



Hamlin Conservation District

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
December 10, 2024 1:00 P.M.

SUPERVISORS PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Peggy Loomis, District Manager
Kelsey Ramerth, NRCS

ABSENT

Eli Little, Advisor

The Hamlin County Conservation District Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, December 10, 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 Anderson, with a second by Lemme, the agenda was approved as written. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion was opened for the October Regular Board Minutes. On a motion by Brusse, with a second by Anderson, 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 Brusse. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Cory Zirbel, Project Manager; Prairie Coteau Watershed Protection and Improvement Project. Cory gave report on projects, outreach and activities he has been working on. As a representative of Day CD, Cory brought an updated Joint Powers agreement to be approved. On a motion by Anderson, with a second by Lemme, the board approved and signed the updated report. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Services and General. The drills have been delivered for service work. Land rollers are parked on Namkens property. Namken had arranged for a "training" for the GP drill, which proved to be productive. Tree orders are at 42; \$11,000. Machine planting acres just over 24. Planning is still on hold due to lack of a Farm Bill. Plans put off until 2026 planting.

Erosion and Sediment Laws. Current laws were discussed. Loomis presented a checklist of the steps to be taken following a whistleblower complaint. NRCS provided information following a field check.

SDACDE Employee Health Care. This discussion was tabled at the August meeting. It will remain tabled until further information is received.

Soil Health Conference. Loomis provided registration information and encouraged the board to attend. Registration costs will be reimbursed. Event is in Watertown on Jan 15-16, 2025.

NEW BUSINESS:

Grant Application Approvals. There were four cost share applications for tree planting which were signed and approved for 2025 plantings.

Appreciation Dinner. Invitations have been mailed to all staff, board members, office partners and county commissioners. Event is January 3, 2025 at Tables Restaurant in Castlewood.

NCARL Research Farm. On a motion by Lemme, with a second by Brusse, Danny Limmer was appointed as the new representative for Hamlin Conservation District. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

Intent to Mine Notices. Two notices were received; one was an extension from 2024 to 2034; the other was a new location to expire 2040. Loomis created a map showing all mining locations in Hamlin County with their project dates.

Bonuses. On a motion by Lemme, with a second by Namken, at 2:02 p.m. the board called for an executive session to discuss personnel. At this time, Loomis exited the meeting. The executive session had ended at 2:20 p.m. Loomis re-entered the meeting. On a motion by Lemme, with a second by Anderson, bonuses were awarded as written. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Executive Session. See above.

Other District Business.

January: Appreciation Dinner, 1/3.
 District Board Meeting, 1/7.
 Martin Luther King, Jr Day, Office Closed 1/20
February: District Board Meeting, 2/11
 Washington's Birthday, Office Closed 2/17
March: Loomis out of office 2/28 – 3/21

Next scheduled district board meeting is January 7th, at 1:00 p.m.

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On a motion by Brusse, with a second by Lemme, the meeting was adjourned.
Namken declared the meeting ended at 2:40 p.m.

(This completed the last Conservation District Board meeting for Brusse, Lemme, and Saathoff.)

Respectively, *Peggy Loomis*, District Manager