

HAMLIN COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING
February 14, 2022 1:00 p.m. (at County Courthouse)

SUPERVISORS PRESENT

Jared Namken, Chairperson
James Anderson, Vice Chairman
Larry Brusse, Supervisor
Dorene Lemme, Supervisor
Danny Limmer, Supervisor (via phone)
Lenny Saathoff, Advisor
Burton Tesch, Advisor

OTHERS PRESENT

Peggy Loomis, District Manager
Kelsey Ramerth, NRCS District Conservationist
Dan Nelson, GFP Private Lands Biologist

ABSENT

None

The Hamlin County Conservation District Board of Supervisors met Monday, February 14, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. in the County Courthouse. Chairman Namken opened the meeting at 1:00. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comment. None.

Approve the Agenda. On a motion by Lemme, with a second by Anderson, the agenda was approved as written. Motion carried. At this time, Tesch introduced the topic of the new dairy going in North of Castlewood. A quick conversation was had on the current zoning ordinances.

Dan Nelson, GFP Private Lands Biologist. Dan introduced himself to the board and explained the most current GFP programs available. He is working out of the Watertown area and is very willing to work with the district and the NRCS offices on conservation programs.

Discussion was opened for the January Regular Board Minutes. On a motion by Anderson, with a second by Lemme, the minutes were approved as read. Roll call vote. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report and Accounts Receivable were approved on a motion by Lemme, with a second by Anderson. Roll call vote. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Equipment Maintenance. Drill maintenance and other equipment discussed. The white Chev. truck needs a battery disconnect installed and the red GMC starter will be replaced. The JD tractor needs to be picked up from KDM. Tree acres and order totals given. Tilling and mowing sites shared.

Big Sioux Nursery. Fee increases, lack of trees and shipping were discussed.

Land Roller and Drill Contract Agreements, Mileage. On a motion by Namken, with a second by Lemme, the board went into Executive Session at 2:02 p.m. to discuss personnel issues. At this time, Ramerth, Nelson, and Saathoff left the room. Namken made the motion to end the executive session at 2:16 p.m., with a second by Lemme. The others returned to the room. The Equipment Manager rates of 10% income, \$1.60 per mile pulled, and \$20 per hour of manual labor will remain the same. The mileage rate of \$0.47 increased to \$0.55 for the miles driven empty. Drill manager duties are: grease the drills at a

minimum of once every 100 acres; make sure drills are cleaned out after each use; haul between producers. The land rollers should be greased every other day.

Crop Expo, Farm Show, Soil Health Coalition Conference, Conservation Committee Meeting, District Managers, Soil Health week. Loomis reported on area events held and attended. Reminded the board this is Soil Health Week.

SDACD Invoice. Brusse made a motion to bring this item back to the table, with a second by Lemme. Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried. Lemme made a motion to pay the SDACD dues, with a second by Brusse. Roll call vote – Brusse-Y; Lemme-Y; Anderson-N; Limmer-Abstain; Namken-N. Motion Failed. Brusse made a motion to refrain from paying the SDACD dues until issues are visited with the SDACD Board and table this discussion until after convention. Anderson seconded the motion. Roll call vote – Brusse-Y, Anderson-Y; Lemme-Abstain; Limmer-Y; Namken-Y. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Long Range Plan. Each supervisor and advisor received a copy of the current Long Range Plan to review at home. A new Long Range Plan will be discussed at the April meeting.

SDACDE Leadership Conference. Lemme made a motion to allow Loomis the time and travel to attend the Conference in June, with a second by Brusse. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

Erosion and Sediment Standards for Hamlin County. Each Board member received a copy of the current standards. Soil health issues were discussed.

Summit Pipeline. Loomis presented information and articles on the new Summit Pipeline being proposed in South Dakota. Seventeen counties will be directly included in this project. Conservation practices need to be visited with the producers and the company. McPherson County Commissioners are trying to stay ahead of the situation. Kingsbury CD is working with producers in their area.

Other District Business.

- Tree Pruning Workshop, DeSmet, February 15, 2022 1:00 p.m.
- Office will be closed Monday, February 21 for President's Day.
- Farm to School Grant Webinar, Wed. February 23, 2022 2:30 p.m.
- Loomis on vacation March 5-19, 2022.
- Arbor Day Essays Due March 25th, 2022
- Scholarship Applications Due March 31, 2022
- Conservation Commission Grant Round, April 20, 2022
- Arbor Day visit in area schools, April 28th, 2022.

Brusse made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:15 p.m., with a second by Lemme. Namken approved.

The next district board meeting will be held on **Tuesday, April 12th, 2022** at 7:00 p.m. Location TBD. An option for conference call in will be available also.

Respectively,

Peggy Loomis, District Manager