

HAMLIN COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING
January 11, 2022 1:00 p.m. (at County Courthouse)

SUPERVISORS PRESENT

Jared Namken, Chairperson
James Anderson, Vice Chairman
Larry Brusse, Supervisor
Dorene Lemme, Supervisor (via phone)
Danny Limmer, Supervisor (via phone)
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, January 11, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. in the County Courthouse. Chairman Namken opened the meeting at 1:00. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comment. None.

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

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

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Appreciation Dinner Report. All positive comments on the food and venue.

Farm Show Schedule. Distributed. Watershed model will be available at the booth.

Land Roller. Discussion on the number of land rollers and use. On a motion by Anderson, with a second by Lemme, three land rollers will be kept and operational. Roll call vote. All voted in favor. Motion carried. At this time, Loomis reported on the tree acres and hand plant orders. Palo's Garage has been called for starter repair on the Red Chvrl. Tires on the Suburban are flat.

Petitions for 2022. Two Supervisors terms end 12/22. Petitions may be taken out anytime. Must be returned completed by July 1, 2022.

Building Trades – Countertop. Loomis will contact T.Tesch.

NEW BUSINESS:

Board Reorganization. Brusse made a motion to nominate Namken for Chair, with a second by Anderson. Brusse made a motion to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Namken. Anderson seconded.

Roll Call Vote. All in favor. Motion passed. Namken is the Chairperson on the Board. Brusse made a motion to nominate Anderson to Vice-Chairperson, with a second by Namken. Brusse made a motion to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Anderson. Limmer seconded. Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion passed. Anderson is the Vice-Chairperson on the Board.

Financial Obligation Resolutions 2022-1 and 2022-2. *Resolution 2022-1* Be it resolved that the Hamlin County Conservation District Board of Supervisors authorizes the District Manager to pay any and all financial obligations owed by the Hamlin County Conservation District for FY2022. Motion by Lemme to pass, with a second by Anderson. Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

Resolution 2022-2 Be it resolved that the Hamlin County Conservation District Board of Supervisors authorizes the District Manager the signature authority on all matters regarding District Business in FY2022. Brusse made the motion to approve such, with a second by Limmer. Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

At this time, Lemme temporarily left the meeting.

Contribution Agreement. Funds received. Noted dates on checks.

Enviroscape. New Watershed Model purchased through the Contribution Agreement; partnering with Marshall CD. The model was presented at the Appreciation Dinner for 18 people. It will be used at the Farm Show for 4 days and again at the Soil Health Coalition Conference. Ramerth is making plans for use in the area schools.

SDACD Invoice. Dues were discussed. On a motion by Brusse, with a second by Anderson, this item was tabled until a later date. Roll Call vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

Lemme returned to the meeting.

Payroll Review. On a motion by Brusse, with a second by Anderson an executive session was called at 2:10 p.m. to discuss personnel. All voted in favor. Motion passed. Loomis and Ramerth left the meeting. Executive session ended at 2:22 p.m. Loomis re-entered the meeting. The Board of Supervisors presented Loomis with a payroll increase of 7%. Discussion was had on increasing the Supervisor Meeting rate. The Board decided to leave the same. Mileage pay was increased to \$0.55 per mile on a motion by Lemme, with a second by Brusse. Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion passed.

Budget. A 2022 budget was presented to the Board. Namken has also requested a side by side three year comparison of Profit and Loss. Loomis presented that report also. On a motion by Lemme, with a second by Anderson, the 2022 Budget was passed. Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion passed.

Annual Work Plan. Loomis presented the 2022 report. On a motion by Brusse, with a second by Lemme, this plan was approved as written. Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion passed.

Annual Progress_Financial Report. Loomis presented the 2022 report. On a motion by Namken, with a second by Brusse, this plan was approved as written. Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion passed.

Other District Business.

- Tesch mentioned the importance of Field Windbreaks and education of soil loss in Hamlin County.
- Namken assembled some pasture pipe fittings to be used as examples at events.

- Watertown Crop Expo – January 13, 2022. Loomis will be present at booth
- SD Soil Health Coalition Conference – January 18-19, 2022. To be held in Aberdeen. Coteau Area to host a booth.
- Office will be closed Monday, January 17 for MLK and Monday, February 21 for President’s Day.
- Conservation Commission Meeting via teleconference January 25, 2022.
- Farm Show Week – February 9-12, 2022.
- Loomis on vacation March 5-19, 2022.

Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:45 p.m. with a second by Brusse. Namken approved.

The next district board meeting will be held on **Tuesday, February 15th, 2022** at 1:00 p.m. in the County Courthouse room. An option for conference call in will be available also.

Respectively,

Peggy Loomis, District Manager

APPROVED