

Brule Buffalo Conservation District April board meeting

April 17, 2024 Charlys 7:00 PM

Members present, Randy Knippling, Leroy Ness, Ryan Urban, Abbey Randall, James Lindley, Jack Friedel
Larry Wagner, Tate Glaus, Zach Zimprich (BBCD employee), Kendal Hertick (PF Biologist)

Larry called meeting to order at 6:58 pm.

Ryan made motion to approve agenda, Lee seconded the motion

Randy made motion to approve December minutes, Ryan seconded the motion

Abbey motioned and Randy seconded the motion to approve the treasure's report

Ryan made motion to approve the accounts payable at \$46,621.96 Larry seconded the motion

Larry Wagner reported that he was hosting a pasture walk on May 22nd. This will be located at his ranch south of Pukwana. Topics to be discussed will be, May calving, grazing on brome grass pastures, and general soil health topics. Larry encouraged everyone to spread the word and attend if able.

Zach Zimprich reported that he had all of the trees for the season picked up and in the cooler. Zach mentioned that the total machine planted tree count this year is 32182, with a total rod row distance of 18,127. The tree crew started on Monday the 15th and were able to get 3 tree plots totaling 10 acres planted. The 1 ½"-3" of rain in the area has put them handplanting until conditions dry up. Zach reported that he attended the conservation commission grant meeting on April 10. The Brule Buffalo CD was awarded the total requested grant of \$36,500 for brush management practices.

Kendal Hertick with Pheasants Forever reported that he had 9 CRP contracts for trees with him for the Board to sign. He also said that grassland CRP signups will start on the 29th of April. Kendall also informed the Board that the State of South Dakota has declared that the Mid Missouri Burn Association can no longer burn on take ground along the river due to legal issues. Kendall stated that he was afraid that this would effectively shut down their efforts in the area.

Lee made a motion to approve and sign the presented CRP contracts and Larry seconded the motion.

No executive session

Meeting was adjourned at 7:26 by Larry

Recorded by Zach Zimprich