

DOUGLAS COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

606 1ST STREET, ARMOUR SD 57313

MINUTES: February 22, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Chairman David Hartmann at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Ron Vanden Berge, Bob Holleman, David Hartmann and Morris Wegehaupt

ABSENT: Steve Lau

OTHER PRESENT: George Sherrard, DC, NRCS, Lake Andes; Nate Kafer, Service Forester, Mitchell; Rocky Knipping, SDACD; Jeff Stewart, Randall RC &D; Martin Drefs, Douglas County Commissioner; Nancy Barrick, District Manager; and Kelly Tschumper, SC, NRCS

APPROVE AGENDA: A motion Ron Vanden Berge, seconded by Morris Wegehaupt to approve the agenda with the following additions: Insurance and Supervisor accreditation. Motion carried.

NATE KAfer, FORESTER: Nate Kafer updated the Board on various activities with the Division of Forestry. Species suggested in replacing the Green Ash tree include, Black locust, American Linden, "Hybrid" Plum and Black Cherry. Mr. Kafer also discussed the Living Snow Fence program, diseases and funguses in trees and the Woody Habitat program. Nate Kafer asked the board if he could come back in March with a power point presentation regarding information on insects in trees. The consensus of the Board to invite Nate Kafer for our March meeting so he can present his power point presentation.

APPROVE MINUTES: The minutes of December 28, 2009 were reviewed. A motion by Bob Holleman, seconded by Ron Vanden Berge to approve the minutes of December 28, 2009. Motion carried.

APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's report and vouchers were reviewed by the Board. A motion by Bob Holleman, seconded by Morris Wegehaupt to accept the Treasurer's report and approve payments of current bills and vouchers. Motion carried. The annual work plan and the annual report were reviewed. Discussion was held regarding the 319 Funds received for the producers in the County and the in kind contribution. The 2009 Annual Report was reviewed. Discussion held on fund accounts. A motion by Bob Holleman, seconded by Ron Vanden Berge to approve the Annual Report and to have print outs on the 'Other fund accounts'. Motion carried. The 2010 Annual Work Plan was reviewed. A motion by Bob Holleman, seconded by Morris Wegehaupt to approve the 2010 Annual Work Plan. Motion carried.

Insurance: Nancy Barrick reviewed with the Board quotes she received from Hagan Benefits and from Bank of the West Insurance in Corsica (current policy holder). A motion by Bob Holleman, seconded by Morris Wegehaupt to have Nancy Barrick check with Jodi Shrank at Bank of the West in Corsica to see if she can review the policies and to see what the differences in coverage are, if any, and to go with the best policy coverage. Motion carried.

NRCS REPORT: Kelly Tschumper and George Sherrard updated the Board on the activities of the Armour Field Office. The following conservation plans were reviewed and approved:

A motion by Ron Vanden Berge, seconded by Bob Holleman to approve the conservation plan modification for 09-1F7. Motion carried.

A motion by Bob Holleman, seconded by Morris Wegehaupt to approve the conservation plan for 10-01. Motion carried.

George Sherrard informed the board the NRCS has received two new work stations. Tamara Sommer will remain in the Armour office and her time will be spent 60% on Charles Mix county work and 40% Douglas County work.

FIELD WORK UPDATE:

Nancy Barrick informed the Board that the flyers for handplants will be sent out at the end of the week. Nancy also discussed with the Board field workers for the 2010 season and wages.

CORSICA LAKE WATERSHED/LEWIS AND CLARK UPDATE:

Reports from Rock Knippling on activity with the Corsica Lake Watershed were reviewed. Various feed lot concerns in the county were discussed. Rocky updated the Board with on various practices. Jeff Stewart added that there will be conservation and Wildlife Habitat Workshop in the Lake Andes Watershed. DCCD

Chairman Hartmann suggested that when Jeff puts an announcement in the paper regarding this meeting that he includes a map of the Lake Andes Watershed, this would make it easier for producers to see if there land is in the watershed. Jeff agreed that would be an excellent idea.

Jeff also informed the Board of the Energy Workshop this Wednesday.

Jeff also passed out surveys to the Board to complete regarding the Randall RC & D.

SUPERVISOR ACCREDITATION: Nancy Barrick gave instructions and information to the Board to do the supervisor accreditation training on line. This accreditation replaces the paper modules that were reviewed in the past. Nancy Barrick still has the old modules on file.

OTHER BUSINESS: Nancy Barrick will be attending the SDACD Leadership meeting March 8-9 at Cedar Shore Resort. There will be a Tree Care Clinic in Armour April 8th. Nancy gave out information from the South Dakota Legislation session regarding various bills etc.

CORRESPONDENCE: Various newsletters and articles were reviewed by the Board. Nancy Barrick reminded the board Supervisor terms will be up this year with elections to be held.

NEXT meeting date: April 26, 2010, 7:30 p.m.

A motion by Bob Holleman, seconded by Ron Vanden Berge to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

District Manager

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