

**Walsh County Three Rivers Soil Conservation District  
Board Meeting – January 11th, 2024 – 9:12AM  
Held at USDA Building 417 Park St W, Park River ND**

Attendance

Joel Hylden, President  
Jay Gudajtes, Vice President  
Brent Risky, Supervisor  
Jacob Suda, Supervisor  
Brandon Mathiason, Business & Operations Manager  
Bob Lundquist, NRCS  
Brad Brummond, Board of Supervisor Advisor

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

Minutes

Last month's minutes were reviewed, and Gudajtes moved to approve the December 15<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes; Risky seconded; motion carried.

District Conservation Report

Mathiason gave the conservation report of what we both have done this past month with highlighting a few of the conversations we have had with Elizabeth Reaves of the Sustainable Food Lab, staff that was interviewed from the United Prairie Foundation, & Mary Keena of the NDSU Extensions. Mathiason also gave the business & operations report.

Other Reports

Lundquist reported on the status of NRCS programs.

Financial Report

Mathiason gave the financial report with the year-end report reporting that the district ended the year with a net income of \$7550.51. Mathiason as for the approval to pay the bills. Risky moved to pay the bills and Suda seconded; motion carried.

New Business

Officers of the board appointments for 2024 – Gudajtes moved that the officers of the board stay the same and Suda seconded; motion carried.

District Board Supervisor compensation policy was revised for 2024 to state what the board of supervisors get compensation for and how much. Gudajtes moved that an increase from \$75 plus mileage per training or meeting to \$100 without mileage for the first meeting of the month, but if any additional trainings or meetings come up during the month that they get the \$100 per day plus mileage per training or meeting, as well as overnight hotel stay and meals reimbursed, Risky seconded this motion. Gudajtes moved that the board of supervisors stay at getting paid or reimbursed annually, Risky seconded this motion. Gudajtes moved that any

member of the board of supervisors that need to stop into the office for any SCD business-related reason at any time of the month shall receive \$25 if under an hour and \$100 if over an hour plus mileage per time, Risky seconded this motion. Gudajtes moved to approve payments to board supervisors as follows Allen Zidon for \$1041.15, Brent Risky for \$1846.92, Jacob Suda for \$888.20, Jay Gudajtes for \$1502.76, Joel Hylden for \$2117.39 Risky seconded Hylden asked for a roll call vote on the policy changes and approval of payments to the board supervisors. The roll call vote is as follows Gudajtes – Yes; Risky – Yes; Suda – Yes; Hylden – Yes; motions carried.

#### Old Business

The Watershed Coordinator position which was offered to Yates McConnell is still open as McConnell declined to take the position. The board discussed what to do next and decided to offer the position to the other candidate David Bounds.

#### Other Business

The purchase of a Pontoon Boat was discussed to expand on the 319 Project in the education and outreach side as well as it being safer than the current boat.

#### Next Meeting

Regular board meeting February 8<sup>th</sup> at 9am to be held at 417 Park St. W Park River ND 58270

#### Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 10:32AM