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2024 February MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Perkins County Conservation District was held Thursday, February 22, 2024, at 1:04 P.M. at the Bison NRCS conference room. Supervisor's present were Chairman Lyndel Johnson, Vice Chairman Drew Anderson via phone call, Secretary/Treasurer Veronica Kari and Supervisor Peggy Veal. Supervisor Chuck Anderson was absent. District Manager Shauna Kopren, ABC Wildlife Biologist Kirsten Linnemeier and NRCS Soil Conservationist Hanna Hostutler were also present.

A motion was made by Supervisor Peggy Veal and seconded by Supervisor Veronica Kari to approve the agenda; motion carried.

The January 2023 minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Supervisor Peggy Veal and seconded by Supervisor Veronica Kari to approve the minutes from January with corrections; motion carried.

The employee timesheets from January were reviewed. A motion was made by Supervisor Veronica Kari and seconded by Supervisor Peggy Veal to approve employee timesheets; motion carried.

The financial report was reviewed. A motion was made by Supervisor Veronica Kari and seconded by Supervisor Peggy Veal to accept the financial report and to pay monthly bills; motion carried.

American Bird Conservancy Report: *ABC Wildlife Biologist Kirsten Linnemeier introduced herself and update the board on her current activities.*

District Operations Report: *District Manager Shauna Kopren updated the board on her current activities and daily operations of the district.*

NRCS Update: *NRCS Soil Conservationist Hanna Hostutler updated the board on current NRCS projects and activities.*

FSA Update: *no update*

SDACD/NACD Update: *no report.*

NACD TA2023 Grant/position update: Chairman Lyndel Johnson signed the Memorandum of Agreement Between NACD and Perkins County Conservation District for the 2023 Technical Assistance Grant.

Aquatic Invasive Species JPA: Chairman Lyndel Johnson signed the South Dakota Department of Game Fish and Parks State of South Dakota Joint Power Contract and 2024 Work Plan for the Conservation District Watercraft inspection station project.

2024 Annual Plan of Work: District Manager Shauna Kopren presented the board with the 2024 Annual Plan of Work. A motion was made by Supervisor Peggy Veal and seconded by Supervisor Veronica Kari to approve the 2024 Annual Plan of Work and submit it to the state; motion carried.

2023 Annual Report to Conservation Commission: District Manager Shauna Kopren presented the 2023 Annual Report. A motion was made by Supervisor Veronica Kari and seconded by Supervisor Peggy Veal to approve the 2023 Annual Report and to send in; motion carried.

2024 Annual Budget: District Manager Shauna Kopren presented the 2024 Annual Budget. Discussion was tabled till next meeting.

2023 Financial Reports: District Manager Shauna Kopren presented the 2023 Financial Reports. A motion was made by Supervisor Peggy Veal and seconded by Supervisor Veronica Kari to approve the 2023 Financial Reports and to send them into the state; motion carried.

2023 Audit: District Manager Shauna Kopren present the 2023 Audit that Butte County Conservation District manager Yvette Kirkman did to the board for review. A motion was made by Supervisor Peggy Veal and seconded by Supervisor Veronica Kari to approve the audit and send to the state, motion carried.

Natural Resource Outreach Technician Employee Applications: The board reviewed the application for the NROT position. It was decided that District Manager Shauna Kopren and available board members will conduct the interviews for the three applicants and recorded the interview for board members that will not be present. Starting wage will be set for \$16.25 and tentative start day 4-1-2024.

Winter Workshop & Awards Luncheon review: District Manager Shauna Kopren presented to the board the financial numbers from the workshop. A motion was made by Supervisor Drew Anderson and seconded by Supervisor Veronica Kari to raise the scholarship fund to \$1,500.00 if possible and ear mark the rest of the remainder funds for future events; motion carried.

2024 Supervisor Elections: District Manager Shauna Kopren updated the board on which supervisor terms are up for election this year.

Drill update: District Manager Shauna Kopren updated the drill on the state of the drill.

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 14 @ 1:00 P.M. at the Bison NRCS Conference Room.