

HAMLIN COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING
February 6, 2024, 1:00 p.m.

SUPERVISORS PRESENT

Jared Namken, Chairman
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
Candace Prins, NRCS Soil Conservationist

ABSENT

None

The Hamlin County Conservation District Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, February 6, 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 Lemme, with a second by Brusse, the agenda was approved as written. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

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

NRCS Report- Report given by Candace Prins. Please see attached report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Services. Total acres planned for 2024 is 31 to date; 3 are with Grants; 4 EQIP; 3 CRP; 3 CSP; 2 GFP; 5 No cost share. Three sites to rototill. Tree Planting wheel is in Redfield for repairs. Discussion on employee numbers for the season. Baileys Nursery orders for Codington and Grant will be delivered here. Alan will pickup pots from Schumachers. No interest in job for Drill Manager. Loomis will track drills and rollers.

Job Market. Ads have been placed on Facebook, on the LATI job board, fliers hung around towns and on the new web page. Have possibly two employees returning from previous years and one tractor driver for planting.

Ducks Unlimited. Limmer had a discussion with Hubers. More discussion to come later summer.

NEW BUSINESS:

New Tree Grant Application. On a motion by Anderson, with a second by Lemme, the board approved the new grant application for tree planting to run 7/24-12/25. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Loomis will submit to the Conservation Commission (RCF).

Employee Leadership. On a motion by Namken, with a second by Lemme, approval was given for Loomis to attend the Leadership Conference in Oacoma in June. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

New Web page. Loomis updated the district website and encouraged supervisors to view. Newsletters were mailed out and posted on Facebook.

Farm Show Booth. Farm show runs 02/07/2024-02/10/2024. Schedule was distributed to fill in slots at the booth.

Executive Session. None needed.

Other District Business.

Loomis listed the board positions opening due to expiration of terms on three of the five board members. Petitions and information were distributed.

February: Watertown Winter Farm Show. Feb 7th – 10th.
NACD Annual Meeting Feb. 10th-15th. Loomis out.
President's Day. Office Closed. Feb. 19th
March: Loomis vacation March 1st – March 20th.

On a motion by Lemme, with a second by Brusse, the meeting was adjourned. Namken declared the meeting ended at 1:50 p.m.

Respectively, *Peggy Loomis*, District Manager