

MORTON COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT MINUTES OF MEETING

9:00 a.m. Thursday, May 12th, 2022

9:00 a.m. CDT – USDA Service Center, Mandan, ND 58554

I. **CALL TO ORDER** –Aaron called the meeting to order at 9:00am

II. **ROLL CALL**

Staff: Ryan-Thomas

Board Members: Aaron – Rocky – George – Richard – Steve – Travis

Others: Landon - NRCS

III. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

George made a motion, Second by Rocky to approve and accept the minutes from the April meeting.

Motion Carried:

Voting Aye (4)

Voting No (0)

Rocky – Richard – George - Steve

IV. **TREASURER’S REPORT**

Richard made a motion, Second by Rocky to approve and accept the report from the April meeting.

Motion Carried:

Voting Aye (4)

Voting No (0)

Rocky – Richard – George - Steve

V. **REPORT OF COOPERATING AGENCIES**

a. Landon- DC NRCS –

Ranking CSP, 2 for Morton County. Equips will all be obligated by late June. Some Equips have started work on their projects. CRP grasslands checks on existing contracts. Soil cons will be attending cultural resource training in a couple weeks.

b. Renae – NDSU Extension – Nothing new to report.

c. Blake – Farm Bill – Nothing new to report.

VI. **OLD BUSINESS**

a. Achievement Award – Discussion was had on payment for the photos. All information is due the end of May.

b. Leopold Award- Edited from last year and added photos. Added a letter of recommendation from Josh Dukart and replaced the letter from us. Will be submitted May 13th.

VII. **REVIEW WORK PLAN/CALENDAR**

a. Garden Tour- Tour went well. A total of 40 participants and 10 were from Morton County.

b. 319 Tour – 1,169 rural residences for a mass mailing. \$818.00 for mailing out letter for the tour. A mailing list is \$60 for all the rural residences in Morton County. \$878.00 total for direct mailing and mailing list. Greg had suggested to offer it county wide as there is a benefit for other programs and future programs.

Rocky made a motion, second by George to do the mass mailing and purchase mailing list.

Motion Carried:

Voting Aye (4)

Voting No (0)

Rocky – Richard – George - Steve

Discussion was had on the meal for the event.

Rocky made a motion, second by Richard to approve funding for a meal.

Motion Carried:

Voting Aye (4)

Voting No (0)

Rocky – Richard – George – Steve

Discussion had about using a bus for transportation but decided it wouldn't be necessary.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Telework policy – Revisit at next month's meeting.
- b. Valerie Part Time – Valerie will continue part time and do some training of the new hire.
- c. Range Camp – Will get posted on Facebook and will be a first come first serve. Money will be sent after attendance.

Rocky made a motion, second by George to approve funding for up to 5 kids at \$100 apiece.

Motion Carried:

Voting Aye (4)

Voting No (0)

Rocky – Richard – George – Steve

- d. Area 4 – Job posted ND job service for friends and neighbors day. Rocky suggested using our secretary. Discussion was had on the topic and decided it would be a bit much with being short staffed. Rocky made a motion, second by Steve to move to hire a temp to be reimbursed by area 4 and request Dave Archer to be present at the Interview.

Motion Carried:

Voting Aye (4)

Voting No (0)

Rocky – Richard – George – Steve

IX. REPORT OF DISTRICT PROGRAMS

- a. OMG – Stil planning to move forward with new OMG grant.

X. REPORT OF DISTRICT EMPLOYEES

- a. District Secretary
 - i. Nothing to report
- b. District Technician
 - i. Thomas updated the board on his plan for the year with tree planting. Discussion was had on the chance of not getting trees from Towner in time for the hand plant pickup date. We will hope we get them in time otherwise alternatives will be figured out for getting the conifers out to producers.
- c. 319 Watershed Coordinator
 - i. 2 contracts completed throughout the life of the contract. 6 in the works and have gone through approvals. A lot of producers went through the water commission last year after planning with Ryan. We got a 1 year project extension through 2023.

XI. CORRESPONDENCE –

- a. Steve suggested having someone from SW water at the July meeting.

XII. APPROVE APPLICATIONS AND AGREEMENTS –

XIII. PLANS FOR NEXT MEETING

a. Next meeting June 16th before tour at Glen Ullin.

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

XV. ADJOURN – 11:20 am

Rocky made a motion, second by George to adjourn the meeting.

Motion Carried:

Voting Aye (4)

Voting No (0)

Rocky – Richard – George – Steve

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Osterbauer

Recording Secretary

Approved: _____

Aaron Steckler - Chairman