

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

January 19, 2016

Supervisors Present

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

Others Present

Lynda Johnson, Dist. Mgr
Deron Ruesch, NRCS

Thormodsgaard called meeting to order.

Approval of the minutes of December 15, 2015 meeting. Motion by Brass and seconded by Rennich to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Election of Officers-Motion by Rennich and seconded by Bitterman for officers to remain the same. All approved.

NRCS Report-Ruesch discussed they have 17 certified wetlands, they are going through CRP re-enrolls and 25 new applications looking at eligibility. Working on payments for terraces, doing planning for EQIP for a meeting February 23rd with are counties for ranking. Ruesch will be going to Alabama for area wide conservation planning.

Conservation Plan Report-There was 1 modification plan. Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Brass to approve plan. All approved.

Board of Supervisors Report- Discussed election process for supervisors that could affect supervisors.

January 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, Johnson informed the board that our laptop is crashing more and more. We will see how things go, and know that if it doesn't start again that we will be needing a replacement.

We have 8.66 acres confirmed for machine planting for 2016. We discussed the grass drill program at great lengths, we are to have MCD revise the proposal that they have submitted to us. When we sign this proposal does this mean it becomes a contract? We would like to see a financial report for MCD for their 10' drill for the 2015 season. We will research drill prices and find out what our drill is worth. We feel that Pfeifer Implement doing the appraisal is conflict of interest. Bitterman made a motion to add right of refusal to the proposal; seconded by Rennich. All approved.

Johnson will be ordering promotional items soon for the 75th anniversary. There will be a cracker barrel session with our legislators on February 7th at the Pizza Ranch in Canton. 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 in Pierre, the board of supervisors want Johnson to attend. NACD evaluation tabled to next month.

Johnson's had her yearly review.

The next meeting will be February 16, 2016 at 6:00 pm.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynda Johnson



District Manager