

SHERIDAN COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
MARCH 9, 2004 @ 9:00 AM.
USDA BUILDING

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Jeff Wivholm, Chairman. Those present were Kent Nathe, Rom Hedges, Tim Holte, Jon Bolstad, supervisors; Monica NRCS; Mickey and Thelma from the District.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No public comments.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

EZ Bakery	6.90	Ace	7.56
Gateway	1059.00	KATQ	25.00
Mickey McCall	685.63		
T. Williams	987.48	Deposit in M. Fund	
NACD	500.00	J Bolstad (water)	229.40
MACD	685.22	SC Treas	133.08
		R. Sampsen	264.40
		Tri-Henke	239.40
		Elaine Onstad	473.80
		N Andersen	107.20

Tim made the motion to accept the bills already paid and to pay all need approval bills. Kent seconded. Carried.

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 2004:

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

NRCS - MONICA:

EQIP- Oil seed crops will be cost shared as well as legumes. The deadline for EQIP sign up was Feb. 15. We have 50 contracts to rank. Ryan was not hired as a permanent tech. The techs in Jordan, Glasgow and Chinook were hired as permanent.

Dave White led us to believe Plentywood would be one of the offices to get a permanent tech.

USFW - TIM CONNOL Y- The meeting held at the Blue Moon was very informative. They have money available to fund several different projects. They did loose some funding to the Pheasants Program. May 19-20 they will sponsor a tour-"Spring Wetlands Tour". Tim Solberg will help with the tour. Tim will do the tour on some WRP. USFW will place a technician in our area to help get their different programs going.

R. Sampsen EQIP appeal will take place on April 13. He wants to put a feed lot on state land.

Spring run off- The state estimates that 2-3" of moisture is in the snow. The volume will be 1600 -2200 ac to drain into Box Elder dam. The useable storage for the dam is about 3500 ac. Ft.

Walleyes have approval from the area engineer to install toilets at the dam. They will need approval from the city.

NRCS has money to help the county with water control structures. Last year the county commissioners chose to do the work with county funds.

The board signed a plan for breaking farmstead areas for Elaine Onstad. A plan for Chad Olson on renovating cropland and a revised CRP tree planting for Robert Hallesy.

TECHNICIAN MICKEY:

The computer should be here today. We purchased a computer a little less expensive than the one we had originally ordered.

Mickey has recorded new radio programs,

Mickey has been unable to get to the wells due to weather conditions. The recorders need to be changed but the data loggers are still running.

Mickey will meet with Deb Madison on Friday. This meeting will be to coordinate the water sampling on the muddy with the tribes.

RC&D- Nothing has been done on reorganization.

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor training- Interest was shown in the training but April will likely be a bad time as far as springs work.

Mickey will attend the Rolling River training in Sidney on March 16.

Research farm meeting on March 11 in Culbertson at the FSA building. The meeting at the Blue Moon in February was not well attended due to weather conditions.

ARS would like a building to store machinery.

It was suggested the Districts build one and rent it back to ARS. ARS would like grain storage also. The suggestion was to put up some little twisters for crop storage. ARS wants control over what is planted so they can do crop rotations for research. Jeff and Jon will attend the March meeting.

Terry Wagner- The board suggested we send another certified letter.

Conservation Farmer- Eldon Krogstad, McCoy Farm, Jim Clark, Gary Stromberg, Neil Anderson were names suggested. Jon made the motion to choose Eldon Krogstad. Tim seconded. Carried. Jon will present the award. If Jon can't Jeff will present the award APO- The supervisors reviewed the new APO. Kent made a motion to approve. Tim seconded. Carried.

WATER RESERVATION:

Jon made the motion and Kent seconded to apply for more water. Tim will write the letter to Bud Clinch requesting more water. We will request about 9000 ac. Ft. A copy of the letter will be sent to Tedd Gutzke for the refuge.

PASS AROUND & CORRESPONDENCE: The supervisors looked through the files.

ADJOURNMENT:

Jon made a motion for adjournment. Kent seconded,

Respectfully submitted,

Approved

Thelma Williams
Office Manager

Jeff Wivholm, Chairman
Date: