

HAMLIN COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING  
October 11, 2022 7:30 p.m.

SUPERVISORS PRESENT

Jared Namken, Chairperson  
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 District Conservationist

ABSENT

Burton Tesch, Advisor

**The Hamlin County Conservation District** Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, October 11, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. in the Office Conference Room. Chairman Namken opened the meeting at 7:30. 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. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**Discussion was opened** for the August 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 Anderson. All voted in favor. Motion carried. At this time, Lemme made a motion to pay the balance of the loan on the No-Till Drill, with a second by Brusse. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Services.** Fruit trees and tall tree orders have been cut off from Baileys Nursery (stock is out). Large potted container stock is sold out at Schumachers Nursery. Twenty acres of trees are planned for 2023. Loomis is working on 5 possible plans. Field meetings for technical assistance; tree counts complete. Countywide survival of the trees is 83%. Low number due to lack of moisture. Producers still not watering upon our completion of the plantings. Equipment usage shared on a chart. Rental services down with each service. Buckthorn is very invasive at the tree shed. Loomis will look into options for removal.

**Drill and Landroller contracts.** Notice will go out to producers that the Drill Rentals will no longer be with a delivery service. All drills will need to be picked up and returned by producers. Discussion was had on the Land Rollers. Saathoff suggested that the board keep the oldest roller (2011) and the new Mandako (2021); sell the 2015 roller and purchase another new roller. Then the discussion was to sell by sealed bids, the 2011 and the 2015; and to purchase another new Mandako. Limmer reminded the Board, of the conservation mission, what the district stands for and why they are here. Rollers are not a good practice for conservation purposes. Anderson was tasked with contacting a dealer to get a price and the availability of a new land roller. Loomis will contact T. Tesch about roller repairs. No action was taken on purchasing or selling. This item was tabled until the November 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Signatures on LRP.** Signature was obtained from Lemme on the Long Range Plan. Original will be filed.

**Late Fee Billing.** Finance charges have been assessed on invoices for fifteen customers. Collection letters will be mailed out this week.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Tree Care Award.** The 2022 Tree Care Award Recipient was chosen. The Appreciation Dinner will be held on Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023; at Tables Steakhouse in Castlewood.

**Pasture Pipe.** Large amount of 1” pasture pipe in stock. Sales are going towards 1 ½” pipe, rather than the 1”. Loomis contacted the vendor for an exchange to the 1 ½” pipe. New fittings will also need to be ordered.

**Selling Seed.** Loomis will further research seed sales.

**Credit Card Payments.** More customers are inquiring about payment via credit card. This would be a time saver on bookwork. Loomis will get information for the November meeting.

**Support for the Day Conservation District.** NE Glacial Lakes Upper Big Sioux Watershed Protection and Improvement Project Grant is in the application process. There are local producers interested in this project, as Hamlin County is in the project area. On a motion by Lemme, with a second by Limmer, a letter of support was approved for the Day Conservation District project. All voted in favor. Motion passed. Loomis will forward the support letter.

**Registration for NACD Annual Meeting.** To be held in New Orleans, 2/11/23 – 2/15/23. Registration is \$575, with the room rate of \$236 per night plus fees. Early bird price ends on Dec. 23, 2022.

**Outreach for Hamlin School.** Loomis and Ramerth will hold a Soil Health/Worm Farm Day at the Hamlin School on October 19.

**Legislative Dinner.** To be held in Webster on October 24<sup>th</sup>. We showcase our districts to the local leadership and legislators.

**SDACD Convention.** Lemme, Limmer and Loomis attended Convention in Oacoma.

**Grant Round in Pierre.** Loomis was given approval to attend, as two applications were submitted from Hamlin County.

**Zoom Meeting.** There will be a zoom meeting, “The Fundamentals of Successful Boards”, on October 13<sup>th</sup> in the office. All supervisors are encouraged to attend this meeting.

**Executive Session.** None needed.

**Other District Business.**

~State Technical Committee Meeting; November 17<sup>th</sup>, Huron. Loomis will attend.

~Office Closed November 24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>; for Thanksgiving.

Limmer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m., with a second by Lemme. Namken approved.

The next district board meeting will be held on **Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.**

Respectively, *Peggy Loomis*, District Manager