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The Day County Conservation District's monthly Board Meeting was held March 13, 2018 at 1:00pm at the USDA conference room in Webster. With the following in attendance Frank James, Mark Brandlee, Todd Kaufman, Steve Sigdestad, Joel Butler, Dennis Skadsen, Randy Meidinger, Misti Taylor, and Matt Hubers.

Chairman Brandlee brought the meeting to order at 1:00pm. Motion by James and seconded by Kaufman to approve the agenda. All voted aye. Motion carried. Minutes from the February board meeting were presented. James moved to approve the minutes. Butler 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. Outstanding accounts will be turned over to small claims if balance is not received by April's billing. Taylor will visit with Linda Hoberg, the finance officer with the City of Webster, about the yearly audit.

**NRCS report**— Hubers reported finishing up CSP payments. There have been 21 new apps for the current CSP signup, deadline to apply is March 16. 1 EQIP application from Day was funded. Some funding has been shifted around and another 1 or 2 apps may be funding because of that. Funding always goes quickly – larger projects take more money. Spink Co. is planning a soil health tour June 28-29. Christi Koehler has returned to Webster.

**Lake Project report...** Skadsen reported NEGL has applied for a \$5,000 grant through SD Game, Fish, and Parks Wildlife Diversity Grant to perform an invert survey this spring and fall. About 20 sites will be sampled for 5 insect families, including mayflies, stoneflies, damselflies/dragonflies, caddisflies, and alderflies/fishflies. No baseline data is available for most sites. NEGL has also been busy with judging science fairs and prepping for environmental education. 3 schools have confirmed EE at NeSoDak and Big Sioux Water Fest will also be this spring. RAM is shut down until CRP is open again, but there should be 8-9 stream crossings for the next year.

**Board Member Update:** Brandlee reported wildlife, including pheasants and coyotes, are out in good numbers. Sigdestad gave a recap on the recent Soil Health Event in Eden, noting the economics and interseeding discussions.

#### **Old Business:**

- Discussion improvements at the shed. Weed Badger was sold for \$150. The current no-till drill will be repaired with a budget of \$4,000-5,000, fixing only necessary parts-boots, disks, etc. Gopher machine is ordered and will be able to be used soon. Due to the large number of new employees, training opportunities for equipment should be looked into.
- Motion by James and seconded by Sigdestad to give requested \$100 to Marshall County Conservation District for the Soil Health Event in Eden. All voted aye. Motion carried.
- Taylor gave a recap on Leadership and the Big Sioux Nursery annual meeting.
- Discussion on NACD annual convention.

#### **New Business:**

- Motion by Butler and seconded by James to give \$50 in honor of Myrene Hanson to the SDACD Endowment Fund. Myrene was the late wife of former board member, Alden Hanson. All voted aye, motion carried.

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- Meidinger presented a grant opportunity to purchase an interseeder for use by the district. The interseeder would be shared among 1-2 other districts, and districts would offer in-kind funds match for the project. Discussion on pros/cons of participating. Motion by Kaufman to write a letter of support and participate in the opportunity. Seconded by Sigdestad. Kaufman, Sigdestad, Butler and Brandlee voted aye, James voted nay. Motion carried.
- Discussion on placing a bid for spraying weeds for Day County. Motion by James and seconded by Butler to not place a bid for 2018. All voted aye. Motion carried.
- Discussion on annual reports. Motion by Kaufman to add gopher machine to list of services, and keep other items the same as 2017. Seconded by Sigdestad. All voted aye, motion carried.
- Discussion on DU open house promoting RCPP. Meidinger exited the meeting.
- Discussion on renewal rates/deductibles for SDPAAA insurance. Motion by Butler, seconded by James to keep deductibles the same for 2018. All voted aye, motion carried.
- Discussion on legislative update.

**Personnel – Executive Session:**

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**Correspondence:** Case Thank You, Western Area Power Administration

**\*\*\*\*Next meeting was scheduled for April 2 at 10am at USDA Service Center Conference Room\*\*\*\***

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

Respectfully submitted,

Joel Butler, Secretary

Dates to remember:

March 14 1:30-3:30 – DU RCPP open house

March 28 – Local Speech Contest

March 31 – Karst Scholarship Apps Du

April 5 – Area Speech Contest @ Aberdeen

April 21 – Earth Day

April 27 – Arbor Day