

**Minnehaha Conservation District
August 8, 2022, Monthly Meeting
Conservation District Shed
Board Meeting at 3:00 pm**

Pfeifer called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m.

Supervisors present: Travis Entenman, Susan Kruse, and Jim Pfeifer

Supervisors absent: Gordon Heber and Jennifer Schmidtbauer

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 Brian Top

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

Minutes of July 11th meeting: MSP to approve by Kruse and Entenman. All ayes.

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

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

NRCS activity report by Dan Wehmeyer:

WETLANDS: 19 certified wetland determination requests in progress

CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM (CRP): No updates

CONSERVATION STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM (CSTWP): Working through documentation

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY INCENTIVE PROGRAM (EQIP): Continue working through certifications. CIS project application deadline is Sept. 23

BIG SIOUX RIVER PROJECT RCPP: All applications have been obligated.

Big Sioux River Project Report by Barry Berg: All SRAM and RAM contracts completed for this year. Assessing SRAM and RAM sites and taking pictures. All eligible RCPP contracts have been obligated. One ag. waste system has started construction; another will start soon. MSP for approval and check signing in the amount of \$8,168.78 for a grass seeding and tree planting for participant by Kruse and Entenman. All ayes. MSP to approve and sign voucher #11 (for Urban BMP work by the City of Sioux Falls, employee wages and benefits for 6 months and trees, fabric and grass seeding for a participant) by Kruse and Entenman. All ayes.

Urban Educator Report by Alina Krone-Hedman: Outreach - Presented a booth at the Boadwine Open House on July 16, which saw 87 adults and 42 children. Distributed handouts and seed samples. Upcoming events: Bugapalooza on August 13 at the Butterfly House and Aquarium. Will distribute pollinator handouts, youth activity and coloring sheets and pollinator mixes and prizes. Pollinator Day on Sept. 3 at Good Earth State Park. More pollinator information and mixes will be distributed. Webinar on native grasses to be presented on Sept. 9. City Partnership: Completed installing bird impact stickers on back of Environmental Center. In meetings for pollinator plot kits (Native Prairie Restoration). Finalizing contract for community garden and education demonstration area. NRCS Partnership: Brainstorming and collecting data for CIS Proposals.

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: More soil sampling should start by the end of the week after small grain harvest.
Trees: 48 acres planted. About 30 acres planned for next year. Grass: About 50 acres of dormant seeding to do later. Gevik Site: Planted 25 apple trees and mowing. Exchanging ideas for improvements; will need to meet and finalize.

2. CO2 Pipeline Information

Parker noted that the District is receiving regular updates from the PUC. Bonander spoke and presented the latest map of proposed pipeline in the county from Summit. A group of landowners is suing Summit about the legality of surveying their land without permission.

3. Community Garden Working with City of Sioux Falls

Discussion held about the contract and attachment (layout map) for the Community Garden, an agreement with the City of Sioux Falls. This would cover 5 acres (with possible expansion of 5 more acres) of city property with electricity and water. A fence would need to be constructed around the area. Grants may cover some of the costs. The district would handle mowing for the area. Next spring is the proposed implementation date. MSP to proceed with the community garden, procure partners and sign the contract by Pfeifer and Kruse. All ayes.

4. Tractors and Trucks (Future)

Parker presented a graph showing revenue that is brought into the district by having a tractor, about \$71,000 per year. MSP to purchase John Deere model 5120M (120 hp utility tractor) from Kibble Equipment in the amount of \$68,908.32 by Entenman and Kruse. All ayes. The truck purchase will be discussed at the next meeting after Parker gathers more information.

5. Fall SDACD Convention (Sept. 18 – Sept. 20 in Oacoma, SD)

The Big Sioux Nursery general meeting will occur on Sept. 20th. Kruse, Heber, Parker and Langner plan to attend.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Soil Judging – September 27th

The pits will be dug the Friday before judging with a skid steer loader donated by Pfeifer Implement. 21 – 25 schools will attend with about 150-200 students.

Executive Session (if needed) - none

CONSERVATION PLAN SIGNING - none

OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS - none

MSP to adjourn at 5:03 p.m. by Kruse and Entenman. All ayes.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, September 12, 2022, at 3:00 pm – Dewey C. Gevik Outdoor Learning Center

Submitted by Denise Fletcher, Recording Secretary