

HAMLIN COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING
August 18, 2022 7:30 p.m.

SUPERVISORS PRESENT

Jared Namken, Chairperson
James Anderson, Vice Chairman
Larry Brusse, Supervisor
Lenny Saathoff, Advisor
Danny Limmer, Supervisor

OTHERS PRESENT

Peggy Loomis, District Manager
Kelsey Ramerth, NRCS District Conservationist

ABSENT

Dorene Lemme, Supervisor

The Hamlin County Conservation District Board of Supervisors met Thursday, August 18th, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. in the District Tree Shed. Chairman Namken opened the meeting at 7:30. 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 as written. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion was opened for the June Regular Board Minutes. On a motion by Anderson, with a second by Limmer, 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 Anderson, 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. Twenty Six acres of trees were planted and had fabric laid. Pasture pipe sales have been great. Currently in the field planning 2023 tree sites. Survival counts to be done soon. Have a lot of fruit trees on order. Facebook and emailing notices. Tree payments are late coming in. Finance charges will begin. Loomis will deliver the 2021 Tree Care Award, as it was not given at the Appreciation Dinner.

Drill and Landroller contracts. Contract was paid out to Saathoff for acres accrued as of the Board Meeting date. Acres on all equipment was down this year; the No-Till acres noticeably so. Saathoff let the board know he will no longer be the Drill Manager. He will continue to haul the Land Rollers. Saathoff suggested the board keep the oldest roller (2011) and the new Mandako (2021); sell the 2015 roller and purchase another new roller. No discussion ensued.

Signatures on LRP. Signatures still needs on the Long Range Plan from Lemme and Limmer. Limmer signed at this meeting. Lemme is absent.

NEW BUSINESS:

Endowment Fund. On a motion by Brusse, with a second by Limmer, the board approved \$100 for the Endowment Fund in Tom Martins honor. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Grant Approval. On a motion by Anderson, with a second by Brusse, the Manager may send in Grant Applications, as written. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Open House Results. Discussion was had on the recent Open House held at the District Tree Shed. Expenses totaled approx. \$900; income from the sale of perennials and potted trees showed an overall profit for the event. Approximately 90 people attended.

Price Increases. Loomis shared the price increases from the vendors for pasture pipe, fabric, and tree stock. District prices were increased in comparison to those. The services and pasture pipe prices were not included in the increase at this time. On a motion by Brusse, with a second by Limmer, the prices were increased as written on the price sheets and tree order sheets. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Meetings attended. Loomis had attended the EDWDD meeting that morning (8/18) in Brookings. Subject pertaining to Hamlin County was the Lake Poinsett Management Plan. Loomis also attended the Trees, People and Communities Conference in Sioux Falls this month.

SDACD Convention. On a motion by Namken, with a second by Anderson, the Board gave approval for Loomis, Lemme, Limmer and Brusse to attend the SDACD Convention in Oacoma. As per policy, registration, meals, miles and lodging will be paid for by the District.

Executive Session. None needed.

Other District Business.

~Office Closed Monday, Sept. 5th for Labor Day

~SDACD Convention; Sunday, Sept. 18th-Tuesday Sept. 20th.

Brusse made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m., with a second by Anderson. Namken approved.

The next district board meeting will be held on **Tuesday, October 11th at 7:30 p.m.**

Respectively,

Peggy Loomis, District Manager