

# MORTON COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT MINUTES OF MEETING

9:30 a.m. Thursday, June 8th, 2017

9:30 a.m. CDT - USDA Service Center – 2450 Overlook Lane Mandan, ND 58554

I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ted Becker at 9:30am.

II. **ROLL CALL**

Beth McCleary	Rocky Bateman	Don Tanaka
Brandon Schafer	Jim Hopfauf	Duane Olsen
Adam Pachi	Travis Rossow	Sam Halstengard
Michele Doyle	Richard Tokach	Cole Chappa
Ted Becker	Aaron Steckler	

**Absent**

Travis Wolf

III. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** – Aaron made a motion, seconded by Richard, to approve the May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017 meeting minutes.

**Motion Carried**

**Voting Aye (4)**

Ted Becker	Richard Tokach
Jim Hopfauf	Aaron Steckler

**Voting No (0)**

Rocky Bateman Arrived at the Meeting

IV. **TREASURER'S REPORT** - Jim made a motion, seconded by Aaron, to approve both the District and 319 Financial Report as submitted by Beth McCleary.

**Motion Carried**

**Voting Aye (5)**

Ted Becker	Richard Tokach
Jim Hopfauf	Aaron Steckler
Rocky Bateman	

**Voting No (0)**

Richard made a motion, seconded by Rocky, to increase the direct deposit limit to \$30,000 with Dakota Community Bank.

**Motion Carried**

**Voting Aye (5)**

Ted Becker	Richard Tokach
Jim Hopfauf	Aaron Steckler
Rocky Bateman	

**Voting No (0)**

V. **OLD BUSINESS**

- Newsletter – Due July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – Next newsletter due to Beth by July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
- Website – Beth updated the website with the board meeting notice as well as updated the manure spreader page. Beth also tried to add the Drill to the services page but it would not load so she called Silicon Plains.
- Water Spickot – No Update
- Promotional Items – Hats – Jim made a motion, seconded by Aaron, to reimburse Rocky for the amount of \$473.51 for the No till hats that Rocky had purchased.

**Motion Carried**

**Voting Aye (5)**

Ted Becker  
Jim Hopfauf  
Rocky Bateman

Richard Tokach  
Aaron Steckler

**Voting No (0)**

The board discussed getting more hats as they were well received.

Rocky made a motion, seconded by Aaron, to purchase 100 more no-till hats.

**Motion Carried**

**Voting Aye (5)**

Ted Becker  
Jim Hopfauf  
Rocky Bateman

Richard Tokach  
Aaron Steckler

**Voting No (0)**

Brandon showed the board the proof of the seed depth indicators.

Rocky made a motion, seconded by Richard, to order 50 seed depth indicators.

**Motion Carried**

**Voting Aye (5)**

Ted Becker  
Jim Hopfauf  
Rocky Bateman

Richard Tokach  
Aaron Steckler

**Voting No (0)**

- e. Credit Cards – Beth stated that the Double Citi Cash card cannot be used for Business purposes. So she suggested getting the Ink Business Card.

Rocky made a motion, seconded by Richard, to apply for a Chase Ink Business card for Beth, Jim, Adam, and Brandon and cancel the old credit card through Dakota Community Bank once the new cards are activated.

**Motion Carried**

**Voting Aye (5)**

Ted Becker  
Jim Hopfauf  
Rocky Bateman

Richard Tokach  
Aaron Steckler

**Voting No (0)**

- f. Tracking System for Equipment – Brandon provided a report on some tracking systems. Richard made a motion, seconded by Aaron, to purchase the tracking system for the enclosed trailer with the \$10.00 a month plan that Brandon provided to the board.

**Motion Carried**

**Voting Aye (5)**

Ted Becker  
Jim Hopfauf  
Rocky Bateman

Richard Tokach  
Aaron Steckler

**Voting No (0)**

**VI. REVIEW WORK PLAN/CALENDAR**

- a. Surplus Sale – June 9<sup>th</sup> 9am – 3pm – there is not a lot of trees left of this year as there was the last couple of years.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Producer Training June 6<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, & 21<sup>st</sup> – Beth passed around the flyer for the training.

**VIII. REPORT OF DISTRICT PROGRAMS**

- a. OMG Grassland Improvement Project – Brandon provided a report to the board about a producer that would like to tap into another producers well in order to put a pipeline on a different producer’s pasture. NRCS would require an easement for maintenance of the practices.

**IX. REPORT OF DISTRICT EMPLOYEES**

- a. District Technician
  - 1. Update on Trees and Fabric – Sam introduced herself to the board. Adam passed around a tree report of his plantings. The crew had 2 flat tires this year. Adam discussed a PSC phone call that we received at the office.
- b. District Secretary
  - 1. Admin Update – Beth has been working on stuff for the surplus sale, newsletter, and working with Burleigh County on the Savory and Lundgren events. On Tuesday Beth will be helping Rhonda and JD drive the National Association Members to ARS Station, Lincoln Oakes Nursery, and the Menoken Farm.
- c. 319 Watershed Coordinator
  - 1. Update on Watershed Program – Beth sent the check to the Stockman’s Association for the Morton County SCD sponsorship. Brandon stated that the drill has been used quite frequently and so far it has been going well. Brandon is working on the Leopold award for Kenny Miller. Brandon has a new producer interested in going through the 319 program for a water system.
  - 2. Update on Soil Health Mentor Program – No Update.

**X. SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

- a. Multi-County Soil Health Workshop 2018 – Rocky
- b. Soil Health Mentor Project– Rocky

**XI. REPORT OF COOPERATING AGENCIES**

- a. District Conservationist
  - 1. NRCS Programs Update – All of the contracts in ND were funded for all the 2017 EQIP Applications. Melissa has finally gotten the approval to move to Valley City, her last day with the Mandan Field Office will be June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
- b. County Extension Agent – No Report
- c. Farm Bill Specialist – No Report

**XII. CORRESPONDENCE** – Participator Newsletter, ND Insurance Reserve Fund 2016 Annual Report, Chamber Connection, and the Forestry Notes Newsletter.

**XIII. APPROVE APPLICATIONS AND AGREEMENTS**

- a. Review and Approve – Claye Kaelberer, Dennis Kunkel, Dwight Keller  
Rocky made a motion, seconded by Richard, to approve Claye Kaelberer, Dennis Kunkel, and Dwight Keller’s contract.

**Motion Carried**

**Voting Aye (5)**

Ted Becker  
Jim Hopfauf  
Rocky Bateman

**Voting No (0)**

Richard Tokach  
Aaron Steckler

**XIV. PLANS FOR NEXT MEETING**

~~9:30 AM Thursday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at the USDA Service Center Mandan, ND~~

SCD Meeting changed to Monday July 17<sup>th</sup> at the USDA Service Center at 9:30am.

**XV. Sign Expense Voucher, Payroll, and Credit Card Statements**

**XVI. ADJOURN** – The meeting was adjourned at 10:34am

Respectfully Submitted,

Beth McCleary  
Recording Secretary

Approved:

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Chairman