

SANDHILLS RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Nov. 27, 2018

MEETING MINUTES

The Sandhills Resource Conservation and Development Council held the monthly meeting on Nov. 27, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. CST at the McPherson Co courthouse in Tryon. Present were Bill Henry, Kenny Kramer, Scott Hoberg (Deb McConnell replacement) and Twila. Joining by phone were Dave Hardin, Cliff Welsh, Pam Moody, and Lonnie Peters. Absent were Tim Andersen, Lee Ferguson, Robert Doyle, Carl Rundback, and Mitch Glidden. The meeting was called to order by Acting Chairman, Bill Henry.

Consent Agenda - Minutes: Minutes reviewed were from the Sept. 25 meeting. Lonnie moved and Kenny seconded to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer reports – The Oct and Nov treasurer reports for the general account and housing accounts were reviewed. Dave moved and Pam 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 Update – Pam went over the audit. Kenny moved and Dave seconded to approve the audit. Motion carried.

Project reports –

Nebraska Grazing Lands Coalition (NGLC) –The NGLC just completed the fall traveling road show series at 8 locations across the state. Speaker was Dr. Jason Rowntree, a forage and grazing instructor at Michigan State University. Several members of the Nebraska Grazing Lands Coalition will be attending the National Grazing Conference in Reno, NV in early December with at least five NGLC members making presentations at the conference. The quarterly NGLC meeting was recently held in North Platte at the extension center. Bethany Johnston, Thedford, will be taking the reins as the new state coordinator for the generational transition program with funding from the World Wildlife fund and the Sandhills RC&D serving as the fiscal agent. She is also working with the computer programmers to finish a program to help producers manage grazing rotations.

Sandhills Journey Scenic Byway (SJSB)– Plans are being made for the SJSB Annual meeting to be held in Cairo, NE on January 26th, 2019. The movie Ocean of Grass will be shown Friday, Saturday and Sunday (Jan 25-27) at the Grand Theater in conjunction with the annual meeting. Georg Joutas, producer of the movie, will be the guest speaker at the afternoon workshops on Saturday afternoon.

Hooker County Tourism –Nothing new to report

Skid Steer discussion – No new projects currently in the works. Advertising is continuing.

Housing Claim –Claim presented from Leigh Alexander/CDS for \$612 for labor/materials on a current home project. Dave moved and Kenny seconded to approve, motion carried.

New business:

Election of officers – Bill indicated he would be willing to take the reins as chairman for 2019. Kenny nominated Bill Henry, Pam seconded to approve the nomination and motion carried all aye.

Carl Rundback will be asked if he would be willing to continue to serve as vice chairman and Mitch asked to continue as treasurer.

Replacement of Council Members: Scott Hoberg will be replacing chairman, Deb McConnell from Tryon as she moved to eastern Nebraska.

Form 990 – Twila said that the RC&D tax reporting form 990 has been completed by Susan Maline with McChesney, Martin, Sagehorn accountant firm in North Platte. They will file the form electronically but require a signature from a council representative. Kenny moved and Scott seconded to approve Bill to sign the form.

The next meeting – Annual Meeting- was scheduled for Tuesday, January 29 in North Platte. Twila will look for a guest speaker and location.

Respectfully submitted, Twila Phillips