

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

February 19, 2016

Supervisors Present

Gene Thormodsgaard, Chairman
Lorin Brass, Vice Chairman
Nancy Bitterman, Treasurer
Merlyn Rennich

Others Present

Lynda Johnson, Dist. Mgr
Nyle Herbener NRCS
Michelle Burke, BFSO NRCS
Jack Majeres, Moody Conservation Supervisor

Thormodsgaard called meeting to order.

Approval of the minutes of January 19, 2016 meeting. Motion by Brass and seconded by Bitterman to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Michelle Burke introduced herself, she covers 21 counties in her supervisor position. She is trying to attend each district board meetings. She talked about the programs that NRCS is involved with. Told us to contact her anytime if we have any questions.

Jack Majeres introduced himself-he handed out the working agreement with Lincoln and Moody Conservation Districts. Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Brass to resign the agreement. Discussed the concern with possible changing the supervisor terms. Discussed SD-2 river basin natural resource districts. We also discussed SD Department of Agriculture wanting to increase our fees for our nursery license.

NRCS Report-Herbener gave us a handout discussing CRP, CSP and EQIP.

Conservation Plan Report- no plans at this time.

Board of Supervisors Report- Thormodsgaard removed batteries from the tractor and Chevy.

February Financial Report-Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Brass to pay all but SDACD and NACD dues. All approved.

Office/Manager Report- Discussed Department of Ag wanting to increase our nursery inspection fee. We had to get a different laptop, Supervisor Petitions were signed for Brass, Thormodsgaard, and Rennich. Bitterman will be giving hers to Johnson. We are to start looking for a replacement for Rennich, he would like to step down from the board, he would still help Johnson if she needs it.

We have 9.73 acres confirmed for machine planting for 2016 and 3.77 non confirmed. We discussed the grass drill program at great lengths, we signed the proposal for Minnehaha with the changes. The board came up with drill prices to figure out what our drill is worth we feel the drill is worth \$15,000.00.

Johnson will be ordering promotional items soon for the 75th anniversary. Johnson discussed the Cracker Barrel Session she attended. She was able to talk to all legislators about the nursery increases and the proposed revision of open meeting laws. Discussed getting info to the schools for Arbor Day and Speech Contest. The Sioux Empire Water Festival will be held March 9th-10th at the USF campus, Rennich, Thormodsgaard and Brass would volunteer.

There is a leadership conference in Pierre March 9th-10th, Johnson will be attending. The Pattee Creek Watershed will be having their meeting March 22nd at 10:00, We tabled the NACD evaluation to next month.

The next meeting will be March 15, 2016 at 6:00 pm.

The board entered into executive session to discuss a legal matter.

Meeting adjourned. Motion by Brass and seconded by Bitterman to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynda Johnson



District Manager