

BROOKINGS CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES OF MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2020 – 8:15 AM **BCCD DISTRICT BUILDING**

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

ABSENT: John Heylens, Joel Koch, Advisor; Stephne Miller, Advisor

OTHERS PRESENT: Joan Crooks, Jeremy Sova – NRCS District Conservationist, Deron Ruesch – NRCS Big Sioux Resource Unit Conservationist (RUC)

Chairman Kerr called the meeting to order at 8:16 am.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Jerry Oines moved to approve the agenda, second by Kirk Steege. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the May 6, 2020 meeting were sent to the supervisors prior to this meeting. Darrell DeBoer moved to approve the minutes, second by Kirk Steege. Motion carried.

NRCS OFFICE REPORT – Jeremy Sova, District Conservationist, reported on NRCS activities (see attached). Deron Ruesch, NRCS Big Sioux Resource Unit Conservationist (RUC), introduced himself to the board and explained his role as the NRCS RUC. Craig Novotny has been hired as the new Wetland Specialist for Brookings County.

CONSERVATION PLANS – Darrell DeBoer moved, second by Kirk Steege approved the signing of 1 CRP plan. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

General Fund Balance (5/31/2020)	\$ 79,924.25
Money Market II	\$ 4,717.33
Big Sioux Water Festival (<i>non-conservation district funds</i>)	\$ 18,460.22
Accounts Receivable (as of 6/2/2020)	\$ 96,160.95
Accounts Payable:	
BankStar – JD 1590 No-till drill loan	\$ 29,700.00

Kirk Steege moved to accept the treasurer’s report, second by Jerry Oines. Motion carried.

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

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

REPORT ON DISTRICT SERVICES & CORRESPONDENCE

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

- **Vehicles/Equipment:**
- Hours on all the lease tractors are about maxed out. Rick Kerr will talk to CASE about the possibility to increase lease hours on the tractor.
- JD 1590 no-till drill was rented out to a customer and returned packed with mud. Kieckhefer and Finnegan spent 6 hours pressure washing and chiseling the mud from the drill. Seed tubes were jammed with soybeans. Tubes needed to be removed to clean them out. One seed hose needed to be replaced. Jerry Oines moved, second by Kirk Steege to charge \$50/hour (6 hours) for cleaning and repairs. Motion carried.
- At the July meeting, the group will set a time to meet with John Deere to discuss the drill malfunction that happened this spring and compensation.
- **Building/landscape** – Joan mentioned mowing/trimming and weed control should be done on a timelier basis.
- **2020 Grass Seeding** – 1,335.6 acres seeded to date. Acres left to seed are several CRP that are still too wet to seed. Working with NRCS to flag fields and follow up with producers to ensure they are getting their seedbeds prepared.
- **2020 Tree Planting/Fabric update** – Tree planting is complete and only a few fabric sites left to do. Surplus sale will be advertised via FB. Last day to purchase trees is scheduled for June 5. Est. hand plants sales are \$63,990.
- **Nursery Inspection Report** – Inspection of nursery stock and cooler were done by the SD Dept. of Ag. The cooler was in working order and the tree stock in good condition.
- **Brookings County FY2021 Funding Application** – Application and applicable documentation were filed with the county by the due date.
- **Notice of Intent to Mine** – the board reviewed notices of intent to mine – Sterzinger Crushing Inc. NE1/4 13-111-52, SW1/4 4-110-48

PUBLIC RELATIONS – JENNA CLARK – tree surplus sale was posted on FB along with articles pertaining to district services, conservation programs and soil health.

EMPLOYEE/SUPERVISOR REPORT ON MEETINGS ATTENDED: NONE

LIABILITY INSURANCE – The board reviewed the quotes to increase the BCCD's general liability insurance from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000. Darrell DeBoer moved, second by Jerry Oines to increase the BCCD's general liability coverage to \$2,000,000 for an additional \$540.78. Motion carried.

JD 1590 No-TILL DRILL CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED - Brookings County Pheasants Forever - \$5000, Whitetails Unlimited - \$1000. Joan will send thank you notes and make a payment on the JD Drill note of \$6000.00.

Vermillion-Big Sioux Area Mtg. – Tentative date Tuesday, July 22, 2020 at 10AM – Moody County District building – Flandreau, SD

SRAM CONTRACT – Barry Berg – absent

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS:

July 22, 2020 – Vermillion-Big Sioux Area Meeting – Moody CD building – Flandreau, SD

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

OTHER BUSINESS:

NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING: Wednesday, July 1, 2020 at 8:15 am - BCCD Building at 130 42nd Street.

Being no further business to come before the meeting, Chairman Kerr declared the meeting adjourned at 9:30 AM.

Joan Crooks, Recording Secretary