

BROOKINGS CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES OF MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6 , 2022 – 8:15 AM **BCCD DISTRICT BUILDING**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Darrell DeBoer, John Heylens, Rick Kerr, Jerry Oines, Brad Hanson
District Advisors: Mike Bjerke, Larry Jensen, Stephne Miller, Mark Stime

ABSENT: none

OTHERS PRESENT: Joan Crooks, Jon Finnegan, Jeremy Sova, Justin Pederson- Millborn Seeds

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the March 2, 2022 meeting were sent to the supervisors prior to this meeting. Oines moved to approve the minutes, second by DeBoer. 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 (3/31/2022)	\$ 58,314.37
Money Market II	\$ 50,800.67
Big Sioux Water Festival (<i>non-conservation district funds</i>)	\$ 16,342.10
Accounts Receivable (as of 4/5/2022)	\$ 147,270.04
Hand Plant Receivables (as of 4/5/2022)	\$ 43,003.23

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

Oines moved to accept the treasurer's report, second by Hanson. Motion carried.

RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS AND BILLS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT:

Oines moved, second by DeBoer, to approve the receipts and disbursements and the bills presented for payment including Agassiz Seed bill - \$28,526.58. Motion carried.

REPORT ON DISTRICT SERVICES & CORRESPONDENCE :

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

Vehicles/Equipment:

- Discussion on lease tractors – O’Keefes Implement indicated they will have one lease tractor for Brookings and one for Moody CD. Further discussion was held about purchasing a new or used tractor. The equipment committee will get quotes and meet to discuss options.
- Finnegan reported all equipment will be ready to go come spring. No major repairs to do, only general maintenance.
- **2022 District Services:** (est. acres) **BCCD Fabric** – 148,586 LF; **Moody Co. Fabric** – 67,510 LF (*40.9 miles*), **Machine Tree Planting** – 60 ac, **Hand Plants** – 210 orders, **Grass Seeding** – approx. 300 acres confirmed: (*200 acres waiting for confirmation*)

- **Nursery tree pick up/delivery schedule** – Finnegan will be picking up potted stock from Big Sioux next week. Other stock from Schumacher Nursery and deciduous from BSN is scheduled for the week of April 11. Baileys will be delivering the week of April 18 and April 25. No pick-up scheduled for Towner nursery yet, due to frost still in the ground. Hoping to have all the trees in by the end of April and to have the pre-ordered hand plants pick up the first week of May.

Big Sioux Nursery Board Appointment – Jon Finnegan has been appointed to the Big Sioux Nursery Board of Directors, representing the Vermillion/Big Sioux Area. Finnegan reported on the nursery “Teams” meeting he participated in.

EMPLOYEE/SUPERVISOR REPORT ON MEETINGS/EVENTS ATTENDED:

- **3/16/22** – E. SD Sil and Water Research Farm Annual Mtg was held at the Brookings Outdoor Adventure Center – Oines, Crooks and Stime reported on the meeting.
- **3/22/22** – Brookings Co. Pheasants Forever Banquet was held at the Swiftel Center – Finnegan and Kerr reported they had a tremendous turnout for the banquet.

MILLBORN SEEDS – Justin Pederson of Millborn Seeds visited about working more with the Brookings Conservation District on seed sales. No action taken.

FY2023 BROOKINGS COUNTY BUDGET REQUEST APPLICATION: DeBoer moved, second by Oines, to increase the BCCD request for FY 2023 from \$25,000 to \$35,000. Motion carried. Crooks will complete the application form and submit the requested information by the May 6, 2022 deadline.

SEASONAL EMPLOYEE INTERVIEWS/WAGES:

- Help wanted ads were posted on the BCCD website and Facebook page, the SDSU job site listing and Finnegan hung up flyers around the SDSU campus. We received only 2 applications to date. Finnegan hired Ron Lindgren. Wages were discussed. Heylens moved to pay Ron Lindgren and Harvey Shafer \$20/hour, Chuck Miller - \$25/hour and the tree crew \$17/hour. Seconded by Oines. Motion carried.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS:

- May 10 & 12, 2022 – Big Sioux Water Festival Virtual Programs, pre-recorded activities available April 15 thru the end of the school year.
- June 21, 2022 – Vermillion Big Sioux Area Meeting – 9:30 am – Montrose, SD
- Jun 27-28, 2022 – SDACDE Leadership Training - Pierre Ramkota
- 2022 SDACD Convention – Sep. 18-20, 2022 – Oacoma Arrowwood Cedar Shores
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NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING: Wednesday, May 4 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 10:12 am.

Joan Crooks, Recording Secretary