

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

Attendance

Joel Hylden, President
Jay Gudajtes, Vice President
Brent Risky, Supervisor
Allen Zidon, Supervisor
Jacob Suda, Supervisor
Brandon Mathiason, Business & Operations Manager
Josh Anderson, Conservation Manager
David Bounds, Watershed Coordinator
Bob Lundquist, NRCS
Dennis Skorheim, County Commissioner
Norris Severtson, SCD Staff Member
Jordaan Thompson, NRCS Soil Scientist

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

Minutes

The minutes for April 11th, 2024 were reviewed, Risky moved to approve and Suda seconded; motion carried. The minutes for April 30th 2024 special meeting were reviewed, Gudajtes moved to a approve and Risky seconded; motion carried.

Reports

Anderson gave the conservation report. Mathiason gave the business & operations report. Bounds gave the watershed report, and there was a discussion on the algal blooms, Lundquist gave the NRCS report.

Financial Report

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

New Business

Severtson addressed the CRP Grass Seeding in 2022 and how the seed bed prep was the same as 2023 and no issue was brought up then.
Thompson addressed how and when soil sampling is done in there office and upon request she will be happy to assist our local NRCS team and train them how to do the easier testing to save time on future soil sampling back logs.
There was discussion on revising our service and pricing, Hylden moved to have the Fabric installation to include fabric at a rate of 72 Cents per linear foot; Zidon seconded. Roll call vote

was requested as follows; Zidon – Yes, Gudajtes – No, Risky – No, Suda – Yes, Hylden – Yes, motion passed

Old Business

No old business

Other Business

Anderson and Mathiason presented a few nominees to the board for 2024 Conservation Achievement Award Winner, of them are Orville Kjelland Farms, Lee Reiersen & Family, Brent Risky Farms, & Joe Ryba Farms. Gudajtes moved that Lee Reiersen & Family be the 2024 Conservation Achievement Award Winner Risky Seconded; motion passed

In the upcoming general election the board will have two spots open, one is a full six year position and the other is a two year unexpired position. Suda expressed interest in the six year term, as Risky expressed interest in the two year unexpired term. Gudajtes stated that he no longer wants to be on the board and would like someone new with fresh ideas to take his place.

Next Meeting

Regular board meeting June 13th at 9am to be held at 417 Park St. W Park River, ND 58270

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 10:59 AM