

HAMLIN COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING
January 9, 2024, 1:00 p.m.

SUPERVISORS PRESENT

Jared Namken, Chairman
James Anderson, Vice Chairman
Larry Brusse, Supervisor
Danny Limmer, Supervisor
Lenny Saathoff, Advisor

OTHERS PRESENT

Peggy Loomis, District Manager
Kelsey Ramerth, NRCS District Conservationist

ABSENT

Dorene Lemme, Supervisor
Eli Little, Advisor

The Hamlin County Conservation District Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at 1:00 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 Limmer, with a second by Anderson, the agenda was approved as written. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion was opened for the December 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 Brusse, with a second by Limmer. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

NRCS Report- Report given by Kelsey Ramerth. Please see attached report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Services. Total acres planned for 2024 is 31 to date. Downpayments have been received for 2024 plantings. Saathoff mentioned need to advertise Drill and possibly Land Roller Manager positions. Equipment for watering new tree belts was discussed. On a motion by Limmer, with a second by Anderson, Namken will purchase a used 500 gallon sprayer. Information for the Speech contest, Arbor Day poster contest and Arbor Day essay contest is being circulated.

Legislation from Angela. Email regarding Taxation as a Shelterbelt was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Grant Funding Approval. One application for grant funding was approved and signed.

Tree Care Award and Supper. Good reviews. Do some research on other venues for future years.

Board Reorganization. Brusse made a motion to keep the current board officers. Anderson seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Financial Obligation Resolutions 2024-1 and 2024.2. Resolution 2024-1. Be it resolved that the Hamlin Conservation District Board of Supervisors authorizes the District Manager to pay any and all financial obligations owed by the Hamlin Conservation District for FY2024. Motion to approve was made by Namken, with a second by Anderson. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Resolution 2024-2. Be it resolved that the Hamlin Conservation District Board of Supervisors authorizes the District Manager the signature authority on all matters regarding District Business in FY2024. Motion to approve was made by Anderson, with a second by Brusse. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Annual Progress & Financial Report 2023. This report was received by each Supervisor prior to the meeting date, for review. On a motion by Anderson, with a second by Brusse, this report was approved as written. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Annual Work Plan 2024. This report was received by each Supervisor prior to the meeting date, for review. On a motion by Limmer, with a second by Anderson, this report was approved with changes as discussed. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Budget. This report was received by each Supervisor prior to the meeting date, for review. Anderson made a motion to approve the 2024 Budget, with a second by Brusse. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Research Farm. Anderson nominated Brusse to remain on the SD Research Farm as a Director. Limmer seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Tree Grant. Grants were discussed. Loomis will complete an application for the Spring Grant Round to submit at the next board meeting.

Payroll Reviews. Employees will each receive a \$2 per hour raise on a motion by Brusse, with a second by Anderson. All voted in favor. Motion carried. At 3:08PM Brusse made a motion to go into Executive Session. Anderson seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Loomis exited the meeting. At 3:15PM Brusse ended the Executive Session, with a second by Anderson. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Loomis was invited back into the meeting. A salary increase was given as discussed.

Farm Show Booth. Farm show runs 02/07/2024-02/10/2024. Schedule was distributed to fill in slots at the booth.

Executive Session. Used during Payroll Reviews.

Other District Business.

Limmer mentioned a possible project with Ducks Unlimited. He will contact Matt Hubers.

January:	Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Office Closed Jan. 15th
February:	Watertown Winter Farm Show. Feb 7 th – 10 th . NACD Annual Meeting Feb. 10 th -15 th . Loomis out. President's Day. Office Closed. Feb. 19 th
March:	Loomis vacation March 1 st – March 20 th .

On a motion by Limmer, with a second by Anderson, the meeting was adjourned. Namken declared the meeting ended at 3:20 p.m.

Respectively, *Peggy Loomis*, District Manager