Hughes County Conservation District

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Pierre, SD 57501

July 09th, 2015

*Minutes*

Call Meeting to Order: The meeting was called to order by Lyle Stewart at 7:14pm. The following board members were in attendance: Terry Ness, Jim Finley and Lyle Stewart. Office Personnel included: Doug Boes, Renee Ryckman, Susan Thorson and Dillon Blaha.

Minutes of the June 11th Meeting were read by Finley. Ness made a motion to approve the minutes and Finley seconded, all said Aye. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report and Reconciliation: Thorson reviewed the financial report that is *attached.*

\*Send statements of past due amounts this month.

\*Checks were signed for payments due.

Motion was made to approve the report by Ness and was seconded by Finley, all said Aye, motion carried.

Old Business:

\*The survey from the newsletter was discussed. Only one was received thus far. Wait for more results.

\*White pickup has been repaired but now a pump is going out on it. Per Boes, it is not a necessity to have it repaired right now.

\*Boes is taking a crew to Don Korkow’s to stake the trees next week.

Motion was made to approve by Ness and seconded by Finley, all said Aye, motion carried.

New Business:

\*Lyle Stewart attended the District Meeting and gave a report. No decisions on the legislative proposal were made and they will take a vote at a later District Meeting.

\*Boes purchased a Rototiller for $1,100 from Wurts.

\*It was discussed about charging $100 per hour for the tiller charge.

\*A slip clutch is needed for the tiller- Boes will do some price checking.

\*It was mentioned by Boes that there may be a possibility of sending in a request for a couple of the NRCS 4-wheelers. Lori will let Doug know if this comes to pass. The board decided that they would welcome the opportunity to purchase a couple, if possible.

Secretaries Report:

\*Ken Korkow enclosed a “thank-you” note.

\*Consent was approved by the board for Renee Ryckman to talk to 1st National Bank and to have the capability to transfer up to $10,000.00 from Savings to Checking as needed and approved by the board.

Stewart made a motion to approve and Ness seconded, all said Aye and the motion was approved.

District Manager Report:

\*Only Kevin Carter is left to fabric. May need to rototill before fabric can be laid.

\*Both drills, one at Grossenberg need to have sections repaired as the grease is not getting through to the bushings. They have figured out a “fix”. All of the sections on both drills will need to be repaired in the future.

\*Both drills are going to need new tires.

\*Brent and Julie Saucerman have a lot of thistles and Doug wanted to know if he should go ahead and contact them about spraying them as they have such a large outstanding bill. The board is leaving it up to Doug’s digression.

\*Still have about 10 more sites to drill.

\* Spraying, couple more weeks.

\*Mowing, about another 100 acres.

\*Doug is going to get an estimate from Jerry Ogan for gravel on lot across from the shop.

\*Coolers were shut off.

\*All trees are sold.

Field office Report:

\*Dillon Blaha discussed our natural resource priorities and USDA local work group resource concerns. His suggestion was to add “Degraded Plant Condition”- undesirable plant productivity, health and vigor. (See attached report)

\*Blaha resented seven plans to be signed.

\*Jerry Webb soil sampling was done again.

Plans for Review:

Next Meeting: August 6th at 7:00pm

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn was made by Stewart and seconded by Finley, all said, “Aye”. Meeting was adjourn at 9:37pm.