

Brule Buffalo Conservation District July board meeting

Junly 17th, 2024 Charly's 7:00 PM

Members present, Ryan Urban, James Lindley, Jack Friedel, Larry Wagner, Tate Glaus, Abbey Randall, Zach Zimprich (BBCD employee) Amber Bunker (NRCS), Ethan Adamson (public), Frank Sharping (public)

Larry called meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

Ryan made motion to approve agenda, Tate seconded the motion

Ryan made motion to approve June minutes, Abbey seconded the motion

Ryan motioned and Tate seconded the motion to approve the treasure's report

Abbey made motion to approve the accounts payable at \$9,140.38, Tate seconded the motion

Amber Bunker presented her NRCS report. She reported that the EQUIP obligations are rounding up and are almost finished. She talked about CRP grassland applications are being submitted and their office has quite a few applications. She gave an update on the office furniture, stating that it is supposed to arrive in early September, and that the unit is also in the process of replacing high mileage vehicles with new ones. Amber brought 9 CRP renewal contracts to the board to sign, and these were reviewed.

Abbey made the motion for the Board to sign the CRP contracts and Tate seconded the motion.

Zach Zimprich reported Heath and himself had been working on shelterbelt renovations in the past couple of weeks. He said that the Leadership tour of the Brule-Buffalo Conservation District's property went well with about 40 people participating. They had finished up the last of the drilling that was on the books and are getting ready to start grinding cedar trees in the river hills.

Zach informed the Board that all of the supervisor election petitions were thrown out because they were not double-sided and were staples. He contacted Pierre and they said the Board could just re-appoint and vote in officers at the December 2024 board meeting.

Frank Sharping was present to discuss the flooding and condition of Shaping Lake northeast of Pukwana. He stated that this is a 17 acre lake that was built by the CCC 1935. The dam failed during the rainfall event in June and now the spillway needs to be repaired and he is looking for financial assistance for the project. The Board agreed to help Frank in whatever capacity they are able to with the project.

Zach Zimprich proposed a business venture for the District of becoming a dealer for Orion Hunting Blinds. He stated that he felt it would be a good way to diversify the District while potentially bringing in more business for the services already offered by the District.

Abbey made a motion and Tate seconded the motion to purchase 5 blinds to sell from the District.

No executive session

Meeting was adjourned at 6:46 PM by Larry

Recorded by Zach Zimprich