

**Walsh County Three Rivers Soil Conservation District
Board Meeting – July 13, 2023 – 9AM
Held at USDA Building 417 Park St W, Park River ND**

Attendance

Joel Hylden, President
Allen Zidon, Supervisor
Brent Risky, Supervisor
Bob Lundquist, NRCS
Brad Brummond, Advisory Member
Josh Anderson, District Conservation Manager
Brandon Mathiason, Business Operations Manager
Thomas Fuentes, Guest

President Hylden called meeting to order with roll call and asked for modifications to the agenda.

Other Reports

Lundquist reported on the status of NRCS programs and is working on CRP Violation fixes at local level.

Brummond reported working with 9- and 10-year-olds on land judging and how they can read soil maps and report on them.

Minutes

Risky moved to approve the June 8th meeting minutes; Zidon seconded; motion carried.

Financial Report

Mathiason gave the financial report and asked to approve the bills. There was discussion about a couple of the bills. Risky then moved to pay the bills and Zidon seconded; motion carried.

District Conservation Report

Anderson gave the conservation report outlining how the Arbor walks went. Anderson also talked about how the Soil Health Tour went and that we had a special guest reporter Ann Baily from Ag week. Anderson also talked about how we are attending the farmers markets, and how the podcast and documentary are going. Anderson spoke to how we landed a huge fabric job across the border in MN, and how we are on track to do over 450 acres of grass planting. Anderson also spoke about the Harmful algal blooms in Homme Dam and Bylin Dam.

Old Business

Mathiason talked about the status of the 2007 Green Chevrolet Silverado as to how the transmission is out and what costs would be needed to fix. Mathiason asked what they would like to do with it. Zidon motioned to sell the pickup (as is) on Steffes Group and Risky seconded; motion carried.

New Business

There was discussion on how the soil health tour went. Brummond stated that he thought it went well and also mentioned that we are doing a great job because Ag week does not just come out for nothing to report on. Brummond also stated that we have made progress in soil health in individuals changing their soils and wants the soil health team to continue. Lundquist stated he had hoped more had come out for the tour; however, it went well.

Other Business

Blue Cross Blue Shield health insurance. Mathiason brought this matter up to the board as the rate is going up 9.5% and wanted to know if we should stay with the same coverage or look for others. Risky made the motion to keep the same plan and Zidon seconded; motion carried.

Zidon motioned to go into an executive closed personnel session at the next meeting.

Next Meeting

Regular Scheduled meeting had to be moved due to training conflicts and was scheduled for August 17th @ 9am

Adjourn

Risky motioned to adjourn meeting and Zidon seconded; meeting adjourned