# MORTON COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT MINUTES OF MEETING

# 8:00 a.m. Thursday, June 11th, 2020

8:00 a.m. CDT - at the Legion Park, Mandan, ND

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order by Aaron Steckler at 8:10 a.m.

#### II. ROLL CALL

Aaron George Steve Richard Duane Ryan Chet Valerie

Guest: Renae Gress Bryce Peters

### III. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Richard made a motion, second by Steve to approve the May 2020 minutes that were sent out by email and handed out for review.

**Motion Carried:** 

Voting Aye (3)

Voting No (0)

George Richard Steve

## IV. TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasures report was emailed out to board members, and copies were available for review.

Richard made a motion, second by George to approve the District and 319 Financial reports as submitted by Valerie Frohlich.

**Motion Carried:** 

Voting Aye (3)

Voting No (0)

George Richard Steve

## V. OLD BUSINESS

a. Surplus Sale – Everything went well. Great Advertising. Lots of people the 1<sup>st</sup> day. Had about 4,500 trees to sell and sold over 3,500 trees in the 2 days. Next year possibly only need one day.

# VI. REVIEW WORK PLAN/CALENDAR

a. Garden Tour at Menoken Farms partner with Burleigh County SCD. The tour will be June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and they are allowing people to attend in person.

#### VII. NEW BUSINESS

a. Partner with Burleigh County SCD for events.

Had discussion on how BCSCD is going to try to handle the Farming & Ranching for the Bottom Line – By trying to do a day or half day long speakers, such as John Kempf and or Joel Williams. The board also discussed not having Farming for the Bottom Line this year. Everyone feels the partnership is a great thing and want to see it to continue.

Richard made a motion, second by Steve to donate \$6,000 to the BCSCD to help with the expenses for events/programs that we will be partnering with.

## **Motion Carried:**

Voting Aye (3)

Voting No (0)

George Richard Steve

b. Informed the board that Walter Keidel passed away and that we sent flowers from the MCSCD board & staff. Was also wondering if the board would like to plant a tree in his name.

George made a motion, second by Steve to plant a tree next spring in Walter's name at the tree shed in New Salem.

**Motion Carried:** 

Voting Aye (3) Voting No (0)

George Richard Steve

#### VIII. REPORT OF DISTRICT PROGRAMS

a. OMG –Spoke with one of the producers that has a contract and he informed us that he will not be getting his contract completed as he has not done anything with it. So, there will be an extra \$34,000 unspoken for. Chet will visit with Connie and JD on how to use up the money.
 3 of the contracts will be done by October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. Will try to see if they can use the money for cover

### IX. REPORT OF DISTRICT EMPLOYEES

crops.

- a. District Technician
  - i. Done with planting trees and should be done with fabric by the end of next week. This year went well everyone worked well together and not as many break downs as last year. Hope to take on more footage next year.
  - ii. Wondering about employees buying trees and product. Allow employees to buy trees at \$1 and fabric and staples will get no discount.
  - iii. Manure spreader floor is in checking on hydraulic hoses that are leaking. And may have to budget for tires for 2021.
  - iv. Would also like to get a spare tire for the 1-ton pickup.

## b. District Secretary

i. Minutes from the April board meeting had an incorrect number. Intern wage was listed at \$16 and it was supposed to say \$16.50

Richard made a motion to amend the April meeting minutes stating the intern wage should be \$16.50. Steve second the motion.

**Motion Carried:** 

Voting Aye (3) Voting No (0)

George Richard Steve

ii. Square – terminal is \$299.99 from Best Buy. They do run specials on their website at times for 10% off. Using this credit card machine will cost us 2.6% each time we swipe a card plus .10 cents. The board asked to check with the bank to see if there is a charge with them to use this machine as well. There was also discussion on if we need to cover that charge.

## c. 319 Watershed Coordinator

- i. Water sampling 6 times a month. It is a 140-mile round trip and he has been using his own vehicle. Will be reimbursed mileage. Suggested to have Valerie & Ryan go with an learn how to do it to help if need be.
- ii. First project is starting, and it is a cross fence and solar well.
- iii. Had two others stop that were interested in it and will be in touch.

## X. REPORT OF COOPERATING AGENCIES

a. District Conservationist – Jon Fettig –unavailable so Chet reported.
 CSP deadline is on Friday – Val H took a detail in New Hampshire for 120 days, so Jon will be the CDU supervisor of the 3 counties until she returns. – Also have a summer intern with engineering.

- b. County Extension Agent Renae Gress attached is her report Court House is opening June 16<sup>th</sup>.
  Has been doing water sampling and there are 3 or 4 dams in Hettinger County that can cause livestock death.
- c. Farm Bill Specialist Zach Compson –unavailable Has been doing CRP's
- XI. CORRESPONDENCE
- XII. APPROVE APPLICATIONS AND AGREEMENTS
- XIII. PLANS FOR NEXT MEETING

Next board meeting on July 9<sup>th</sup> at 8am CDT at the USDA Service Center, if able.

- XIV. SIGN EXPENSE VOUCHERS, PAYROLL, AND CREDIT CARD STATEMENTS
  - a. Aaron & Richard signed all paperwork that has been held since Covid 19 started
- XV. ADJOURN Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:20am by Richard, second by George.

Respectfully Submitted,

Valerie Frohlich Recording Secretary

Approved:

Aaron Steckler - Chairman