

**Minnehaha Conservation District  
October 17th, 2019 Monthly Meeting  
USDA Service Center  
Board meeting 3:00 pm**

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

**Supervisors present:** Gordon Heber, Jim Pfeifer, Jennifer Schmidtbauer and Bob Woerman

**Supervisors absent:** Brian Alderson

**Advisors present:** Susan Kruse

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

**Others present:** John Parker, Denise Fletcher, Deron Ruesch, Barry Berg, Jay Gilbertson, Jeff Barth and Drew DeGroot

**Agenda:** MSP to approve by Schmidtbauer and Woerman. All ayes.

**Minutes of September 9th meeting:** MSP to approve by Schmidtbauer and Woerman. All ayes.

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

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

**NRCS activity report by Deron Ruesch:**

**WETLANDS:** We currently have 10 certified wetland determination requests in progress.

**CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM (CRP):** NRCS and FSA will be having a joint training. Weather continues to delay grassed waterway construction.

**CONSERVATION STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM (CSP):** Still waiting for documents to be turned in.

**ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY INCENTIVE PROGRAM (EQIP):** Following up with contract holders to obtain records and invoices in order to certify practices and make payments. Walls and roof going up on deep pit barn. Need to complete 2 contract modifications and contract violations.

**AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION EASEMENT PROGRAM (ACEP):** Our 1 application was not funded.

Land Judging Competition was held on 10/1/19. 116 students from 10 schools competed. McCook Central, Lennox and Rutland were the top 3 finishers. Deron has accepted the Big Sioux Resource Unit Conservationist position, responsible for Union, Lincoln, Minnehaha, Moody and Brookings counties.

**Big Sioux River – RCPP Report by Barry Berg:** SRAM & RAM: 7 applications for next year. Alternative water for 1 SRAM this fall. EQIP/RCPP: 1 deep pit barn in construction in Skunk Creek Watershed. 1 year extension of RCPP approved. Completed Self-Assessment Worksheet for renewal of RCPP Grant Proposal. Big Sioux River Water Summit will be held on December 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn in Sioux Falls. The Nonpoint Source Task Force meeting will be held on December 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in Pierre.

**Public Comment Time – 15 minutes** – Jeff Barth discussed the Renner Sanitary District meeting he attended about flooding, as well as a plan for a bike path around Wall Lake.

## Update from Supervisors - None

### OLD BUSINESS

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

Bio-solids: Sampling has been going; caught up until producers get crops harvested. Trees: 46 contacts for 2020 so far. Grass: 40 acres of dormant seed planting to do this fall. Gevik Site: Parker met with parties that are interested in doing research at the site. He showed a computer map with features in place and possible features for the future.

**2. Equipment** – All equipment is in good shape. Parker discussed tractor leases for next year.

**3. CCG Grant** – Conservation Collaboration Grant was finalized with the NRCS. Working with NRCS and the City of Sioux Falls on a press release and position advertisement for an Urban Conservation Education Coordinator.

**4. Big Sioux River Project – Jay Gilbertson – Sponsorship Decision**

Gilbertson reviewed the project history and previous sponsorship. He discussed what responsibilities the Board would have as a sponsor. MSP for the District to be the sponsor of Segment 4 to start in the fall of 2020 by Heber and Woerman. All ayes.

**5. Cover Crop Tour – September 19th**

The tour was a joint venture between the Conservation District, NRCS, the SD Soil Health Coalition and SDSU Extension with 45 people attending (including about 12 agency employees). 4 different sites showed their cover crops, with many varieties of cover crop working together.

### NEW BUSINESS

**1. Banking Change (Information to make a change)**

Parker discussed making a change to First National Bank. MSP to bank at First National Bank by Woerman and Schmidtbauer. All ayes.

**2. Open Meeting Training – November Meeting (Notification)**

This training will be held just prior to the November Board meeting.

**3. Fall State Convention for SDACD – December 9-11 in Pierre, SD (Need to know who plans to attend)**

Parker, Heber and Woerman plan to attend. Ruesch will attend for the NRCS.

**4. Intent to Mine Notifications by Soukup Construction and Runge Enterprises, Inc.**

Board reviewed the maps and plans for mining.

### CONSERVATION PLAN APPROVAL - None

### OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Correspondence

MSP to adjourn at 5:09 p.m. by Woerman and Schmidtbauer. All ayes.

**NEXT MEETING DATE: Thursday, November 14th, 2019 at 3:00 pm – USDA Service Center**

Submitted by Denise Fletcher, District Office Assistant