

Brule-Buffalo Conservation District March meeting minutes

7 pm at Charly's Lounge

Present: Larry Wagner, LeRoy Ness, Randy Knippling, Jack Freidel, Tate Glaus, Ryan Urban, James Lindley, Amber Bunker (NRCS) Eric Weeman (District)

Randy called meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Larry made motion to approve the agenda as circulated and Ryan seconded the motion-Passed

Larry made motion to approve February meeting minutes. Abbey second-Passed

LeRoy presented the treasurer's report and asked for a motion to approve. Larry seconded the motion and it passed.

Accounts payable and receivables were discussed. Ryan made motion to approve and Larry seconded the motion in the amount of \$1,526.08-Passed

Amber Bunker presented a short NRCS report. Said there is 2 million dollars allocated for SD from the Inflation reduction act.

Larry Wagner reported that he did a video with the Grasslands Coalition. The went out into some good stands of warm season grasses that caught a lot of snow and found the ground to not be frozen and even found an earthworm at about 6 inches below the surface. Shows that biological activity is present during the winter months also. Larry also stated that the warm season grasses caught and held a lot of snow from drifting across the roads which reduces snow removal and road maintenance expense.

Eric Weeman reported for the District that the file cabinets had been moved from NRCS office to the tree shed. Need to do something with the plotter yet. Zach and Eric took and passed their drone pilots license test and went to Savage Minnesota to pick up the Drone. They are also going back end of March to do some field training with the Drone.

Purchasing a trailer for the drone was discussed and Larry made a motion to purchase the trailer needed up to \$10,000. LeRoy seconded that motion and it passed.

Eric presented the board with information about the shelterbelt renovation and tree grant which had been submitted. All thought it was a good idea. Larry made the motion to approve and Ryan seconded. Passed

No public input, executive session, or new business

Next Meeting: April 19, 2023 at 7 pm at the Ag Services Building

Reported by Eric Weeman