

SANDHILLS RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

March 27, 2018

MEETING MINUTES

The Sandhills Resource Conservation and Development Council held the monthly meeting on March 27, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. CST at the McPherson Co courthouse in Tryon. The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Deb McConnell. Stan Pettit. Present were Deb McConnell, Bill Henry, Carl Rundback, and Cliff Welsh and Thad Emerson by phone. Absent and excused were Tim Andersen, Dave Hardin, and Pam Moody. Absent and unexcused were Lonnie Peters, Mitch Glidden, Kenny Kramer, Robert Doyle and Lee Ferguson. Also present was Twila Phillips.

Consent Agenda

Bill moved to approve the consent agenda, Carl seconded, motion carried.

Minutes: Correction to minutes was noted – Cliff Welsh was present by phone at the last meeting.

Treasurer reports – The February and March treasurer reports were reviewed. Carl moved and Bill seconded to accept the reports and place on audit. Motion carried.

Audit – Deb McConnell and Pam Moody are working on the audit. Deb had a quick report that what she has looked at so far looked fine. She noted that there were two entries missing from the monthly treasurer reports, but totaling came out ok.

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

Dues payments – All annual dues have been paid to date other than Grant County - \$50 and Thedford Area Development - \$50, and the Village of Hyannis - \$50. Twila will recontact them.

Project reports –

Nebraska Grazing Lands Coalition (NGLC) –The quarterly board NGLC board meeting was held at the Mullen RC&D office in early March. Plans are being made for the summer grazing tour to be held in the Chadron area in June. The board is also putting together an application for the fall Nebraska Environmental Trust grant application period for a cedar control project incorporating controlled burns. There were three speakers at the meeting from the Loess Hills Burn group. NGLC is also working with the World Wildlife Fund on common projects including generational transition meetings. NGLC is working with the South Dakota grazing group on a combined bus trip to the Private Lands Partners conference to be held in Missouri in October.

Sandhills Journey Scenic Byway (SJSB)– The annual Polar Bear Tank Race was held in early March and had great weather. Grants are being completed and a new Game and Parks Grant was awarded. One state tourism grant is being completed and another one is in the process of being started.

Hooker County Tourism – Nothing new.

Skid Steer discussion – The skid steer project is nearing completion and it will be ending June 31st. There is only about \$600 remaining and that will be used for insurance payments and/or advertising for use of the skid steer. Final reports will be due after the project closes.

Housing Update – No claims for this period.

It was noted that Tim Andersen is the new Upper Loup NRD representative replacing Eric Storer.

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, May 29th in Tryon.

Respectfully submitted,
Twila Phillips