

BROOKINGS CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES OF MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2017 AT 1:15 PM **CONFERENCE ROOM**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Darrell DeBoer, Jerry Oines, Rick Kerr, John Heylens, Kirk Steege – Advisor, Mark Stime - Advisor

ABSENT: Joel Koch; Chuck Zink - Advisor

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

Vice Chairman Kerr called the meeting to order at 1:14 pm.

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

CONSERVATION PLANS - none

John Heylens moved to approve the agenda, second by Jerry Oines. Motion carried.

Minutes of the February 15, 2017 meeting were sent to the supervisors prior to the meeting. John Heylens moved to approve the minutes, second by Darrell DeBoer. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

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| General Fund Balance (2/28/17) | \$ 41,209.95 |
| Money Market II | \$ 65,489.76 |
| Big Sioux Water Festival | \$ 17,520.24 |
| Accounts Receivable (as of 3/8/17) | \$ 47,549.01 |

Accounts Payable

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| Schuneman’s – JD 1590 No-Till Drill Purchase (5 pmts - \$4,772.62/yr. beginning 7/10/15) | \$12,106.80 |
| Pfeifer’s – Great Plains Drill – (5 pmts - \$7,208.86/year) | \$16,146.79 |
| Agassiz Seed & Supply – 486 rolls tree fabric | \$32,076.00 |
| Bailey Nursery (172 trees) | \$ 3,286.60 |
| Schumacher’s Nursery (1,555 trees) | \$11,725.75 |
| Towner State Nursery (6,100 trees) | \$ 3,562.50 |
| Big Sioux Nursery, Inc. (15,708 trees/container stock) | <u>\$17,412.50</u> |
| Total Accounts Payable | <u>\$96,316.94</u> |

Darrell DeBoer moved to accept the treasurer’s report, second by John Heylens. Motion carried.

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

Darrell DeBoer moved, second by John Heylens, to approve the receipts and disbursements and the bills presented for payment. Motion carried.

Jerry Oines moved to send partial payments to Agassiz Seed & Supply - \$10,000 and Big Sioux Nursery - \$10,000, second by Darrell DeBoer. Motion carried.

The Whitetails Unlimited will be making another \$1000 contribution to the BCCD. Jerry Oines moved, second by John Heylens, to use the Whitetails Unlimited contribution as additional payment on the Great Plains drill note. Motion carried.

REPORT ON DISTRICT SERVICES & CORRESPONDENCE

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

- **Equipment/Repairs & Maintenance:** Jon will talk to Dustin Gibbons to make new point for the planter.
- **Car Trailer Estimates** - Jon reviewed new trailer estimates. John Heylens moved, second by Jerry Oines to purchase the EZ20-14 DCT Full Tilt-trailer – Cost \$5,230 minus \$500 trade in for the BCCD’s 2 wheel trailer – Final Cost \$4,730.00. Motion carried.
- **District Services** – Trees – 29.8 acres; Tree Fabric – 85,634 LF (15 miles); Grass Seeding – approx. 55 acres
- **District Signs** - tabled

- **Arbor Day Essays** – We received several essays from Volga Christian School. Jerry Oines moved, second by John Heylens to pay \$15, \$10 and \$5 respectively for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place essays and to give each participant a potted Black Hills Spruce tree. Motion carried.

EMPLOYEE/SUPERVISOR REPORT ON MEETINGS ATTENDED:

March 1-2, 2017 – SDACDE Leadership Conference in Pierre, SD – DeBoer, Kerr, Oines and Crooks attended. Sessions included: Millborn Seeds discussed cover crops, pollinator plots and native grasses. SD Public Assurance Alliance gave a very good presentation on Workplace Violence, Distracted Driving, Substance Abuse and Safety Training. Agassiz talked about the Experimental Fabric they are trialing. BCCD will be receiving one roll of this fabric to test. Colette Kessler and Rebecca Starkenburg of NRCS gave a presentation on Social Media. Jeff Zimprich, NRCS State Conservationist, addressed the group regarding partnerships and technical training available for conservation districts. Tuesday morning, Big Sioux Nursery held their business meeting and a technical session round table following.

SDACD LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE – Jerry Oines, Rick Kerr, Darrell DeBoer and Joan Crooks will be attending Leadership Conference on March 1-2, 2017 in Pierre, SD.

Brookings Co. Pheasants Forever Banquet Sponsorship – Tuesday, March 14, 2017 – Swiftel Center – John Heylens moved, second by Rick Kerr to give a \$275 sponsorship for the banquet. Motion carried.

2017 Ag Women’s Day Sponsorship – Tuesday, June 13, 2017 – 1st Lutheran Church Activity Center – Brookings. John Heylens moved, second by Rick Kerr to support this event with a \$250 contribution. Motion carried.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS:

Mar 1-2, 2017 – SDACDE Leadership Conference – Ramkota, Pierre, SD

Mar 15, 2017 – E. SD Soil and Water Research Farm Annual Meeting – Noon Meal, 1:00 pm Business Meeting

Mar 21, 2017 – SDSU Campus Ag Day

Mar 22, 2017 – Big Sioux Steering Committee Mtg. – City of Sioux Falls Environmental Office

June 2017 – Northern Plains Region Mtg. - Yankton

OTHER BUSINESS:

Rick Kerr volunteered to be the alternate representative to the Big Sioux Steering Committee Meeting.

NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING: Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at 1:15 PM

Being no further business to come before the meeting, Darrell DeBoer moved to adjourn, second by Jerry Oines. Motion carried.

Joan Crooks, Recording Secretary