

HAMLIN COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING  
April 9, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

SUPERVISORS PRESENT

James Anderson, Vice Chairman  
Larry Brusse, Supervisor  
Dorene Lemme, Supervisor  
Danny Limmer, Supervisor  
Eli Little, Advisor  
Lenny Saathoff, Advisor

OTHERS PRESENT

Peggy Loomis, District Manager  
Kelsey Ramerth, NRCS District Conservationist

ABSENT

Jared Namken, Supervisor

**The Hamlin County Conservation District** Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the Office Conference Room. Vice Chairman Anderson opened the meeting and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Public Comment.** None.

**Approve the Agenda.** On a motion by Lemme, with a second by Brusse, the agenda was approved as written. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**Discussion was opened** for the February Regular Board Minutes. On a motion by Lemme, 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 Limmer, with a second by Lemme. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**NRCS Report-** Report given by Kelsey Ramerth. Please see attached report. (Tour date was set as 7/11/2024.) Local resource concerns were also discussed at this time. On a motion by Anderson, with a second by Lemme, the 2024 Resource Concerns were established. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Services.** Tall trees/Fruit trees will arrive next week (approx. 925). Big Sioux Nursery pick up will be week of 4/22. Schumacher trees will be picked up on 4/26. Remainder of the fabric and staples will be delivered this week. Pasture pipe is stock is beginning to move. Hand plant orders to assemble=110. Total acres planned for 2024 is 40. Three sites for rototilling on schedule. Flaggging and tilling to start next week. We have a full crew.

**Rental Services.** Drills were serviced over the winter and are ready to go. New rental agreements were mailed out for signatures. Drills are being rented. Loomis is tracking drills and land rollers. Spoke about numbering the rollers for purposes of producer/Loomis identification.

**NACD Report.** Loomis had previously mailed out the NACD Report. Received funding from both the Employees Association and the Contribution Agreement for attending.

**Petitions.** Supervisor petitions are due in the courthouse by July 1, 2024. There are four open positions. Notices have been posted on Facebook and printed in the local papers.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Scholarships / Speech Contest.** No applicants. Nothing to report.

**Arbor Day.** Loomis will present to the schools, along with the Area Forester, Hunter Pecard, on Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. Castlewood submitted 24 essays for the contest, and Hamlin submitted 66.

**Conservation Commission Meeting.** The Spring Grant round is tomorrow, 4/10. Hamlin applied for a Tree Planting Grant to run 7/2024 – 12/2025. (The grant was awarded.)

**Pheasants Forever.** Little had updated the board on possible funding for wildlife habitat plantings from the local chapter.

**SDACDE Contribution Agreement.** The current agreement expires 12/31/24. Loomis is applying for a new three-year grant through Grants.gov, with Josh Wagner, Day CD and Tami Moore, Miner CD. This again will be for the Employees Association.

**Executive Session.** None needed.

**Other District Business.**

A crimper rental service was discussed. No action taken.

May:           Holiday, Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>.  
June:           District Board Meeting, June 11<sup>th</sup>.  
                  Rangeland & Soils Days. June 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>. Watertown  
                  Holiday, Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>.  
                  Coteau Area Meeting. June 21<sup>st</sup>. Webster  
                  SDACDE Leadership. June 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>.

On a motion by Lemme, with a second by Brusse, the meeting was adjourned. Anderson declared the meeting ended at 8:10 p.m.

Respectively, *Peggy Loomis*, District Manager