

BROOKINGS CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES OF MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2022 – 8:15 AM **BCCD DISTRICT BUILDING**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Darrell DeBoer, John Heylens, Rick Kerr, Jerry Oines, Brad Hanson, Mark Stime – District Advisor; Larry Jensen – District Advisor

ABSENT: Stephne Miller – Advisor

OTHERS PRESENT: Joan Crooks; Jon Finnegan, District Resource Conservationist, Jeremy Sova, NRCS District Conservationist; Mike Bjerke

Chairman Kerr called the meeting to order at 8:20 am.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the January 5, 2022 meeting were sent to the supervisors prior to this meeting. Hanson moved to approve the minutes, second by Oines. Motion carried.

NRCS OFFICE REPORT – Jeremy Sova, NRCS District Conservationist reported on NRCS activities (see attached).

CONSERVATION PLANS – None

TREASURER’S REPORT:

General Fund Balance (1/31/2022)	\$ 33,907.73
Money Market II	\$ 50,792.46
Big Sioux Water Festival (<i>non-conservation district funds</i>)	\$ 17,227.75
Accounts Receivable (as of 1/6/2022)	\$ 0.00

Accounts Payable:

• BankStar – JD 1590 No-till drill loan - Principal	\$ 29,000.00
(<i>5 pmts. Of \$6,432.03</i>)	
<i>Paid on acct – JD Loan</i>	<u>\$ 18,500.00</u>
<i>Loan Balance</i>	\$ 10,500.00

Heylens moved to accept the treasurer’s report, second by Hanson. Motion carried.

RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS AND BILLS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT:

DeBoer moved, second by Heylens, to approve the receipts and disbursements and the bills presented for payment,

REPORT ON DISTRICT SERVICES & CORRESPONDENCE :

Joan Crooks, District Manager and Jon Finnegan, Conservation Resource Specialist

Vehicles/Equipment:

- Ford pickup repairs – still waiting on EGR valve
- Discussion on lease tractors
- Finnegan ordered 2 new Stihl Earth Augers from C&B Equipment. 2 used augers have been sold. Crooks will send out Bill of Sales.

Building/Office/Landscape: A quote was received from Shannon Crooks Painting to paint the office, restrooms and utility rooms - \$1080. Oines moved, second by Hanson to accept the quote of \$1080 from Shannon Crooks Painting. Motion carried.

- **2022 District Services:** Fabric – 76,601 LF (14.5 mi.), Machine Planting Est. Acres – 29.5 ac, Drill Rental Est. Acres – 354 ac.

EMPLOYEE/SUPERVISOR REPORT ON MEETINGS/EVENTS ATTENDED:

- **1/31/22** – Crooks reported on the Big Sioux Water Festival meeting. The committee decided to go ahead and host a virtual event for 2022.
- **JAN 18-19** – Crooks reported on the Soil Health Conference she attending in Aberdeen.
- DeBoer reported on a Hefty Seed Co. drainage seminar he attended on his own time.

2021 FINANCIAL REVIEW –Rykhus Financial Services met with the district manager to perform the FY2021 financial review. Robb will meet with the board when the review is complete.

BROOKINGS COUNTY PHEASANTS FOREVER BANQUET SPONSORSHIP – Oines moved, second by DeBoer to send in a \$275 banquet sponsorship which includes 2 tickets and a jacket. Motion carried.

ADVISOR APPOINTMENTS: DeBoer moved, second by Heylens to appoint Michael Bjerke as an advisor to the board. Motion carried.

PER DIEM/MILEAGE RATES – Hanson moved to keep the same rates as 2021 Per Diem- \$50 – ½ day and Mileage - \$0.42/mile (state rate); second by Oines. Motion carried.

SEASONAL EMPLOYEES - Discussion was held on seasonal employee hiring and wages. To date, S. Brandenburger will be the only employee returning. DeBoer moved, second by Heylens to pay Bradenburger \$17/hour and to advertise for help via FaceBook, website, newspaper, SDSU and reaching out to high school ag teachers. Starting pay \$17/hr DOE. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS:

- 2/14/22 – Ag Seminar sponsored by BankStar – CC’s Bar and Grill in Volga – 8:30 am - Noon
- 3/16/22 – E. SD Soil and Water Research Farm Annual Mtg. – location TBD – Oines – BCCD Director
- 5/10/22 – Big Sioux Water Festival – Virtual Event
- June 27-28, 2022 – Leadership Conference – Pierre, SD
- 2022 SDACD Convention – Sep. 18-20, 2022 – Oacoma Arrowwood Cedar Shores

OTHER BUSINESS/COMMENTS:

- Larry Jensen, Brookings County Commissioner, gave a brief Brookings County report.

NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING: Wednesday, March 2, 2022 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 9:45 am.

Joan Crooks, Recording Secretary