

**Walsh County Three Rivers Soil Conservation District  
Board Meeting – September 14, 2023 – 9:55AM  
Held at USDA Building 417 Park St W, Park River ND**

Attendance

Joel Hylden, 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  
Kristi Brintnell, County Commissioner

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

Minutes

Last month's minutes were discussed, and Risky moved to approve the August 17<sup>th</sup> 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 how the Eco Ed event went, how his interviews with the podcast and documentary are going, he also mentioned possible stops next year for the Soil Health Tour. Anderson stated he is working on a few projects that would involve Grassland Initiative, Economic Incentives focused on Small Farms & First Time Farmers, Training Future Farmers and Conservationists, as well as Building the Infrastructure.

Other Reports

Lundquist reported on the status of NRCS programs, he also mentioned that the next grass seeding window is coming in November. Lundquist also mentioned that Steve & Gwen assisted with the Walsh Eco Ed.

Financial Report

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

New Business

Hylden asked the board to make a motion to require there to be 2 signatures on the checks from this point forward. Zidon moved to require that 2 signatures need to be on all checks going forward and one of them needs to be a board member. Risky seconded; motion carried.

Hylden then asked the board to make a motion on purchasing a battery-operated weed eater up to \$360. There was discussion on this matter. Risky moved to purchase a battery-operated weed eater with a dollar spending limit of \$360. Suda seconded; motion carried. There was discussion about minor remodeling to be done to the office, and it was asked for Mathiason to get a minimum of 2 bids to present to the next meeting.

#### Old Business

Purchase of a new pickup truck was discussed and Mathiason presented the bids to the board. Zidon moved to accept, approve, and purchase by financing it for 5 years with semiannual payments through First United Bank of the lowest bid from Hansons in Grafton. Risky seconded; motion carried

#### Other Business

During the budget meeting it was mentioned to help save the district money that Anderson would only work 10 months out of the year. There was discussion as to how it would work out and the board wanted to table making a decision on this matter until the next regular meeting.

#### Next Meeting

Special Budget meeting to be set at a later date, but prior to October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023

Regular board meeting October 12<sup>th</sup> at 9am held at 417 Park St. W Park River ND 58270

#### Adjourn

Zidon motioned to adjourn meeting; Risky seconded; meeting adjourned