

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- a. 5–10-year plan – Spoke with Aaron Fields and have a few dates that would work for them to help us go through what is needed. Discussion over the dates and times was had. The board agreed on having the board meeting as normal on December 9th in the morning and then doing the 5–10-year plan that day starting at 1 o'clock.
- b. Covid – nothing new to report office is still closed to public and at 25%- district is rotating time in the office.

VII. REVIEW WORK PLAN/CALENDAR

- a. Convention November 22nd – is going to be virtual- hoping to have a schedule out shortly. Rocky explained why they were holding it virtually again this year. All board members that listen in will count as their training for the year.
- b. Farming & Ranching for the Bottom Line – February 22-23 – will be held with SCD on the first day and the ARS will be on the second day.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Achievement Nominees – Wanted to make the board aware and have everyone start thinking of people we could nominate for this award for 2022. Also had discussion on doing a supper for the winner as convention was held virtual again this year. Will discuss supper after convention to see who won the Leopold award.
The board asked the team to come with names for achievement winner and what part of the county we are looking at.

Aaron arrived at the meeting and took over at 9:45 am

- b. Area IV – handed out the agenda and past minutes for the area 4 & area 4 farm past meetings. There will be a meeting for area 4 and for the area 4 farm. With Debbie retiring they will need to fill her spot as secretary/treasure for the area 4 farm. Rocky suggested that Valerie do it and have it back in Morton County as it was here in the past and is more convent for that person to be from Morton County. Rocky made a motion, George second the motion.
Discussion was had on pay and requirements for the position.
Motion Failed and was asked to table till next meeting after there are more details to what and how the job and requirements would work for the MCSCD.
Area 4 meeting in November of 2022 will be held in Morton County– look at holding something educational to qualify as a training for board members.
- c. There was a discussion on herbicides and how they are not going to be readily available next year and worried if people will be going back to tilling. Richard mentioned an article he read about how to handle this and will try to find the article and maybe we can put it in the newsletter to let producers know. Letting them know that with the drought a lot of the chemicals should still be in the soil and that there are other alternatives to herbicides such as cover crops and such.

IX. REPORT OF DISTRICT PROGRAMS

- a. OMG – Wrapping up OMG report. Received an email from Connie stating that we are over budget of \$70,000 and the grant was for \$900,000. We went over budget and she is sending it in to see if they will cover it. There are 4 contracts for Morton County totaling about \$40,000. Discussion on how this happened, no direct answer other than an accounting error. OMG money comes out of the heritage

funds. The board agreed to that we need to get this process started to see if they are going to cover this overage or if we can start our new grant sooner to cover those that will not be covered. There is one account that is in the 319 area so we could possibly transfer it into funding pool. The board also suggested that Chairman Aaron talk to the Grant County board Chair about this. The board is in agreement that a solution needs to be found and sooner than later.

X. REPORT OF DISTRICT EMPLOYEES

a. District Secretary

- i. Budget for 2022 – we are not allowed to change the amount up after the preliminary meeting. It is the century code and the county auditor provided me with that information.
- ii. Cooler fund – Would like to open a new account at the bank to put money in for the cooler fund. Provided info for opening a new account. There was discussion on the account, and it was decided to hold off until after the 5–10-year planning meeting.
- iii. Scholarships are going out to the colleges for their funding boards
- iv. Tom Gibson – MCSCD pays for him to attend the schools and put on programs for all the kids. It is \$85 a program.

Richard made a motion, second by Rocky to sponsor this program for the schools in Morton County that want to take part.

Motion Carried:

Voting Aye:

Voting Nah:

Richard – Rocky – Steve

- v. Envirothon – Very good and educational information for the students competing. It's like an Olympic event for conservation, schools go around to different areas and solve the problems all while competing for first place. There have been schools in the past attend from Morton County but with Covid, the numbers where low this year.

b. District Technician

- i. Fruit trees – are not able to sell as districts. Will have to update our order form. And call those that have already ordered some and let them know we are unable to deliver those trees. Will have 58,000 feet of OHF trees approved to plant next spring, for a total of 6 producers. Numbers are high for death rate on trees due to drought, we are offering the 10% off for their replacement trees for those who had a tree planting. Right now, we are around 70,000 feet of trees to plant next spring. Hand plant orders are starting to come in.

c. 319 Watershed Coordinator

- i. Not a lot of change. Contract for a solar well and water. Few producers might do dormant seedings yet this fall. Still meeting with producers on projects.

Drill is being used still for dormant seeding and then will be stored on Morton County Fairgrounds. Manure spreader rental has been slow this fall. Will store at George's for the winter when it is done being used or it gets to cold to use.

Running boards will be discussed with the equipment committee, along with the tiller. There was discussion on who and when the tiller will be used.

XI. CORRESPONDENCE – Nothing

XII. APPROVE APPLICATIONS AND AGREEMENTS – Nothing at this time

XIII. PLANS FOR NEXT MEETING

December 9th at 9 o'clock at the Comfort Inn – with the 5–10-year planning meeting at 1 o'clock.

XIV. SIGN EXPENSE VOUCHERS, PAYROLL, AND CREDIT CARD STATEMENTS

XV. ADJOURN – Rocky motioned to adjourn the meet at 11:15.

Respectfully Submitted,

Valerie Frohlich
Recording Secretary

Approved:



Aaron Steckler - Chairman