

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

March 25, 2014

Supervisors Present

Gene Thormodsgaard, Chairman
Nancy Bitterman, Treasurer
Craig Dittberner

Others Present

Lynda Johnson, Dist. Mgr
Deron Ruesch, NRCS

Thormodsgaard called meeting to order.

Approval of the minutes of February 20, 2014 meeting. Motion by Dittberner and seconded by Bitterman to approve the minutes. All in favor, Ayes have it. Motion carried.

Jack Majeres from Moody Conservation District attended out meeting to discuss the Central Big Sioux Project. Discussed was having a joint powers agreement signed between both counties. Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Dittberner to accept agreement with corrections. All approved. Majeres explains what the watershed is doing; right now they are focusing on Skunk Creek; it is geared up just for grasslands. Recommends working on the tributary that is located in Lincoln County. Two potential animal waste management will be going through the Central Big Sioux water Project.

NRCS Report-a handout was given to everyone to review. Andrew Champa will be spending most of his time in Turner County; he is a NRCS wetland specialist. CSP has 5 applications, EQIP has 32 on file. Applications are being accepted for the Honey bees by planting cover crops. They hope it will help with pollinations. PPWGRP NRCS had training on it today.

Conservation Plan Report-No plans signed since last meeting.

Board of Supervisors Report- Thormodsgaard got the tires mounted on the grass drill. We talked of having a tire mounting kit on the trailer and have one of the "old" grass drill tires with a rim on the trailer. That way if something happened while using the drill, we are not completely shut down because of a tire. Johnson needed to correct some information on her job description.

March Financial Report-All bills will be paid except SDACD and NACD including Millborn seeds for \$300.00. Total of bills paid is \$533.73 Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Dittberner. Johnson is to also transfer money from savings to secured loan of \$1,100.00 all approved.

Office/Manager Report-Discussed Leadership meeting in Pierre, we will not donate at this time to Ag in the Classroom, and SD Wildlife Federation. Nobody has heard of the Beehive Company. Talked about getting a grant from Department of Ag for helping with communities. Johnson is to contact either Brian Scott or Bill Smith. We discussed our current job openings; Johnson let the board know that she will be working out at the shop and doing field work once the weather gets better.

New Business

We discussed the 2014 tree season; we have 5,700 trees sold for machine planting and 5,915 sold for hand plants. We have 14.62 acres of tress confirmed so far. We have 50 fabric rolls on order and will be installing 37,046'. Union conservation district has purchased 16 rolls. To date we have 67.6 grass seeding to be done by June 15th. The Water Festival was held March 18-19th and went very well. Johnson showed/gave the supervisors the notepads that we received. The Canton expo was held on March 22nd and Johnson felt it went well; Rennich helped in the morning. The Pattee Creek Watershed will be meeting on Thursday. We have not had anyone interested in the speech contest. Discussed customer who wants to hire the district to machine plant shrubs he received from another nursery; we will plant the trees for \$1,500.00, Johnson will type up and send contracts to him. Johnson is to put an ad in the Southeast Star for help wanted and to run the ad another week in the Sioux Valley News. She is also to get a hold of Russ Swanson, and see if she can refresh the ad at Craigslist. Johnson is to look for hydraulic jacks for drill.

Bitterman asked if they could go into executive session at 8:07, the Board of Supervisors exited the session 8:16 pm.

Our next meeting will be April 15, 2014 at 6:00 pm.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynda Johnson
District Manager