



**South Goshen Conservation District
February 8, 2024, Meeting Minutes
Emporium in Hawk Springs**

Due to the absence of Chairman Curtis Grandstaff, Supervisor Scott Ross called the meeting to order at 12:03pm. Supervisors in attendance were Scott Ross, Treasurer Jennifer Scheer, and Craig Jackson. Employees present were NRCS District Conservationist Ryan Clayton, Programs Coordinator Bill Simmons, Bookkeeper Samantha Valentine, and District Manager Jamie Phipps. Jennifer then motioned to approve the agenda as presented, Craig seconded. Motion carried. After a brief review of the January minutes, Jennifer made a motion to accept the minutes as read, Craig seconded. Motion passed.

Scott asked Jamie for her District Manager's report, she began by updating the board on the registration sponsorships for the Farming Above the Ph Seminar watch party at SAREC. The UW Extension will only charge for the actual registrations used. Jamie also commented that she has completed eight Conservation Classroom Resource Kits that are now available for teachers and homeschool parents to rent. SGCD and NPVCD has been awarded the \$1,000.00 Rural Living Workshop grant, the workshop is set to be held sometime in June. Jamie then gave a review on water and soil testing dates. This year the districts ordered 25 Domestic Water Well testing kits, 11 being in the South Goshen District. Kits will be due back to the office Monday February 12th at 9:00am, so Jamie can drive them to the lab in Laramie. Jamie informed the board that she is tentatively planning on soil testing the last week of March due April 1st, this prompted a discussion on effective soil tests and whether it is a valued program. The board decided to table the discussion until the next meeting.


Bill then gave an overview on the progress of the tree program. He stated that he has been busy with site surveys and presale, slots for plantings are getting full and he expects to have all pending customers complete and ready for board signatures by the next meeting. Currently we are at 30 plantings and are already bumping people to the waitlist for next year. Bill passed out his projection of plantings (income) and supply/labor costs. He expects this will be an exceptional planting season.

Scott then asked Ryan to present his report. Unfortunately, due to the continuing issues with internet he has been primarily working from home, this issue has been affecting the FSA as well and he hopes it will get resolved soon, as he has been busy with a long list of producer applications for irrigation systems, livestock water, cheatgrass treatment and cover crops. Ryan also mentioned that Jamie Huston will be returning from maternity leave February 20th.

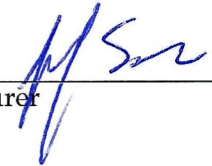
Jennifer presented her Treasurers report commenting that everything was in order, other than a question she had about an uncleared check from LFLCD and a check that will be on next month's voucher for a TOS statement that came late. Jennifer moved to approve her report as presented, Craig seconded. Motion carried.

Samantha then gave a brief overview of the current Tree Account. Supervisors proceeded to review the spreadsheet and discuss the account. Scott moved the meeting to Old Business where the first topic of discussion was gopher machine repairs. After some contemplation, Craig moved to purchase the Burrow Former part from 21st Century and either do the repairs ourselves, or have Curtis's grandson Gage do it, Jennifer seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Next was a decision on where to take the tree tractor for repairs. Craig commented that after reviewing both quotes, from Titan and Triple R Repair LLC, and talking with Dave from Titan about needing a heavy-duty clutch package he concluded that it should stay at Titan, Jennifer and Scott agreed, mentioning their concerns about the warranty. Jamie then commented that she had received the orders for hats and mugs, and she is very pleased with the purchases. There was no New Business. Scott then asked if there was a Goshen Solar update, Jamie commented that she had seen a public notice for a Zoom option to watch the County Commissioners public comment at an Industrial Siting Commission meeting on the GSP. The date is set for February 16, at 10:00am. Seeing no other business, Jennifer moved to adjourn the meeting, Craig seconded. Meeting adjourned at 1:16pm.


Chairman

03-15-2024
Date


Treasurer