to adjourn at 4:45 p.m. by Entenman and Heber. All ayes.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, February 14, 2022 at 3:00 pm – District Shed & Via Zoom

Submitted by Denise Fletcher, Recording Secretary

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