

**Walsh County Three Rivers Soil Conservation District  
Board Meeting – February 8th, 2024 – 9:02AM  
Held at USDA Building 417 Park St W, Park River ND**

Attendance

Joel Hylden, President  
Jay Gudajtes, Vice President  
Brent Risky, Supervisor  
Brandon Mathiason, Business & Operations Manager  
Josh Anderson, Conservation Manager  
Bob Lundquist, NRCS  
Brad Brummond, Board of Supervisor Advisor  
Kayla Rushton, Administrative Assistant

President Hylden called meeting to order with roll call and asked for modifications to the agenda.

Minutes

Last month's minutes were reviewed, and Gudajtes asked to add that President Hylden was late to last meeting. Risky moved to approve the modification and January 11th meeting minutes, Gudajtes seconded; motion carried.

Other Reports

Lundquist gave the NRCS report. He talked about how many applications he has for EQIP program. He said he has 3 tree planting applications in. If those get approved, he asked that Anderson and Mathiason be responsible for the tree plans.

District Conservation Report

Anderson gave the conservation report of what both Anderson and Mathiason have done this past month with highlighting that a place has been reserved for the Annual Celebration Dinner, Anderson has been asked to interview several people for upcoming episodes for the podcast, both Anderson & Mathiason presented at North Valley's Career Expo, in addition to that the Midway school called and asked both of them to be part of their upcoming event at their school. We are on the agenda to speak at the next County Commission Meeting. We were featured on the front page of the Grand Forks Herald for the podcast, and Anderson is working on an upcoming grant that the NDGF (North Dakota Game & Fish) has asked to help with. Mathiason also gave the business & operations report.

Financial Report

Mathiason asked for approval to pay the bills. Risky moved to pay the bills and Gudajtes seconded; motion carried.

New Business

No new business.

### Old Business

Hylden brought up doing the evaluation for Mathiason and Anderson. Risky stated how both individuals have gone above and beyond what was anticipated. Gudajtes stated that both have done a better job getting grants and more utilization of the 319-watershed grant, he also stated as to how both have been doing a great job on education and outreach. Hylden stated that he has seen a significant improvement in the soil conservation and is grateful to have both Anderson and Mathiason.

### Other Business

Everyone welcomed Kayla Rushton as the new office Administrative Assistant.

### Next Meeting

Regular board meeting March 14<sup>th</sup> at 9am to be held at 417 Park St. W Park River, ND 58270

### Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:51 AM