

# MORTON COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT MINUTES OF MEETING

8:00 a.m. Thursday July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019

8:00 a.m. CDT - USDA Service Center – 2540 Overlook Lane Mandan, ND 58554

I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order by Aaron Steckler at 8:07 a.m.

II. **ROLL CALL**

Aaron Rocky Duane Chet Ryan Andi H.  
Danelle Richard Val F.

III. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** – Rocky made a motion, seconded by Richard to approve the June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting minutes.

**Motion Carried:**

**Voting Aye (3)**

**Voting No (0)**

Richard Rocky Aaron

IV. **TREASURE’S REPORT** -- Rocky made a motion, second by Richard to approve the district & 319 financial reports as submitted by Valerie Frohlich.

**Motion Carried:**

**Voting Aye (3)**

**Voting No (0)**

Richard Rocky Aaron

V. **REPORT OF COOPERATING AGENCIES**

- a. Farm Bill Specialist – Zach Compson, CSP-GSI program is developed for protecting grazing land. FSA sent out letters to producers that are eligible. Management practices will be used based off what resource concern was identified on the base acres. Deadline for the first sign up was July 19<sup>th</sup>.

VI. **OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Garden Tour – Morton County SCD to furnish pizza for staff setting up and ice for coolers at event. Richard made a motion, seconded by Rocky to furnish pizza and ice for the garden tour at Menoken Farm.

**Motion Carried:**

**Voting Aye (3)**

**Voting No (0)**

Richard Rocky Aaron

- b. Cover Crop Tour Social July 22<sup>nd</sup>, there will be an informal gathering at Travis Wolf’s with Morton County & Burleigh County personnel and board members along with Steve Groff attending. Richard made a motion, seconded by Rocky to furnish food at Travis Wolf’s for all those attending the social.

**Motion Carried:**

**Voting Aye (3)**

**Voting No (0)**

Richard Rocky Aaron

- c. Tree Clearance sale – Decided after having a slow 2<sup>nd</sup> day surplus sale and crunched some numbers it wasn’t feasible to have a clearance sale. Staff sold orders over the phone and brought some to the office for pick up and sold over a couple hundred more trees. Did not do an inventory on trees that were thrown away. Next year we will try to close the gap on what is left over.

VII. **REVIEW WORK PLAN/CALENDAR**

- a. Budget – went and met with auditor Dawn Rhone and she is on board with our process for sending in our budget. Rocky will attend the County Commissioner meeting on July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 and just fill them in on what we are doing.

VIII. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. CD's renewal with Capital Credit Union and Dakota Community Bank. Capital Credit Union still has Beth, Jim & Travis as contacts.

Rocky made a motion, second by Richard to have Travis go and remove all names and add the finance committee (Aaron, Richard and Valerie) names to their records.

**Motion Carried:**

**Voting Aye (3)**

**Voting No (0)**

Richard Rocky Aaron

After Valerie has been added to the Capital Credit Union account she can get info on rates for new CD's.

**IX. REPORT OF DISTRICT PROGRAMS**

- a. OMG – Had Travis sign contracts. Setting up a meeting to see what money is left and decide what to do with the extra money. Need contractors to finish up so they can get paid. May need to ask for an extension.

**X. REPORT OF DISTRICT EMPLOYEES**

- a. District Technician
  - i. Policy for tree plantings – Ryan to come with new language for contract and bring another meeting for review. Some of the concerns are easement policy, property lines, who's responsibility is it for locates?
  - ii. Service/repair old cooler – call and get pricing to repair or replace cooler unit.
  - iii. Dodge has exhaust leak again – will find invoice and see if covered under warranty and have repaired.
  - iv. Tractor will not go into park – will take in to have it looked at and repaired.
  - v. Rentals across county lines – Board said if no one in our county wants to use it, then it can be used by others.
  - vi. Will start contacting the 33 interested people in planting trees for next year.
  - vii. Ryan to start working on Safety manual now that he has one planting under his belt.
- b. District Secretary
  - i. Newsletter to the printers next week.
  - ii. Asked the board if there is somewhere to know the amount of service each supervisor has been on the board. NDASCD hands out awards for service. Board thought the only way would be to go through the minutes.
- c. 319 Watershed Coordinator
  - i. 319 Program is going slow – One guy so far in the water shed. Had another ask about it but was outside the limits. May need to have a meeting or do door to door visits to get the word out there.
  - ii. Possibly do another testing site outside of city.

**XI. SPECIAL COMMITTEE**

- a. Soil Health – Will bring back up this fall.

**XII. REPORT OF COOPERATING AGENCIES**

- a. Acting District Conservationist – Danelle Hoff -- report is attached  
Danelle will be the acting DC for 120 days or until someone is hired.
- b. County Extension Agent – Renae Gress – Let Renae know when we have our meetings.

**XIII. CORRESPONDENCE**

**XIV. APPROVE APPLICATIONS AND AGREEMENTS**

- a. Nothing currently

**XV. PLANS FOR NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting is Thursday August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 8:00am at the USDA Service Center Mandan, ND

**XVI. SIGN EXPENSE VOUCHERS, PAYROLL, AND CREDIT CARD STATEMENTS**

**XVII. ADJOURN** – Richard made motion to adjourn meeting at 9:53

Respectfully Submitted,

Valerie Frohlich  
Recording Secretary

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Aaron Steckler - Chariman