

HAMLIN COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING
August 6, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

SUPERVISORS PRESENT

James Anderson, Vice Chairman
Larry Brusse, Supervisor
Danny Limmer, Supervisor

OTHERS PRESENT

Peggy Loomis, District Manager
Kelsey Ramerth, NRCS District Conservationist
Matt Hubers, Ducks Unlimited

ABSENT

Dorene Lemme, Supervisor
Eli Little, Advisor
Jared Namken, Chairman
Lenny Saathoff, Advisor

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

Discussion was opened for the June Regular Board Minutes. On a motion by Limmer, 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 Anderson. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

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

Matt Hubers with Ducks Unlimited introduced himself to the Board. Hubers informed the board of the RCPP which DU has with NRCS. This program is aimed at planting grass in marginal cropland. Hubers explained the specifics of the program, terms, dollars involved, etc. Very informative!

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Services and General. The No Till drills have been over 649 acres, the Great Plains drill at 132 acres and the Land Rollers total 6515 to date. Continue to mow two sites. Planted 32 acres from 5/14 to 6/8. Fabric began on 6/11 and finished 7/8. Long, tough season. YTD pipe sales are 15,500' with a large order for fittings just shipped direct to customer. BSN tree stock issues discussed. Baileys order for fruit and tall trees input at just over \$6000 thus far. Codington and Grant are also on the order. No confirmations until late September for trees. Inventory ordered to replenish stock: 300 rolls fabric; 50 boxes staples; 650 tubes and stakes. The enclosed trailer was repaired at RV Advantage for \$700. Repacked wheel bearings, replaced door hinges, repaired/replaced all lights. The small Kubota trailer lights will be repaired at Palo Garage. Planter, fabric machine and tiller can all be stored for the season. Mower is still in use. Land rollers were all moved to the north portion of the Coop lot. Loans: LR payment due Sept. Total owed on rollers: \$14,278; owed on Chev Truck \$6925.

Verizon. Bill being disputed with Verizon for over a year. Has affected Loomis' credit as name is attached to the service. On a motion by Limmer, with a second by Brusse, Loomis will call to confirm a final payment will resolve all issues. If so, payment will be dispersed. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Erosion and Sediment. Discussed at time of NRCS report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Board Petitions. Three petitions were circulated for the four positions. One appointment will be required to complete a new district board. New board members will begin their terms on January 1, 2025.

Price Increases. On a motion by Brusse, with a second by Anderson, the price changes are as follows: Prices for rental services will remain the same: Drills \$14.00/acre with a \$150 minimum; Land Rollers \$4.00/acre. Machine tree plantings will increase to \$0.65/lf. Fabric installation will increase to \$0.90/lf. Tree tubes: Peach 5' = \$7.50; White 5' = \$5.00; 6' Stake = \$7.50. Bareroot prices likely to remain the same. Waiting on BSN for their prices. The mileage rate for district employees and the board was increased to \$0.655. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

SDACDE Employee Healthcare. This item was tabled to the October 8th meeting, on a motion by Brusse with a second by Limmer. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Convention. Board member attendance was discussed. Loomis will mail in the registrations. One hotel room is reserved for District Manager.

SDACDE Conservation Collaboration Cooperative Grant Application. This grant application was awarded to SDACDE. Total funding with NRCS is \$652,000. The grant will begin 01/01/2025 with an end date of 12/31/2027. Loomis will administer this project; with insight from Josh Wagner, Day CD; Tami Moore, Miner CD; and Jessica Michalski, NRCS State Resource Conservationist.

Executive Session. None.

Other District Business. Reminder to attend the 2024 SD Leopold Conservation Award Recipient Tour at the Little's Ranch in Castlewood. The event will be held this Thursday, Aug. 8, 2024 9:30a.m.– 4:00p.m.

August: District Board Meeting, Tuesday, August 6th, 7 p.m.
Leopold Award Tour Thursday, August 8th. Castlewood
SD State Fair Value Added Tent, Thursday, August 29th. Huron

September: Labor Day, Office Closed, 9/2
Loomis out 9/11 – 9/15
SDACD Convention, Sunday, 9/15 – Tuesday, 9/17, Watertown

October: District Board Meeting, Tuesday, Oct. 8th, 7 p.m.
Indigenous Peoples Day, Office Closed, 10/14
Legislative Dinner, Monday, Oct. 21, Webster

The next scheduled district board meeting is October 8th, at 7:00 p.m. in the District Office.

On a motion by Limmer, with a second by Brusse, the meeting was adjourned.
Anderson declared the meeting ended at 8:45 p.m.

Respectively, *Peggy Loomis*, District Manager