

**MARSHALL COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MINUTES
Tuesday, October 18, 2016**

PRESENT: Neil Bien, Art Steiner, John Knebel, Jim Grimsrud, David Nelson, Harland Peterson, Jean Fagerland and Wanda Franzen

ABSENT: Tom Martin, Walton Johnson, and Darian Kilker

Chairman Art Steiner called the district regular board meeting to order at 7:35 P.M. The minutes were reviewed. Nelson moved to approve the minutes as sent. Knebel seconded. The motion carried. The Treasurer's Report was handed out for review. Account Balances were: Checking Account, \$82,114.94; Savings Account, \$53,116.73; Petty Cash, \$71.40; Certificate of Deposit, \$50,162.50; Grant Checking, \$14,365.25; Accounts Receivable to date: \$29,337.73. Knebel moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Nelson seconded. The motion carried.

Current year to date profit/loss statements and balance sheets were handed out for review.

Vouchers were signed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Knebel, Franzen, and Fagerland attended the State convention at Deadwood on September 25-27. Knebel reported that supervisors must now be registered voters. Also proposed is that supervisors need signatures of only half of 1% of the people who voted in the last election on their petitions. Franzen and Fagerland reported on sessions dealing with soil health and the speech contest. Knebel shared about the drone demonstration and its potential for field inspection of weeds and pests.

The Multi-County grant has been extended, which will be beneficial to producers since CRP has reached its maximum acreage and is no longer available for tree contracts.

The Legislative banquet held Monday Oct. 17th at the Galley in Webster and was attended by Knebel, Nelson, Franzen, and Fagerland.

Discussion was held on Newport Colony's failed tree planting. Since fill was used prior to planting, a suggestion was made that a soil test should be taken before next year's hand planting. The JRWDD cost share payment will be used towards replants.

NRCS REPORT:

A report was read as NRCS staff was gone to CSP training in Brookings. The deadline to sign an application for 2017 EQIP program is Friday Oct 21st. We currently have 33 new applications and 14 that were deferred from last year that can be added to this year's list. The majority of applications are requests for water development for livestock.

CSP 2017 program will have several changes. The enhancements will directly relate to our conservation practices. Any resource concerns need to be addressed with an enhancement.

CRP has reached its maximum acres in the nation. Producers still can request acres to go into the program but the contract will not begin till October 2017. A few more acres may become available in November due to producers not re-enrolling.

Both EQIP and CSP will use the resource concerns developed by the locally led workgroup as part of the ranking. These are as follows:

- Soil Erosion—Sheet and Rill Erosion
- Fish & Wildlife-Inadequate Habitat-Inadequate Habitat-Cover/Shelter
- Soil Quality Degradation-Excessive Sediment in Surface water
- Livestock Production Limitation-Inadequate Water
- Degraded plant Condition-Undesirable plant Productivity & Health
- Soil quality degradation-Organic Matter Depletion

NEW BUSINESS:

Dormant seedings will be planted the first weeks of November. We have app. 400 acres to be seeded. Discussion of winter storage of the drill was held. It was decided to park the drill in the shed and remove the trailer, if necessary

2017 tractor leases from Green Iron Equipment were discussed. We will be contacting them to secure tractors for next year's tree & fabric operations.

A discussion was held on meeting times for November through March. The third Tuesday of each month at 1:30 pm was agreed upon.

Fagerland will be attending training for the new Toolkit version of mapping, to be held in Day County the first week of November.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:

Discussion was held on the buffer legislation that was vetoed last session. The new proposal for legislative session 2017 will require a minimum seeding of 120' buffer strips along lakes, streams, and other water bodies. The 120' planting would reduce land values for tax purposes.

It was agreed that Marshall County CD will pay the difference between SDACD rates for their officers. Wanda will clarify with Angela what the State Association does pay.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Jean Fagerland, Secretary