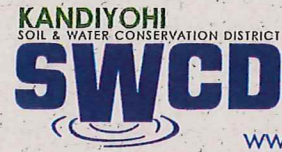




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The Board of Supervisors of the Kandiyohi Soil and Water Conservation District held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 18, 2020 in the Kandiyohi SWCD Shed.

Chairperson Youngkrantz called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

Present at the meeting were Ron Dilley, Doug Hanson, Brandon Smith, Donnel Williamson, and Jane Youngkrantz. Also present were Ellie Dittes, Conservation Technician, Sandy Laumer, Office Manager, Ryan Peterson, RIM Coordinator, Rick Reimer, District Administrator, Melanie Dickman, NRCS District Conservationist, and Aaron Wilson, Pheasants Forever Farm Bill Biologist.

Chairperson Youngkrantz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vouchers were prepared.

Secretary's Report was presented. Motion by Smith, second by Dilley to approve the minutes at the regular meeting on July 14, 2020. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Dilley, Hanson, Smith, Williamson, and Youngkrantz. Motion carried.

Smith read through the bills for reviewal and payments and presented the Treasurer's Report and Outstanding Bills as listed in the agenda. A motion was made by Hanson, second by Williamson to approve the Treasurer's Report. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Dilley, Hanson, Smith, Williamson, and Youngkrantz. Motion carried.

Motion by Smith, second by Hanson to approve the Memorandum of Agreement Between the NRCS and Kandiyohi SWCD. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Dilley, Hanson, Smith, Williamson, and Youngkrantz. Motion carried.

Peterson's staff report included: seeding expenses handout; 3 CREP applications have been approved; working on site inspections; working on seed projects; paperwork for Troy Everson project completed; brought 4 wheeler to Pennock to get fixed; and have 2 people interested in Grassland Reserve Program.

Dickman's NRCS Report included: have 16 Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) Renewals; 4 Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) funded; letter has been sent to landowners with CSP to get documentation on timely basis; and should be receiving list of applicants for Soil Conservationist position.

Wilson's Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) report included Friday is the deadline to have offers accepted and have about 200 contracts.

Motion by Williamson, second by Smith to approve payment for cost share contract SWCD 1FY19 Troy Everson for WASCOB Project in the amount of \$3,917.25. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Dilley, Hanson, Smith, Williamson, and Youngkrantz. Motion carried.

Motion by Smith, second by Hanson to approve cost share contract 1FY19 Green Lake County Park for shoreline stabilization in the amount of \$4,905. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Dilley, Hanson, Smith, Williamson, and Youngkrantz. Motion carried.

Dittes led discussion on the Nonstructural Land Management Policy and a couple of changes were made and the policy was approved by BWSR.

Discussion on the new signs was held and included: 3 signs have been installed; haven't been able to contact anyone to put sign up on Hwy 23; and the old sign is still up on Hwy 40 and Reimer will look into removing the old sign.

Discussion on the Conservation Farmer nomination included: there will not be a convention this year but we will honor Sandy Plains Farms at a local level; will write article for the local newspapers; and we will look into seeing if we can do something with WRAC 8.

Dittes led discussion on the Fall Newsletter and staff will start working on articles and if board members would like to write article or have any suggestions, they should let her know.

Motion by Hanson, second by Dilley to approve 2021 Outreach and Implementation Grant Agreement in the amount of \$64,500. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Dilley, Hanson, Smith, Williamson, and Youngkrantz. Motion carried.

Reimer's District Administrator Report included: listened to Area 2 zoom meeting; 5 tree site visits; 6 lakeshore visits; working on Shakopee Creek Stabilization project; had WCA TEP Panel meeting; North Fork Crow Technical Meeting; Tensen Marine WCA visits; Hultgren Bank TEP visit; worked on CREP Outreach Grant; working with County Highway Dept on County Park 1; Hawk Creek Steering team meeting; Hawk Creek Goals and Objectives meeting; writing Parks to Prairie Grant for City of Willmar projects; Rain garden project with Calvary Church and Richard Meier on Green Lake; added 3 staff to roster to help with RCPP; left message with DNR on Lake Lillian access; and in September new nitrogen rate and timing application from Dept of Ag.

Dittes staff report included: working on buffer compliance monitoring in 6 townships; working with landowners on MAWQCP applications and setting up field visits; set up funding from MDA for Cover Crops through MAWQCP for landowner; met with Sandy Plains Farms and working on write up for Conservation Farmer nomination; followed up on NLMP and it was approved; on Conservation Conversation on August 5th; have Hawk Creek Steering team committee meeting on Thursday; and helped with Nature Night at Stingers Game on August 9th.

Laumer's staff report included: 2019 audit has been completed and need signature on representation letter; grants reconciliation on 2019 SWCD Capacity Grant completed everything was good; sent final progress report for 2018 CREP Grant to close out grant; listened to Area 2 meeting through zoom; received MCIT dividend notice and will be receiving dividend in the amount of \$1,652; got health insurance quotes from SW/WC Coop and PEIP; staff meeting minutes; and received funds for 2021 Conservation Delivery and 2021 State Cost Share Grants.

Motion by Smith, second by Williamson to renew health insurance with the SW/WC Coop in 2021. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Dilley, Hanson, Smith, Williamson, and Youngkrantz. Motion carried.

Smith led discussion on the amount for the 2021 CREP Grant and Laumer explained that Peterson reviewed the number of hours anticipated to work on CREP and the amount was adequate.

Hanson questioned whether we were still using the walk-up windows and if you needed an appointment. Laumer reported that the windows were still being used and you don't need an appointment.

Youngkrantz reported that she received notice on a wellhead protection meeting and would be attending the meeting.

Youngkrantz led discussion on strategic planning which included: need to define goals; set long term plans; discussed shared services; and she has been getting information from other districts.

Motion by Smith, second by Williamson to adjourn the meeting. The meeting is adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Ronald Dilley 9/16/20
Ron Dilley, Secretary Date