

**Walsh County Three Rivers Soil Conservation District  
Board Meeting – September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – 9:00AM  
Held at USDA Building 417 Park St W, Park River ND**

Attendance

Joel Hylden, President  
Brent Risky, Supervisor  
Allen Zidon, Supervisor  
Jacob Suda, Supervisor  
Josh Anderson, District Conservation Manager  
Brandon Mathiason, Business & Operations Manager  
Bob Lundquist, NRCS  
Brad Brummond, Advisor

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

Minutes

The minutes for August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024, were reviewed, Risky moved to approve, and Zidon seconded; motion carried.

Reports

Anderson gave the conservation report highlighting the event Eco Ed and thanked all the station leaders for helping out. Anderson also talked about the Working Lands Cover Crop Grant as to how we have begun recruitment and hoping to get the final approval from the USDA after October 1<sup>st</sup>. Anderson also mentioned how he was asked to serve on the NDNRT board. Anderson reported on the podcast and documentary status as well as the next 319 grant for the next phase of the Park River Watershed project. Mathiason gave the business report outlining what was done during the month of August. Mathiason also mentioned that the Area I meeting we are hosting is coming up and hopes all will attend. Lundquist gave the NRCS report, highlighting some of the programs that are currently taking applications.

Financial Report

Hylden asked for approval to pay the bills. Suda moved to approve and pay the bills and Zidon seconded; motion carried  
Mathiason presented the Budget vs Actuals report, there was discussion about the 319 dollars that was coming in and about the mill dollars. Anderson stated that the century codes are misleading as there are three different deadlines for budgets to be in by and would like to get clarification by the Attorney Generals office. Anderson also stated that he wants to know when the county needs to provide the mill value to us so we can put together a more accurate preliminary budget. Hylden stated wanted to know if the funds that were allocated to the soil conservation district not given to us and not returned to the taxpayers then where are these funds being used by the county commission.

New Business

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Brummond wanted to note that the local land judging team will be heading to Oklahoma again this year to compete at the nationals.

Old Business

Anderson discussed the podcast and stated that it has over 400 listeners to the last episode and is willing to do more local episodes of local farmers that have been doing interesting things on their land.

Other Business

Mathiason reminded everyone again about the Area I meeting that we are hosting next Tuesday at the Park River City Hall at 10am.

Mathiason presented the resignation letter from David Bounds Watershed Coordinator to the board. The board discussed the next steps, and it was decided that Josh Anderson would step down from the roll of District Conservation Manager to take on the Watershed Coordinator position until further notice from the board.

Next Meeting

Regular board meeting tentatively set for October 21<sup>st</sup> at 9am to be held at 417 Park St. W Park River, ND 58270

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 10:23 AM