

**Walsh County Three Rivers Soil Conservation District
Board Meeting – August 17, 2023 – 9AM
Held at USDA Building 417 Park St W, Park River ND**

Attendance

Joel Hylden, President
Jay Gudajtes, Vice President
Allen Zidon, Supervisor
Brent Risky, Supervisor
Jacob Suda, Supervisor
Bob Lundquist, NRCS
Brad Brummond, Advisory Member
Dennis Skorheim, Commissioner Member
Josh Anderson, District Conservation Manager
Brandon Mathiason, Business Operations Manager

President Hylden called meeting to order with roll call and asked for modifications to the agenda. Gudajtes stated to add modifications to the agenda on the agenda as first line.

Minutes

Risky moved to approve the July 13th meeting minutes; Suda seconded; motion carried.

District Conservation Report

Anderson gave the conservation report outlining what is going on with the 319 watershed project and talked about what is planned going forward. Anderson also stated that we currently have 50 additional acres of grass lined up which would make the total for the year over 500. Anderson also reported on how the podcast and documentary was moving along and he is getting good feedback from all the other agencies that are now wanting to be part of our documentary and podcast. Anderson talked about the Eco Ed event that is coming up on September 12th at the Park River Bible Camp.

Other Reports

Lundquist reported on the status of NRCS programs.

Financial Report

Mathiason gave the financial report and asked to approve the bills. There was discussion about a couple of the bills. Risky then moved to pay the bills and Gudajtes seconded; motion carried.

New Business

Mill Levy Rate was discussed to put it on the ballot to raise it to 4 or 5 mills, Hylden will check with states attorney to see how much we can do and how to get it on the ballot. Business Logo was discussed, needs voter approval to drop the Three Rivers part of the name. Public Communication, Purchase of UTV with water trailer, Micro Lessons, and Wages for Supervisors were also discussed.

Old Business

Purchase of a new pickup truck to replace the 2007 was discussed and the board asked Mathiason to get bids from local dealers first then reach out to other surrounding areas

Other Business

Resignation letter from Janet Devorak was discussed. Zidon motioned to accept it; Suda seconded; motion carried.

Anderson asked to move forward with hiring a watershed coordinator and start advertising for it with a salary of \$45,000 to \$55,000 per year depending on qualifications. Gudajtes motioned to approve that Hylden can ok the approval of the ad description to be advertised; Zidon seconded; motion carried

Next Meeting

Public budget meeting at 8:45am with regular board meeting to follow on September 14th

Adjourn

Gudajtes motioned to adjourn meeting; Risky seconded; meeting adjourned