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The Day County Conservation District's monthly Board Meeting was held November 6, 2017 at 9:00am at the USDA conference room in Webster. With the following in attendance Frank James, Mark Brandlee, Todd Kaufman, Dennis Skadsen, Misti Taylor, and Matt Hubers.

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

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

DCCD approved contracts # 188-191.

NRCS report— Hubers updated board on programs, CSP payments have started. NRCS has been working with producers to complete EQIP and CSP 2017 scheduled practices. CSP renewals and new contracts have been keeping them busy. CSP in 2018 will be the same as the new CSP program started in 2017 and is based more on applied acres and not blanket amounts. Discussion on CSP payments, improvement opportunities, and questions on program in general. Webster had over 30 EQIP applications with the most recent application period. Christi Koehler will be out of office for 3 months, while working in McIntosh, SD.

Lake Project report... Skadsen reported NEGL will no longer be receiving promised funds that had been reverted back to the DENR. A shortage in the state's budget has caused a reduction in money available. NEGL will have enough funding to cover wages, but will have less to implement practices. Discussion on property at Enemy Swim Lake and impacts on water quality. A few RAM contracts were picked up during the recent open up in CRP. Discussion on new CRP rental rates.

Board Member Update:

Old Business:

- Discussion on improvements at the shed. Tree planter has had safety gate installed. A hose on one of the tractors broke and had to be replaced. Discussion on laws applying to selling equipment
- Discussion on seed and seed sales: Taylor has not reached an agreement with Hansmeiers and will try to work something out for 2018, 12 seed orders were placed with the district for the fall resulting in a \$20,000 bill to Millborn for next month, discussion on over winter seed storage to keep mice out of seed – motion by James and seconded by Kaufman to purchase a metal container for the seed at the shed. All voted aye, motion carried.
- Taylor updated board on the tree spade loan through the SD Dept. of Ag. The yearly payment of \$5,448.95 was made in October and 2 payments remain. The spade will be paid off in 2019.
- Taylor reported DCCD contributed \$350 to NACD in 2017 for annual dues. Motion by Kaufman and seconded by James to contribute \$350 again for 2018. All voted aye, motion carried
- The Christmas Banquet will be held Dec. 4 at Pont's in Pierpont. Social will start at 6:30, with a meal at 7. December's board meeting will be held at 6 before the banquet begins. Menu will be roast beef with mashed potatoes or haddock with baked potato, green beans, dinner roll, and cheesecake.

New Business:

- Two scholarship applications were received this year. Motion by Kaufman to pay \$250 to each student. Seconded by James. All voted aye, motion carried.
- Discussion on NACD board survey. Taylor will submit survey and check with Angela Ehlers on training modules.
- A donation request was received from NeSoDak Bible Camp. Decision to table donation until next year when more board members are present
- Discussion on getting a district credit card. Motion by James and seconded by Kaufman to get a card through Dacotah Bank. All voted aye, motion carried. Taylor will contact the Day County Auditor to see what kind of card they use. After speaking to the Auditor, Taylor will look into getting a pre-paid card, credit card, or debit card through Dacotah Bank.
- Ashton Case left a list of safety considerations before leaving the district. Discussion on the list. Summer employees should review the list and initial the document before beginning work for the year. Taylor will look to see if a dress code is spelled out in the employee manual.
- The annual Farm Show will be Jan 26 – 27. NRCS and FSA are interested in doing a joint booth with the district. A slide show will be shown at the booth and Cindy Zenk will be asked to be a guest speaker on the SD Soil Health Coalition.
- Information on John Thune's ideas for Farm Bill 2018 was distributed.
- Due to Ashton Case leaving the district, motion made by Kaufman and seconded by James to remove Case from the bank accounts and add Heather Beisch in her place. All voted aye, motion carried

Personnel – Executive Session:

- Chairman Brandlee called an executive session at 11:00 AM to discuss bonuses. Motion by Kaufman and seconded by James to enter executive session. All voted aye, motion carried
- Chairman Brandlee declared the executive session finished at 11:30. After coming out of executive session. Kaufman made a motion to approve bonus amounts discussed during executive session. James seconded. All voted aye, motion carried.

Taylor updated board on 2017 district services. Dormant seeding is going well. Taylor reported information on gopher machines. Motion made by James and seconded by Kaufman to collect bids from Northside and RDO on similar models. Bids will be collected after more research on models available is completed.

Correspondence: Case Resignation Letter, Speech Contest Info, ITC Service Letter, NACD Renewal Letter, Water Festival Thank You, SDPAA Press Release.

******Next meeting was scheduled for December 4th at 6am at Pont's Pub and Grill******

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

Respectfully submitted,

Joel Butler, Secretary

Dates to remember:

November 10th Veterans' Day (Observed) office closed
November 23rd Thanksgiving office closed
November 29th Conservation Commission Meeting Pierre
December 4th Christmas Banquet
December 25th Christmas office closed
January 1st New Year's Day office closed
January 26th and 27th Webster Area Farm Show