

SHERIDAN COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
 REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
 APRIL 9, 2004 @ 8:00 A.M.
 USDA BUILDING

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Jeff Wivholm, Chairman. Those present Jon Bolstad, Rom Hedges, Kent Nathe, Tim Holte, Bruce Jacobsen, supervisors; Todd Marsh and Steve Hove, associate supervisors; Monica Friedrich, NRCS; Randy Phelan, NRCS; Mike Christofferson, Roosevelt CD; Mickey McCall, Thelma of SCCD.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No public comments.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Tim Holte	263.40	E-Z Bakery	10.20
Kent. Nathe	310.53		
Bruce Jacobsen	146.45		
Rom Hedges	186.03		
Jeff Wivholm	324.39		
Jon Bolstad	214.74		
L. Ann Rosemore	45.00		
KATQ	25.00		
Valley Tele	51.67		
ACE	7.56	Dep in M. Fund	
Postmaster (Wagner)	4.05	Nelson Farm	192.00
Mt. Tech	13,597.04	St of Mt	26,862.02
KATQ Farm Expo	60.00	SC Treas (Feb)	50.15
M. Adair (adv wells)	2500.00	R. Schmitz (water Tubes)	356.80
Valley Tele	47.23	Christensen Corp	107.20
Rock Mtn (dep)	10.00	Tommerup (Jan, Feb)	600.00
T. Williams	1068.52	St of Mt (CAP grant)	6000.00
NACD	321.86	Max Aasheim (aerway)	277.50
Hi Line (GPS case)	15.95	DEPOSITS IN CHECK	2-12 3000.00
Ace (battery)	6.49		3-10 4000.00
Gaffney (CD)	24.99		3-15 14000.00
KATQ	25.00		4-7 4000.00
M McCall	1154.56		3-24 2500.00
Unemploy Tax	46.26		
Mt Dep Rev	129.00		
Mt State (Fed)	995.74		

Jon made the motion to approve the bills already and to pay all need approval bills. Tim seconded. Carried.

MINUTES OF MARCH 9, 2004:

Jon made the motion to approve the minutes. Kent seconded. Carried.

NRCS –MONICA:

EQIP ranking—Seventeen out of forty will be funded. There is \$84,000 left in the 0-\$10,000 category. The supervisor's decision was to move some of the funds to the \$20,000 and above category to help fund another contract and the remaining will go into the \$10-20,000 category. Tim made the above motion and Jon seconded. Carried. Tim made the motion to have Friday, April 16 as the cut off date for ranking of EQIP. Bruce seconded. Carried. Four operators have not responded to the phone calls. They will have until Friday.

Spot Checks- Letters went out to producers that are on the random spot check list.

Buckie will do the spot checks from the plane.

USFW tour will be May 19 & 20. Dave White and Carrie Mosley will be here for the tour.

Dave White – Piping Plover—There is EQIP dollars if anyone is interested in putting in a Piping Plover habitat.

Resource survey- We have had good response from the survey we placed in our newsletter.

The supervisors signed a continuous CRP contract for David Thuesen. (trees)

MINI GRANT –Casey Osksa

Casey presented his “Mini Grant” application to the board. The grant monies will go toward his green house project. Bruce made the motion to sponsor the grant. Jon seconded. Carried.

MICKEY McCALL—Technician

Mileage- Mickey will use his own pickup is needed this summer. The district will see how much the mileage will cost before they discuss purchasing a vehicle.

GIS training in Miles City- Mickey reported the training to be very informative.

Rolling River training in Sidney- Mickey attended and reported to be a worthwhile training.

Mickey met with Deb Madison and Kris Terrel of the tribes. The tribes are willing to share data collected on the Muddy. They will need to summarize four years of research data.

Aquifer test is completed on Orvis Nelson's. The test ran for 72 hrs. at 850-890 gal per minute. The total drawdown in 72 hrs was 12 ft.

The public notice for this well will be in the paper for the next 2 weeks.

Jon Reiten added several more wells to be monitored both weekly and monthly.

LEP grant for Big Muddy Watershed for \$50,000. Mickey will go to the leadership training in Miles City and then on to Helena to testify for the grant.

RC&D – nothing has been done as far as splitting the area.

NEW BUSINESS:

Research Farm – Mike Christofferson

ARS will pay \$400 per mo. All year to rent a shed. The Roosevelt and Sheridan districts will get prices on the pole shed 50x100'. Jon and Tim were appointed to the committee

along with Mike Christofferson. Jon made the motion to pursue at least a 5yr lease on the proposed building. Bruce seconded. Carried.

Moisture tubes-

The supervisors suggested letters be written to producers letting them know we will not mandate the use of moisture tubes but we will require some method of water management/or plan. They (irrigators) will need to let us know what alternative management plan they are going to use. We will offer the tubes to anyone who may want them.

Wagner- Tim made a motion we write the county committee and ask if we have any recourse as far as an assignment for part of his CRP payment. Bruce seconded. Carried. We sent several statements and two registered letters (he did not pick up the registered letters). He was reached by phone once and promised to come in or call to arrange payments. He never came in.

Administrative grant- Chairman Wivholm signed the grant application.

Grass Drills- We put an ad on the radio. Someone borrowed the drills last fall and had not returned them.

Area Conservationist Randy Phelan- The supervisors discussed our concerns regarding our engineering workload with Randy. He assured the district it would be taken care of. The next full time technician position will be in Plentywood. Randy stated he hoped he would be able to fill the position this summer.

WATER RESERVATION:

The board wrote to DNRC- Bud Clinch requesting more water.

CORRESPONDENCE & PASSAROUND FILE:

The supervisors looked through these files.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 10:00.

Our May meeting will be held in the evening.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

APPROVED

Thelma Williams
Office Manager

Jeff Wivholm, Chairman
Date