HAMLIN COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING

June 6, 2023 7:00 p.m.

OTHERS PRESENT

ABSENT

SUPERVISORS PRESENT

Jared Namken, Chairman Peggy Loomis, District Manager

James Anderson, Vice Chairman

Kelsey Ramerth, NRCS District Conservationist

Larry Brusse, Supervisor

Danny Limmer, Supervisor

Lenny Saathoff, Advisor

Burton Tesch, Advisor Dorene Lemme, Supervisor

The Hamlin County Conservation District Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, June 6, 2023, at 7:00 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 Brusse, with a second by Anderson, the agenda was approved. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion was opened for the April 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, District Conservationist. Please see attached report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Services. Hand Plant orders have surpassed 175 orders. Machine planting began on May 14th and ended June 1st. Fifty two acres of trees are planted. Fabric started today, 6/6. All sites will have fabric installed. Loomis gave a report of the tree sites; prep work required; machinery break downs. Mentioned the potted trees and larger stock will need price increases this fall. Those trees are handled numerous times; and also kept watered. No Till Drill acres are 402; Great Plains Drill 58 acres; and Land Roller 7428 acres.

Conservation Commission Loan. Missing info on the application as well as the Chairman signature. All corrected as of today. Loomis will resubmit.

NEW BUSINESS:

Grants. Received more reimbursements for the Dugout Cleanout portion of the current grant. This grant will expire at the end of the year. A new tree grant will be needed.

HCCD Scholarship. Requirements of the scholarship were discussed. All left as is.

Coteau Area Meeting. Agendas distributed. All supervisors are encouraged to attend this meeting. Held in the Webster courthouse, June 21 at 9:00 a.m.

Coteau Area Employees Summer Meeting. This employee only meeting will be held July 18th, in Hayti. The meeting will be held in the USDA office conference room. Lunch will be at The Bull Pen, Lake Norden. If time permits, a tour will be given of the district tree shed.

Limmer requested the Board show their support of the Coteau Area. All in agreement. Ideas discussed.

Burton Tesch. Burton's brother, Dale Tesch, is in need of our prayers. Dale is in hospice, in Lake Norden. An article honoring Dale and his conservation efforts will be written for the local newspapers.

Executive Session. None needed.

Other District Business.

June – Rangeland & Soils Days, Watertown 6/13 – 6/15 Juneteenth Holiday. Office closed 6/19 Coteau Area Meeting, Webster 6/21 Employee Leadership, Cedar Shores 6/27 – 6/29

On a motion by Brusse, with a second by Anderson, the meeting was adjourned. Namken declared the meeting ended at 8:20 p.m.

Respectively, Peggy Loomis, District Manager