

HAMLIN COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING
April 12, 2022 7:00 p.m.

SUPERVISORS PRESENT

Jared Namken, Chairperson
James Anderson, Vice Chairman
Larry Brusse, Supervisor
Dorene Lemme, Supervisor
Danny Limmer, Supervisor
Lenny Saathoff, Advisor
Burton Tesch, Advisor

OTHERS PRESENT

Peggy Loomis, District Manager
Kelsey Ramerth, NRCS District Conservationist

ABSENT

None

The Hamlin County Conservation District Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the District Office. Chairman Namken opened the meeting at 7:00. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. At this time, there was a moment of silence for the people of Ukraine and the unrest there.

Public Comment. None.

Approve the Agenda. On a motion by Lemme, with a second by Limmer, the agenda was approved as written. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion was opened for the February Regular Board Minutes. On a motion by Anderson, with a second by Brusse, the minutes were approved as read. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report and Accounts Receivable were approved on a motion by Lemme, with a second by Anderson. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

NRCS Report- Report given by Kelsey Ramerth, District Conservationist. Please see attached report. On a motion by Anderson, with a second by Limmer, Loomis and Ramerth will visit Hamlin School in May to discuss soils and create a worm farm for each 5th grade student.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Services. Tree acres and hand plant orders were discussed. Due to lack of tree stock, we have six plans that were pushed for 2023 planting. Staple order was delivered. Shorter fabric rolls were picked up. Currently scheduled are 7 sites for rototilling and 4 sites for mowing. Fuel prices were discussed. No action taken. With the increase in prices, we have raised the prices for pasture pipe and tree tubes. Quote request came from Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate for pasture pipe and was submitted. Trees will be flagged with NRCS next week. Swanson and Loomis will be meeting with producers to review tree plans.

Equipment. A starter and new battery were installed in the Red GMC. The white Chev. was serviced. Alan picked up a conveyor belt for using when unloading tree boxes. A small counter was picked up from Day Co. NRCS as surplus furniture. The new measuring wheel from Burdicks was picked up. Anderson and Swanson installed the wheel and made adjustments to the fabric machine. There was discussion on the purchase of a grass drill for between row seeding. Loomis will obtain quotes.

Erosion Control Standards. Brief discussion. No questions.

NEW BUSINESS:

Long Range Plan. Loomis will print and submit at the June meeting for official approval.

Office. The office is open to the public and has been very active. Spring 2022 Newsletter was mailed out. Schumacher tree pickup is next week. Big Sioux Nursery pick up is the following week, along with the Baileys tree delivery to DeSmet. Arbor Day presentation will be held at the Hamlin and Castlewood Schools. 83 essays were submitted.

Meetings. Loomis attended the Tree Pruning workshop by John Ball, held in DeSmet. The North Marsh Lake Watershed District meeting was attended by Loomis, Ramerth, and Ashton Hansen, FSA CED. A QuickBooks training session was held March 29; there are more scheduled for June, July, and August. Conservation Commission Spring Grant Round meeting is April 20th. Loomis will attend via teleconference. The Coteau Area meeting will be held at Fort Sisseton, Webster, on June 22. Agendas were distributed. All are invited and encouraged to attend.

Grants / Agreements. Loomis continues to administer the Outreach Grant for the SD Employees Association, and the Contribution Agreement between NRCS and the SDACDE. That agreement is set to expire 12/31/2022. We currently have a Tree/Water Quality Grant open with Codington CD. Loans are current. Due dates discussed.

Scholarships / Camps / Contributions. On a motion by Namken, with a second by Anderson, the Scholarship Application submitted by *J.O.* was the winner for 2022. All voted in favor. Motion carried. On a motion by Lemme, with a second by Brusse, the applications for the SDWF Conservation Camp received from *C.F.* and *E.B.* will be forwarded onto the camp officials along with the \$350 fee for each camper. All voted in favor. Motion carried. On a motion by Brusse, with a second by Anderson, the HCCD will donate \$100 toward the Annual Soil & Rangeland Days in Murdo to be held June 14-15, 2022. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Other District Business.

- ~Brusse reported about the March meeting of the SDSU Southeast Research Farm, Brookings. The next meeting will be held in June.
- ~The Big Sioux Water Festival is being held virtually this year.
- ~An Intent to Mine notice was received from Basin Construction and Drain Tile.
- ~Memorial Day, May 30, 2022. Office closed.

Lemme made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m., with a second by Anderson. Namken approved.

The next district board meeting will be held on **Tuesday, June 7th, 2022** at 7:00 p.m. Location TBD.

Respectively,
Peggy Loomis, District Manager