

MORTON COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT MINUTES OF MEETING

9:00 a.m. Thursday, April 8th, 2021

9:00 a.m. CDT –Comfort Inn, Mandan, ND 58554

I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order by George at 9:00am

II. **ROLL CALL**

George Thomas Ryan Val Richard Steve Rocky
Guest: Jon

III. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Richard made a motion, second by Rocky to approve/accept the minutes of the March meeting.

Motion Carried:

Voting Aye: (3)

Voting No:

Richard – Steve - Rocky

IV. **TREASURER’S REPORT**

There was no treasurer’s report, as the bank statements had not arrived by meeting time. They will be discussed at the next meeting.

V. **REPORT OF COOPERATING AGENCIES**

- a. Jon – NRCS - Report is attached – Finishing up EQIP. There has been a lot of interest and phone calls. Having the state health scientist come out to do a training next week. Also thinks the Saline Tour we are planning is a great idea for this area. Seems to be a bigger problem.
- b. Renae Gress – County Extension Agent – Absent – Flyers attached
- c. Zach Compson – Farm Bill Specialist – Absent – Transferring to Carrington with the NRCS

VI. **OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Manure Spreader – done and he will send a bill so not sure on the cost yet to repair it. Board said to set aside the money earned from rental to purchase a new one. Producer signs a contract that says their insurance covers them with it.
- b. Recap on Women’s Ag Night – All comments about the night were good. Would like to see next time raised gardens and more on gardening information. Received the check from the grant for the school projects.
- c. Water Festival – has been canceled again for this year. The Soil Quilt is a good book for grade school kids to learn about healthy soil. There are 20 5th grade classrooms and 13 schools in Morton County. Ryan checked and 319 Watershed will be able to help with the purchase of these books.

Richard made a motion, Rocky second to purchase 50 of The Soil Quilt and distribute them to the schools and library’s through out Morton County. Will place a sticker on the book saying MCSCD donated it.

Motion Carried:

Voting Aye: (3)

Voting No:

Richard – Steve – Rocky

- d. Leopold – update – Lance Gartner accepted us to nominate him for this award. Need 3 letters of recommendation – MCSCD, Grazing Land Coalition, Rocky Bateman. Deadline is April 15th.

VII. REVIEW WORK PLAN/CALENDAR

- a. Long Range – tabled to next month

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Echo-Ed – Spoke with JD in the Center office and they are planning to do two events this year to make up for not doing one last fall. They invite the following schools from Morton County- New Salem, Almont, Glen Ulin And Hebron.

Richard made a motion, second by Steve to donate \$500 and any man power needed from MCSCD Staff to the spring Echo-Ed and will revisit the Fall session at a later date.

Motion Carried:

Voting Aye: (3)

Voting No:

Richard – Steve – Rocky

- b. Veterans Cemetery – would like 26 conservation grade trees.

Rocky made a motion, Second by Richard to donate the 36 trees to the veteran’s cemetery.

Motion Carried:

Voting Aye: (3)

Voting No:

Richard – Steve – Rocky

IX. REPORT OF DISTRICT PROGRAMS

- a. OMG – update – 9 contracts, 4 approved and on track to finish on time. 4 new producers trying to get the funds used up by October 1st. 1 got approved to move ahead.

Still getting calls to use the money up and wanting help with the planning. Possibly move ahead with more funding in years to come.

X. REPORT OF DISTRICT EMPLOYEES

- a. District Secretary
 - i. Would like to attend the cooler training. – Board said to go and learn.
 - ii. Working on quarterly taxes.
- b. District Technician
 - i. Tree pick up has been set up. Hand plant pick up is scheduled for April 30-May1.
 - ii. Has 25 plantings this year with 73,000 feet. Have had a few phone calls about drought.
- c. 319 Watershed Coordinator
 - i. Did the water sample training with the health department. Will cross train with Thomas and Val. Send at least two people for training. Is there safety protocol in place for water sampling?

XI. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

- a. Committee will review applications after meeting and set up times for interviews. Annette is coming back as tractor driver.

XII. CORRESPONDENCE –

- a. Handed out ND State Soil Handout sheets (also Attached with minutes)
- b. Will make stickers to place inside donation books
- c. Discuss Duane’s resignation

XIII. APPROVE APPLICATIONS AND AGREEMENTS –

XIV. PLANS FOR NEXT MEETING

- a. May 13th at the Comfort Inn at 8 am

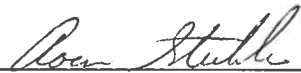
SIGN EXPENSE VOUCHERS, PAYROLL, AND CREDIT CARD STATEMENTS

XVI. ADJOURN – Motion made by Rocky to adjourn at 11:00

Respectfully Submitted,

Valerie Frohlich
Recording Secretary

Approved:



Aaron Steckler – Chairman/George Ferderer – Vice Chairman

