

The Codington Conservation District supervisors met in the NRCS/CD building at 8:34 AM with Chairman Ken Bunde, calling the meeting to order. Others in attendance were Bonnie Oletzke, Jim Comes, Verlyn Nordseth, Sandy Law, Michaela Kranz (District Technician), and Nicolle Zubke (District Manager), and John Knebel (SDACDE Area Board Supervisor). Absent were Brian Robertson, Mike Paulsen, and Ken Kittleson.

Motion by Comes, seconded by Oletzke, to approve the agenda; motion carried.

**Treasurer's report:** Motion by Oletzke, seconded by Comes, to approve February's minutes; motion carried.

**NRCS report:** Given by Linda Sumner. See attached.

**Old Business:** Discussion was held on response to offer made to Clark County Producer. Zubke reported has been paid. Offer still stand that was originally offered to replace Ponderosa Pine for this cleaning.

**District Services:** Michaela reported. Attended leadership, very educational. Interviewed one for the summer crew, hoping to interview a couple more. Motion by Comes, seconded by Oletzke to increase returning cultivation crew .42/hour, returning drill operator .50/hour, and new hires and fabric will remain \$12.00/hour; motion carried.

**General Session:** Producer D.R., was in and discussed issues with older planting that was supposed to have been seeded and wasn't, weeds took over. Michaela will go out and look at the planting with the producer and report back to the board at the April 7 meeting. John Knebel reported briefly on leadership and the importance for supervisor to attend convention.

**Office Business:** Nicolle reported. Area Meeting move to June 19 in Webster. Home show attendance was good, roughly 900 people over 2 days stopped by the booth. Gave short report of leadership. Motion by Oletzke, seconded by Comes, to purchase Michaela a laptop, after quotes and runs the quote by board members by email; motion carried. Nicolle also reported that the board will have 4 supervisor vacancies at the end of the year. Petitions are available in the office and 25 signatures are required. Tentative future Meetings set for 8:30am, as follows:

April 9

May 7

With no further items to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:26am

Nicolle Zubke, District Manager

**NRCS REPORT FOR CODINGTON CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING  
3/12/18**

1. CRP - Conservation Reserve Plan
  1. CRP is still shut down.
  
2. EQIP
  1. Codington had 9 FY18 eligible EQIP applications.
    1. 3 applications were funded. .
    2. There is a chance we get additional money and get more applications funded
    3. RCPP (Regional Conservation Partnership Program) signups announced. App deadline = March 16<sup>th</sup>.
      1. Prairie Partners Working Lands Partnership (PPWLP)
        - a. Sponsored by DU
        - b. Wildlife cover practices such as converting cropland to grass and grass mgt, cover crops, wetland restorations.
  
3. CSP
  1. Have 13 applications for FY18. We are starting to work on them but do not have all the tools available to complete application process.
  2. Will have 21 applications that expire this year and be eligible for renewal through FY19R signup. Renewal app deadline is 4/13/18

Questions???