

BROOKINGS CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES OF MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2016 AT 8:15 AM **CONFERENCE ROOM**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joel Koch, Jerry Oines, Rick Kerr, John Heylens

ABSENT: Darrell DeBoer, Mark Stime, Kirk Steege, Chuck Zink - Advisor

OTHERS PRESENT: Joan Kreitlow, Jon Finnegan, Tabithia Scott – NRCS District Conservationist, Larry Jensen – Brookings County Commissioner

Chairman, Joel Koch called the meeting to order at 8:22 am.

Jerry Oines moved to approve the agenda, second by Rick Kerr. Motion carried.

Minutes of the August 2, 2016 meeting were sent to the supervisors prior to the meeting. John Heylens moved to approve the minutes, second by Joel Koch. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

General Fund Balance (8/31/16)	\$ 55,234.77
Money Market II	\$ 65,360.01
Big Sioux Water Festival	\$ 13,455.65
Accounts Receivable (as of 8/31/16)	\$ 19,189.74

Accounts Payable

Big Sioux River WS RAM contract payment (\$576/yr. thru 12/31/2019)	\$ 2,304.00
Schuneman's – JD 1590 No-Till Drill Purchase (5 pmts - \$4,772.62/yr. beginning 7/10/15)	\$14,317.86
Pfeifer's – Great Plains Drill – (5 pmts - \$7,208.86/year)	\$24,500.00

John Heylens moved to accept the treasurer's report, second by Rick Kerr. Motion carried.

RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS AND BILLS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT- (SEE ATTACHED)

Rick Kerr moved, second by Jerry Oines, to approve the receipts and disbursements and the bills presented for payment. Motion carried.

REPORT ON DISTRICT SERVICES & CORRESPONDENCE

Joan Kreitlow, Office Manager and Jon Finnegan – Conservation Resource Specialist

- **2016 District Services:** Grass seeding –1,232.7 acres completed. There will be a few acres of fall seeding to complete.
- **Equipment**
 - Enclosed trailer – Jerry will get estimates on the cost of a new trailer
 - Earth Augers – Jerry Oines moved, second by Joel Koch to sell 2 earth augers and purchase 2 new augers. Jerry will check on the price of a new auger. Motion carried.
- **Other items discussed:** Group Health Insurance available to supervisors; 2016 LP summer-fill, pre-pay and budget plan; Brookings-Deuel RWS will be installing automatic meter read system

EMPLOYEE/SUPERVISOR REPORT ON MEETINGS ATTENDED:

8/24/16 – Conservation Tour – The tour was a big success. Those attending in addition to the BCCD Board/Staff: 5 Brookings County Commissioners, 1 Brookings City Council member, a representative from Senator Rounds office and 2 from the Brookings Farm Service Agency. The conservation tour included stops at John Heylens US Fish and Wildlife Easement and tree plantings; Jeff Rief's CRP renewal and renovation; Oines Farms Rotational grazing and CRP Pollinator Planting; Renkly Farms where Travis Renkly talked about their CRP and CSP conservation practices and the last stop at Chuck Miller's to look at his CRP Buffer and native flower garden. Brookings BATA provided a bus for transportation.

Jerry Oines moved, second by Joel Koch, to give BATA a \$100 donation for use of their bus. Motion carried.

Erosion Complaint – (NE ¼ 12-112-48) - Tabithia Scott reported the design for the CRP grassed waterway is done and ready to sign. She also discussed seeding the edges of the field to slow water. The producer letter is waiting for NRCS to input recommendations for conservation improvements.

NRCS OFFICE REPORT – Tabithia Scott, District Conservationist, reported on NRCS activities (see attached).

CONSERVATION PLANS-- Jerry Oines moved, second by Joel Koch to approve signing the CRP plan presented. Motion carried.

MITIGATION BANK/LONG-TERM BANK MANAGEMENT PLAN – John Heylens moved, second by Jerry Oines to approve and sign the Joint Powers Agreement between Minnehaha CD and Brookings CD. Motion carried.

2017 PRICES FOR DISTRICT SERVICES – The board discussed and reviewed the prices for district services. Increases were made to tree costs and drill rentals. Rick Kerr moved to adopt the 2017 prices for district services, second by John Heylens. Motion carried.

SDACD CONVENTION – SEP 25-27, 2016 – DEADWOOD SD – those planning to attend: Darrell DeBoer, Rick Kerr, Jerry Oines and Joan Crooks.

17TH ANNUAL AG APPRECIATION BANQUET – Jerry Oines moved, second by Joel Koch to sponsor a table for \$250. Motion carried. Nominations for Tree Care Award and Cooperator of the Year Award will be discussed at the October meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – none

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Tabi Scott met with Plant Materials Center for an on-site visit to evaluate the demonstration tree plots at the District lot. Note from Jon to let him know when they plan to do the next site evaluation so he can have a trailer available if they plan to trim trees again. Plant Materials wondered if the tree crew could weed around the Douglas Fir in the spring.
- Jon talked with a couple nurseries to see if they were interested in the larger Freeman Maple planted at the District lot. There was no interest. Discussion about planting trees for future large tree sales.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS:

Sep 7 – 4th Annual Mayors' Big Sioux River Water Summit – Hilton Garden Inn – 1-6 p.m.

Sep 13, 2016 – Land Judging School

Sep 14 – Farm Tour/Conservation Workshop – Madison, SD

Sep 15 – Community Conservation about South Dakota's Energy Future – Bkgs. Public Library – 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Sep 21 – Big Sioux WS Project steering committee meeting – Sioux Falls Environmental Office – 9:00 a.m.

Sep 25-27, 2016 – SDACD Convention – Deadwood, SD

Dec 6, 2016 – Ag Appreciation Banquet – Swiftel Center

NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING: Wednesday, October 5, 2016 at 8:15 AM

Being no further business to come before the meeting, Chairman Koch declared the meeting adjourned at 10:57 a.m.



Joan Crooks, Recording Secretary