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The Day County Conservation District's monthly Board Meeting was held on August 7, 2017 at 9:00am at the USDA conference room in Webster. With the following in attendance Frank James, Mark Brandlee, Steve Sigdestad, Todd Kaufman, Cindy Zenk, Misti Taylor, Matt Hubers, Matt Streier, and Pat Rickerl.

Chairman Brandlee brought the meeting to order at 9:00am. Motion by James and seconded by Sigdestad to approve the agenda. All voted aye. Motion carried. Minutes from the July board meeting, and special interview meeting were presented. James moved to approve the minutes as given. Sigdestad seconded it. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was given by Taylor. Moved by James seconded by Sigdestad to accept the treasurer's report as presented. All voted aye. Motion Carried.

DCCD approved contracts # 175-176.

NRCS report— Hubers updated board on programs, NRCS has been busy with emergency haying and grazing requests. Discussion on CRP releasing whole fields for emergency haying/grazing and WRE haying/grazing. They have also been working on CSP reenrolls. Trying to meet with producers before the busy harvest season begins. Waterbank application eligibility was received – 11 apps out of approximately 18 in Day will be funded. Funded apps screened high/very high. EQIP funding from DU has been approved and Hubers will have more information by next board meeting.

Lake Project report... Taylor reported the Lake and Stream Ecology workshop had about 29 participants, with 25 actual participants, excluding children and foreign exchange students that attended with their families. The workshop went well. NEGL received notification on CCG and DENR contracts. Segment 4 of the project started Aug. 1 through DENR funds. Funds from CCG will cover what DENR is unable to cover. About 4 contracts are completed and will be paid soon. Hubers left the meeting, Kaufman, Streier and Rickerl entered.

Board Member Update:

Old Business:

- Discussion on improvements at the shed. Repair costs will be checked into for the Weedbadger, due to service inquiry.
- Taylor updated the board on the SDACD area meeting.
- Taylor updated board on NEGL workshop

New Business:

- Streier and Rickerl presented information on Aflac to the board. James motioned to proceed with enrollment and have the employees meet and discuss options

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with Streier and Rickerl. Sigdestad seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried. Taylor will report back to the board which policies are of interest to the employees.

- Discussion on SDACD current resolutions (speech contest theme and petition numbers needed by individuals for board positions).
- Discussion on SDACD booth at state fair Aug. 31 - Sept. 4.
- 123 to the Refuge is tentatively set for Sept. 7
- SDACD convention will be held Sept. 17 – Sept 19 in Sioux Falls. Taylor asked for 4 rooms for Day County in the lottery system.
- Discussion on SDPAA election to be held Oct. 4th.
- Legislative Banquet is October 16th, at the Galley. Addresses have been collected and invitations will be sent out soon.
- Annual report from CCSP was presented.
- Options were discussed for payroll and banking while Taylor is on maternity leave this winter. James motioned to train Ashton Case in QuickBooks. Sigdestad seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried. James motioned to add Case to all bank accounts. Sigdestad seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried. Taylor and Case will be added to all checking, savings, and safety deposit accounts, and Zenk will be removed from all banking accounts.

Taylor updated board on 2017 district services.

Correspondence: SDML Workers' Comp Fund, SDACD, SD DENR, John Thune, CCG Grant certification, Letter to manager applicants, CCSP annual report, No-Till Farmer Mag.

******Next meeting was scheduled for September 11th at 9am at USDA Conf**

Room****

Kaufman moved to adjourn the meeting and James seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Joel Butler, Secretary

Dates to remember:

September 4th Office Closed for Labor Day

September 6th EcoEd Day - Fort Sisseton

September 7th 123 to the Refuge

September 17th – 19th SDACD Convention - Sioux Falls

September 27th NE Land and Range Contest

September 28th Northern Prairie Water festival—Aberdeen

October 16th Legislative Banquet the Galley