

SANDHILLS RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

July 31, 2018

MEETING MINUTES

The Sandhills Resource Conservation and Development Council held the monthly meeting on July 31, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. CST at the McPherson Co courthouse in Tryon. Present were Bill Henry, Pam Moody, and Twila Phillips. Joining by phone were Tim Andersen, Deb McConnell, Carl Rundback, Dave Hardin, and Thad Emerson. Absent were Bob Doyle, Lonnie Peters, Cliff Welsh, Kenny Kramer, Lee Ferguson, and Mitch Glidden. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Deb McConnell.

Minutes: Minutes reviewed were from the May 29th meeting. Bill moved and Carl seconded to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer reports – The June and July treasurer reports for the general account and housing accounts were reviewed. Pam moved and Bill seconded to accept the reports and place on audit. Motion carried.

Old business:

Budget review – the year to date budget was reviewed with questions answered.

Audit - Pam submitted her audit report reconciled to bank statements. It is slightly different than the numbers on Deb's report, but Pam's is based off of bank statement beginning and ending balances. Both reports will be sent to the council and submitted for action at the next meeting.

Project reports –

Skid Steer discussion – The skid steer grant funded project has ended. The skid steer is now owned by the RC&D with all expenses to be covered by rental income. It was noted that the monthly insurance payments had been covered by grant funds, and now will be coming from operating funds. Twila will contact Arnold Insurance and see if JoeBob would be able to attend the next meeting and update the group on current coverage and possible ways to reduce insurance expenses. Twila will ask NET if we can use the skid steer for other uses now that the grant is completed.

Nebraska Grazing Lands Coalition (NGLC) – The summer grazing tour in the Hay Springs area is completed with about 175 in attendance. There was also a generational transition workshop the afternoon before the tour. The next quarterly meeting will be prior to the start of the state grazing conference in early August. Plans are being made for the fall traveling road show to be held in November.

Sandhills Journey Scenic Byway (SJSB)– The birding video produced by Mitch Hunt, Broken Bow, has been completed. The Nebraska Environmental Trust birding grant has been completed and final reports are being prepared. The byway will have a booth at the NE State Fair with volunteers manning the booth during the 11 day show. The byway will also have a vendor site during the Junk Jaunt.

Hooker County Tourism –Nothing new to report -

Housing Update – A new housing project - #383 – was presented to the council for approval. Leigh Alexander with Community Development Services has prepared the application and completed the inspections. Funds will come through both the Sandhills RC&D housing project reuse funds (\$18,500) as well as the Mullen Village housing reuse funds (\$6,500). Bill moved to approve this new project, Dave seconded, motion carried.

No new business.

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, Sept 25th in Tryon.
Respectfully submitted, Twila Phillips