

**BROOKINGS CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2020 – 8:15 AM**  
**BCCD DISTRICT BUILDING**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Darrell DeBoer, John Heylens, Rick Kerr, Jerry Oines, Stephne Miller – Advisor, Mark Stime - Advisor

**ABSENT:** Kirk Steege; Joel Koch, Advisor

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Joan Crooks, Jon Finnegan, Jeremy Sova – NRCS District Conservationist, Deron Ruesch, NRCS Resource Unit Conservationist (RUC)

Chairman Kerr called the meeting to order at 8:21 am.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Jerry Oines moved to approve the agenda, second by Darrell DeBoer. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes of the August 5, 2020 meeting were sent to the supervisors prior to this meeting. John Heylens moved to approve the minutes, second by Jerry Oines. Motion carried.

**NRCS OFFICE REPORT** – Jeremy Sova, District Conservationist, reported on NRCS activities (see attached). Deron Ruesch, NRCS Resource Unit Conservationist (RUC) updated the board on programs, grants and deadlines.

**CONSERVATION PLANS** – Darrell DeBoer moved, second by John Heylens, to approve the signing of 2 EQIP and 32 CRP contracts presented and the contracts signed prior to this meeting. Motion carried.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**

General Fund Balance (8/31/2020)	\$ 61,233.75
Money Market II	\$ 50,717.92
Big Sioux Water Festival ( <i>non-conservation district funds</i> )	\$ 16,560.22
Accounts Receivable (as of 9/1/2020)	\$ 16,560.22
Accounts Payable:	
BankStar – JD 1590 No-till drill loan - Principal	\$ 29,000.00
<i>Paid on acct – contributions rec’d.</i>	<u>6,000.00</u>
<i>(5 pmts. Of \$6,432.03 – 1<sup>st</sup> pmt. due 3/23/21)</i>	
<i>Balance</i>	\$ 23,000.00

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

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

Jerry Oines moved, second by John Heylens, 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:**  
The windshield on the remaining lease tractor needed to be replaced. The Ford pickup needs two new tires. The board agreed to wait until spring to purchase them.
- **Building/landscape** – none
- **2020 Grass Seeding** –Great Plains Drill – 771.8 ac; JD full service – 1149.7 ac; JD producer rentals – 418.9 ac.  
Total acres seeded to date – 2340.4
- **Fall/Dormant seedings** – approx. 350 acres to complete
- **Tree Survival Checks** – John Kieckhefer began tree survival checks on trees machine planted this spring.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS** – Jenna Clark – No report

**EMPLOYEE/SUPERVISOR REPORT ON MEETINGS ATTENDED:** none

**2020 Land Judging School** - Due to the increased risk of the corona virus, the board agreed that it is in the best interest of all involved, to not host the 2020 Land Judging School. John Heylens moved, second by Darrell DeBoer to not host the 2020 Land Judging School and to encourage NRCS to contact the local high schools to set up a virtual school and to contribute up to \$250 for any costs incurred. Motion carried.

**2020 TREE CARE AND CONSERVATIONIST OF THE YEAR AWARD NOMINATIONS** –Nominations for the district awards will be discussed at the October meeting. The award winners will be recognized at the Annual Ag Appreciation Banquet, assuming the banquet will be held.

**2020 SDACD CONVENTION** – The convention that was scheduled for September 20-22, 2020 in Watertown has been cancelled. Instead, a video/audio meeting will be held September 30, 2020 beginning at 5:30 pm (MT), 6:30 pm (CT). Locations: Pierre, Huron and Wall. Each CD is invited to register one-member representative to attend one of the three locations and cast the conservation district vote. John Heylens moved, second by Darrell DeBoer, to appoint Rick Kerr as BCCD's voting representative for the annual meeting with Darrell DeBoer serving as an alternate. Motion carried.

**SD State Fair Booth** – SDACDE cancelled having a booth this year.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS:**

September 23, 2020 – Bix Sioux Steering Committee Mtg. – Minnehaha CD shed – 9am to Noon

September 30, 2020 – SDACD annual meeting – Rick Kerr will attend the Huron location

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: NONE**

**OTHER BUSINESS/COMMENTS:** John Heylens encouraged everyone to watch the Amazing Grasslands videos. Jerry Oines suggested talking to the implement dealers earlier to line up lease tractors for next season.

**NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING: Wednesday, October 7, 2020 at 8:15 am - BCCD Building at 130 42<sup>nd</sup> Street.**

Being no further business to come before the meeting, Chairman Kerr declared the meeting adjourned at 9:36 AM.

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Joan Crooks, Recording Secretary