

HAMLIN COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING  
August 8, 2023 7:00 p.m.

SUPERVISORS PRESENT

Jared Namken, Chairman  
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, August 8, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Office Conference Room. Chairman Namken opened the meeting and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.**

**Public Comment.** None.

**Approve the Agenda.** On a motion by Brusse, with a second by Lemme, the agenda was approved with the following items added: RCCP; Endowment Award; Water Service; Water Equip. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**Discussion was opened** for the June 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 as written 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.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Services.** Fifty-two acres of trees were planted. Fabric finally ended on 7/10. Some bad sites resulted in many breakdowns. Quick site checks show that those not watering have high mortality on their trees. Hamlin Conservation became an Authorized Buyer for Baileys. Codington and Grant CD's can include their orders with ours. Orders are in prior to the initial deadline. Profits from these Fruit and Tall tree orders were high this year. Saathoff reported the Great Plains Drill needs new tires. Also the wheel bearings need to be packed. Drill acres low. Land roller acres are good.

**Conservation Commission Loan.** The loan for the 2020 Chevrolet truck was approved.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Grants.** Received reimbursements for the Tree grant. This grant is a multipurpose grant with fund remaining in the Water Quality portion. One new dug out cleanout was approved. Grant expires at the end of this year.

**Security Issues at Office.** Ramerth explained this item to make the Board aware of the issue.

**SDACD Convention.** The Convention will be held Sept 17-19 at the Aberdeen Best Western Ramkota. Agendas were distributed. All supervisors are encouraged to attend this meeting.

**Coteau Area Meeting.** Limmer reported on the meeting. It was noted that seven Coteau Area Board members attended – good turnout. Reports were given by many partners. New format seemed to work well.

**Coteau Area Employees Summer Meeting.** This meeting was held July 18<sup>th</sup>, in Hayti; at the USDA office conference room. Ideas and concerns were shared about the tree season. Use of tree tubes were discussed amongst other topics. Lunch was paid for by the Hamlin District Board at The Bull Pen, Lake Norden. The group stopped at Loomis' house to view the perennial gardens, then on to a tour at the district tree shed.

**Research Farm Report.** Brusse reported on activities and research going on at the Brookings location. He attends their twice-yearly meetings.

**Inventory.** Inventory of fabric, staples, tubes and stakes had depleted to nearly nothing. Loomis has ordered and paid for stock to receive the discounts. The tubes and stakes have been delivered. Thanks to Ramerth and the County Shop for unloading the truck!!

**RCCP.** Matt Hubers, Ducks Unlimited, presented a new program (via email). Districts could be involved in the outreach, writing of agreements, etc. No action was taken.

**Water Service.** Tesch and Namken presented ideas for a watering service. No action taken at this time.

**Loomis shared** thank you notes from the Jerauld-Buffalo schools and a Scholarship recipient.

**Executive Session.** Namken called for an executive session to discuss personnel matters. On a motion by Limmer, with a second by Brusse, the Board went into executive session at 8:25 p.m. All voted aye. Motion carried. At this time, Loomis, Ramerth and Tesch left the room. Executive session ended at 8:25 p.m. and the meeting resumed.

**Other District Business.**

September – Labor Day, Sept 4 – Office Closed.

SDACD Convention, Sept 17-19; Aberdeen

Loomis out, Sept 21-22

October – Native American Day, Oct. 9 – Office Closed

Legislative Dinner, Oct 16 - Webster

On a motion by Limmer, with a second by Anderson, the meeting was adjourned. Namken declared the meeting ended at 8:38 p.m.

Respectively, *Peggy Loomis*, District Manager