

SOUTH DOUGLAS CONSERVATION DISTRICT
SUPERVISORS' MEETING
September 11, 2023

Meeting was called to order 7:00 p.m. Present were Lindsey Morrison, Carolyn Kelly, Joe Sprauer, Justin Grillo, Mike Lesky, Carol Cowling, Lexi Gardner – NRCS, Becca Herron, Ryan Lefler – Foster Creek CD, Ryan Williams, Kirk Beckendorf – Cascadia CD

No public comment

July meeting minutes approved. (no August meeting) **Motion:** Mike/Joe/passed.

Financial statements and bills to be paid submitted. Approved: **Motion:**Mike/Lindsey.
(Vouchers 4654-4665 = \$14,932.41)

NRCS Report – Lexi gave the NRCS report. New IRA (Inflation Reduction Act) program being developed. The staff is also working on CRP applications. No new news on new employee hires.

WCC Report – none

VSP update: New VSP employee hired. Set to start in September.

New Business

Discussion with Foster Creek CD and the conservation districts' boundaries. Ryan L has been working with a couple of landowners on Badger Mountain that is within SD's boundary. Lack of communication between the two districts which has been an ongoing problem. We reviewed the MOA once again to emphasize the need for letting both districts know if the other is working in their district. It is not prohibited but each district needs to be informed.

Cascadia Conservation District updated us on the education programs they are involved with South Douglas students. Wheat Week, Kids in the Creek, Kids in the Forest and some science classes. South Douglas does give \$2,500 to Cascadia for funding. And we have an agreement with Cascadia for education projects.

Carol has been working with a group to fund an updated CWPP (Community Wide Protection Plan) She will write the grant to the WCC for funding of this project. Forest Health ad Community Wildfire Resiliency. **Motion:** Joe/Carolyn/passed

- Funding for fencing replacement on Badger Mountain thru the WA Shrub Steppe Restoration Resiliency Initiative (WSSRRI) is available. Mike Bromiley is interested. (This is the program Ryan L – Foster Creek CD is pursuing) **Motion** to apply: Joe/Carolyn/passed.
- Natural Resources Investment Grant, thru WCC, is available. We used this last year for Badger Mountain fuels reduction, working with DNR. **Motion** to apply: Carolyn/Mike/passed.
- Discussion on translating the newsletter to Spanish on the website. Fanny Cordero, who Cascadia uses, could do it for about \$500 per newsletter. **Motion:** Carolyn/Mike/passed.
- Discussion on No till Range Drill. Who will run it? Where will it be stored? How many farmers would use it? Further discussion needed.
- Discussion on the worn out Valmar. It has no value and can be declared surplus. Possibly to get rid of as scrap metal. Barnes Welding will be contacted. **Motion** to declare surplus: Carolyn/Joe/passed.
- 2019-2021 State Audit is complete. No findings, no written recommendations.
- North Central CD area meeting will be October 19 in Ritzville. Can decide at next meeting.

Cost Share

Jeff Kirkley submitted a cost share proposal which would involve improving his yard and a few trees. It is not within our parameters of cost share projects. Carol will contact him to let him know we will not fund it.

Meeting adjourned 8:40 p.m.