

Lincoln Conservation District
801 E 5th Street, Suite 2
Canton, SD 57013

March 21, 2013

Supervisors Present

Gene Thormodsgaard, Chairman
Lorin Brass, V Chrm
Nancy Bitterman, Treasurer
Merlyn Rennich
Craig Dittberner

Others Present

Lynda Johnson, Dist. Mgr
Deron Ruesch, NRCS
Brian Scott, Dept of Ag

Thormodsgaard called meeting to order.

Approval of the minutes of February 19, 2013 meeting. Motion by Brass and seconded by Dittberner to approve the minutes with corrections. All in favor Ayes have it. Motion carried.

All attendees are limited to 15 minutes to discuss their information.

Brian Scott-Department of Ag went over 2 modules of the Supervisor Accreditation. Johnson is to post results from supervisors; we will try and cover 2 modules at each meeting.

NRCS Report-Ruesch gave us a handout covering wetlands, CRP, EQIP, WHIP and CSP. There is still no continuous CRP at this time. Three seasonal high tunnel applications have been preapproved. NRCS has one organic application that has been preapproved. The Soil Health meeting had 21 attending.

Conservation Plan Report-There was two HEL plans to be signed and 1 Terrace plan. Motion by Rennich seconded by Dittberner to sign plans. All approved.

Board of Supervisors Report- Dittberner attended the Pattee Creek meeting and their board of Managers is requesting a grant through the district. Effective immediately the district will be charging Pattee Creek Watershed \$700.00 a year for secretarial work. Johnson is to keep track of all hours that she does work for Pattee Creek. After much discussion Dittberner mad a motion and seconded by Bitterman to apply for a grant to finish the project. All approved. Bitterman attended a meeting a couple of weeks ago at the Sioux Falls Sale Barn, SD Department of Ag hosted the meeting; finding out how much resistance there are from neighbors not wanting livestock around them. Some of the laws in South Dakota are quite strict in various counties.

March Financial Report-Motion by Rennich and seconded by Brass to pay all bills. Johnson is to transfer \$5,000.00 to checking from savings. And then transfer to our loan. All in favor, ayes have it. Motion carried.

Office/Manager Report-Johnson is to talk to Canton City Hall about if they have any land available for planting trees to grow and sell as they become larger. We talked about diversified funding opportunities. We will work on oath of offices at next meeting.

Johnson asked if she could have her Calc-n acre looked at, there is power to it, but it is not recording footage. It is okay to take it to Dave's Repair.

Johnson has not heard anything at this time about our financial audit. There was a motion by Brass and seconded by Bitterman to approve 2012 financial records.

New Business

Johnson furnished a report on estimates for trees, fabric, some hand plants and grass seed that have required an estimate. We have a total of \$67,512.75 to date with Johnson needing to do about 3 more estimates; NRCS has some on hold because there is no CRP at this time. We have 12.7 acres confirmed totaling 3,067 trees; we have 161 handplant orders totaling 2,088 trees, she has approximately 20 orders to enter into inventory yet. The grass drill business was discussed; we will lease a John Deere tractor again this year. Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Brass. All approved. Right now we have 60 acres confirmed. Johnson is getting most of the trees needed this year from Big Sioux Nursery; we are getting some from Schumacher's Nursery as well. We have 85 rolls of fabric on order and are locked in at \$98.00 a roll. Johnson needs to take inventory of staples. We may have to order more this year due to the wildlife plantings that we have. Johnson is asking if any supervisors would be willing to help with the Expo. There will be a wrap up meeting for the Sioux Empire Water Festival.

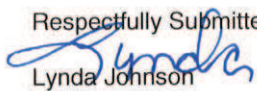
Unfinished Business

Executive session-nothing at this time.

Our next meeting will be April 16, 2013. Everyone is to bring \$5.00 to put towards pizza.

Meeting adjourned. Motion by Dittberner and seconded by Brass to adjourn. All in favor Aye. Motion carried. Ayes have it.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lynda", is written over the printed name.

Lynda Johnson
District Manager