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The Day County Conservation District's monthly Board Meeting was held January 8, 2018 at 6:00pm at Pont's Pub in Grill in Pierpont. This meeting also served as the December 2017 meeting, as Dec's meeting had been canceled due to inclement weather. With the following in attendance Frank James, Mark Brandlee, Todd Kaufman, Dennis Skadsen, and Matt Hubers.

Chairman Brandlee brought the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Motion by James and seconded by Butler to approve the agenda. All voted aye. Motion carried. Minutes from the November board meeting were presented. James moved to approve the minutes as given. Butler seconded it. All voted aye. Motion carried.

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

DCCD approved contracts # 192 -197.

NRCS report—

Lake Project report... Skadsen reported one RAM contract had been signed and documentation for commission grant had been received and needed signatures. Brandlee signed grant contract.

Board Member Update:

Old Business:

- Discussion annual banquet. Duties were assigned to the board members and award details were reviewed.
- Discussion on improvements at the shed. Motion by James and seconded by Butler to table decision on metal storage container until next meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried. Misti Taylor reported via notes that RDO is running specials on drill parts and labor during January, and they offered to preform a free assessment for the district. Once they complete the assessment, they will contact Taylor with repair recommendations. Taylor also reported the hitch tongue on the Truax drill snapped towards the end of fall planting and had to be repaired. The grey pickup had a new throttle body installed. All equipment has been packed away for winter.
- Motion by James and seconded by Kaufman to table discussion on the district credit card until next meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried.
- Discussion on Farm Show. It was decided not to have a booth this year due to low availability from staff and board.
- Discussion on gopher machine. Prices need to be set for renting the machine. Prices and purchasing discussions tabled until next meeting.

New Business:

- Discussion on endowment fund donation. Motion by Kaufman to donate \$100 to SDACD Endowment Fund in honor of long-time board member Marv Burry. Seconded by Sigdestad. All voted aye. Motion carried.
- Discussion on funding opportunities. The water development grant out of Hamlin and the multi county tree grant out of Marshall were both approved and now available for producers in Day County. Due to a budget revision, Marshall needed an updated Joint Powers

agreement signed. Motion by Butler to sign. Seconded by James. All voted aye. Motion carried. Brandlee signed new agreement.

- Discussion on upcoming Soil Health Workshop in Eden
- Discussion on mulch tiler available for sale from Brookings County. DCCD currently has no interest in purchasing.
- SDACD Membership Dues are due. Motion by James and seconded by Kaufman to pay \$925.00 for the 2018 season. All voted aye. Motion carried.
- A donation request was made for SDSU Ag Day. Motion by Butler to donate \$50. Sigdestad seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.
- The Area Speech Contest will be held in Aberdeen on April 5th at 1:00pm at the USDA Service Center. Motion by James to donate \$20. Seconded by Sigdestad. All voted aye. Motion carried. A date for the local contest will be set at a later time.
- Changes to the SDPAA agreement contract were reviewed. Motion by Kaufman, seconded by James to approve changes and sign new agreement. All voted aye. Motion carried

Personnel – Executive Session:

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Correspondence: Zenk thank you, SD Dept. of Ag license plate renew notice, SDPA training opportunities.

******Next meeting was scheduled for Feb. 5 at 9:30am at USDA Service Center Conference Room******

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

Respectfully submitted,

Joel Butler, Secretary

Dates to remember:

Feb. 19 – President’s Day – office closed

Feb. 21 – Soil Health Workshop @ Eden

April 5 – Area Speech Contest @ Aberdeen

April 27 – Arbor Day