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2024 March MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Perkins County Conservation District was held Thursday, March 14, 2024, at 1:02 P.M. at the Bison NRCS conference room. Supervisor's present were Chairman Lyndel Johnson, Vice Chairman Drew Anderson, Secretary/Treasurer Veronica Kari, Supervisor Chuck Anderson, and Supervisor Peggy Veal. District Manager Shauna Kopren, NRCS Assistant State Conservationist Tate Lantz, Resource Unit Conservationist Jaime Fuhrman, and District Conservationist Sarah Eggebo were also present.

A motion was made by Supervisor Chuck Anderson and seconded by Supervisor Drew Anderson to approve the agenda; motion carried.

The February 2024 minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Supervisor Veronica Kari and seconded by Supervisor Peggy Veal to approve the minutes from February; motion carried.

The employee timesheets from February were reviewed. A motion was made by Supervisor Drew Anderson and seconded by Supervisor Chuck Anderson to approve employee timesheets; motion carried.

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

American Bird Conservancy Report: *District Manager Shauna Kopren presented the board with a copy of the letter of support that was signed for ABC.*

District Operations Report: *District Manager Shauna Kopren updated the board on her current activities and daily operations of the district. A motion was made by Supervisor Veronica Kari and seconded by Chuck Anderson to raise the starting tree planting wage to \$13.00 with a \$1.00 bonus/hour worked and a dollar raise to \$14.00 to stay on for fabric laying as well as raise the tractor driving raise to \$17.00/hour; motion carried.*

NRCS Update: *NRCS Assistant State Conservationist Tate Lantz, Resource Unit Conservationist Jaime Fuhrman, and District Conservationist Sarah Eggebo all gave reports on current NRCS activities.*

FSA Update: *CED Kristen Miles updated the board on current FSA activities and deadlines.*

SDACD/NACD Update: Drew Anderson updated the board on current SDACD activities. The Northwest Area meeting will be held Monday, June 24 at 1:00PM in Isabel at Sparky's.

Dacotah Bank account: District Manager Shauna Kopren explained about the services charges on the bank account. A motion was made by Supervisor Drew Anderson and seconded by Supervisor Veronica Kari to change the Dacotah Bank account to a Public Funds Blue Checking account; motion carried.

Natural Resource Outreach Technician Employee: A motion was made by Supervisor Drew Anderson and seconded by Supervisor Chuck Anderson to offer the natural resource outreach technician position to Courtnay Lewis and if she turns it down to check references for Katie Rose; motion carried.

2024 Annual Budget: District Manager Shauna Kopren will make changes to the annual budget and present at the next meeting.

Drill update: Supervisor and staff updated the board on the drill.

The meeting adjourned at 2:58 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 11 @ 1:00 P.M. at the Bison NRCS Conference Room.