



Rocky made a motion, second by Richard to allow Custer Health to use our tree shed cooler in case of a disaster.

**Motion Carried:**

**Voting Aye (4)**

**Voting No (0)**

George Richard Steve Rocky

- b. Partner with Burleigh County SCD on events.

Discussion was that the board likes what they do and that we get to be a part of it. Would like to see the list of events and cost since Soil Health summit is postponed. There was also discussion about continuing our partnership with the ARS staff on the Farming for the Bottom Line.

George made a motion, second by Rocky to partner with BCSCD will decide on donation after review of the work plan.

**Motion Carried:**

**Voting Aye (4)**

**Voting No (0)**

George Richard Steve Rocky

Rocky made a motion, second by Richard to let BCSCD know that we would like to stay together with the USDA for Farming & Ranching for the Bottom Line by way of a letter written by the chairman.

**Motion Carried:**

**Voting Aye (4)**

**Voting No (0)**

George Richard Steve Rocky

- c. Surplus sale – Discussion was had on whether we should have a surplus sale with the Covid 19. The office is taking down names, numbers and trees that people are looking for purchasing. After Ryan is done planting trees, inventory will be taken and then we can decide if there will be enough to have a surplus sale. Rocky suggested minimizing public exposure is best. Ryan will email the board and staff the left-over trees to decide on what to do next.

#### **VIII. REPORT OF DISTRICT PROGRAMS**

- a. OMG – Travis signed a CPO for a new contract. 4 contracts need to be done by October 1<sup>st</sup>. Of these 4 contracts 1- hasn't started, 1- all pipeline is in needs fence yet, 1- is waiting on well driller, 1- finish a couple hundred feet of pipeline and hook it up.  
New contracts that must be done by 2021. 1- hook up pipeline to existing well, a grass seeding, 1- is a pasture seeding and saline seeding, 1-pipeline tank off rural water.

#### **IX. REPORT OF DISTRICT EMPLOYEES**

- a. District Technician
- i. Tree planting started May 6<sup>th</sup>. 12 are done and there are 14 left to do.
  - ii. Did a grass seeding for a producer. It was some rough terrain and took a long time to do. May need to adjust the rates for us doing plantings
  - iii. Manure spreading is out being used. There is a crack in the floor again, missing bolts on teeth. It is at Duppongs waiting for them to tell us if floor in under warranty and to give us a price quote to repair the other stuff.
- b. District Secretary
- i. Working on getting things together for audit. Going slow with working from home.
  - ii. Credit card information. You purchase a square and then you will get charged 2.6% + .10 cents for every transaction you swipe. May want to upgrade the district phone to use the square. Will go to the Verizon store and look at getting an iPad and a credit card reader and will report back at next meeting.
  - iii. Had a meeting with blue Cross Blue Shield over the phone and gave me the price adjustments for our insurance. On the average insurance is going up 9 to 9.5 percent.
- c. 319 Watershed Coordinator

- i. Water sampling 6 times a month. Uses his own vehicle while tree planting/fabric is going on. Will be reimbursed mileage.
- ii. Started taking E. coli samples May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- iii. Had producers interested in more information on 319 programs. Feels like the door knocking is working.
- iv. Working on pricing for water sampling of producer's private water. Contacted Renae from NDSU extension for information on kits.

**X. REPORT OF COOPERATING AGENCIES**

- a. District Conservationist – Jon Fettig – back in the office 1<sup>st</sup> time after leave. Have been working on EQIP stuff and following up with producers on CSP programs.  
Went over the Civil Rights annual terms with the board will need the board to sign and get back either by scanning or mail. Valerie will send out the form that needs to be signed.
- b. County Extension Agent – Renae Gress - attached is her report – Court House is still closed so they are working from home. Can have face to face trainings with 10 people or less. Did some online training that had a very good turnout. If your pesticide license expired, you are good because they have extended the licenses until after the pandemic.  
Has an online newsletter if you would like to receive this letter contact Renae with your email.
- c. Farm Bill Specialist – Zach Compson –nothing to report

**XI. CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. Interstate Engineering – Little Heart Bridge Replacement
- b. 2019 Annual report for NACD
- c. National Barrel Horse Association looking for donation

**XII. APPROVE APPLICATIONS AND AGREEMENTS**

- a. OMG projects are working with Travis outside the office when needed

**XIII. PLANS FOR NEXT MEETING**

Next board meeting on June 11<sup>th</sup> at 8am CDT at the USDA Service Center, if able.

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

With the office being closed to the public and supervisors it was decided to have Valerie scan bills and send to Aaron and Richard for approval. Valerie will pay and sign checks for the time the office is at a level II status. All these bills and checks will be in a folder for the financial committee to review and sign off on when they're able to come back into the office.

**XV. ADJOURN – Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:20am by Rocky.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Valerie Frohlich  
Recording Secretary

Approved:

  
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Aaron Steckler - Chairman

