

Brule Buffalo Conservation District April board meeting

May 15, 2024 Charlys 7:00 PM

Members present, Leroy Ness, Ryan Urban, , James Lindley, Jack Friedel Larry Wagner, Tate Glaus, Zach Zimprich (BBCD employee), Amber Bunker (NRCS)

Larry called meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

Ryan made motion to approve agenda, Lee seconded the motion

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

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

Larry made motion to approve the accounts payable at \$36,528.17 Leroy 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. Larry also attended the state CD board meeting and informed the BBCD board that membership dues for the SDACD would be increasing by \$100. Larry also reported that Angela and Collete have been spearheading website called Dakota Conservation Network. This site consolidates many agencies (NRCS, PF, GFP, etc.) programs into one site, so producers are able to find what can best help with their conservation goals.

Zach Zimprich reported that he had all of the East River trees planted and 80% of the fabric laid east river. Zach reported that he has moved to Lyman Co. to plant the trees over there, but was no waiting for ground to dry up a little with the recent moisture. Zach informed the board that the grass drill has been running when able to but has been slow going between all of the moisture and finding time between planting trees. So far, he had planted around 220 acres of grass.

Amber Bunker with NRCS reported that she has been going to a couple of trainings, one in Sante Fe, NM. She reported that NRCS is feeling a push toward writing more CSP contracts, and she feels more "urban agriculture" plans will be seen in the future. Amber informed the board that the furniture for the office is currently in production. Amber also brought the board 9 CRP contracts to sign.

Leroy made a motion to approve and sign the presented CRP contracts and Ryan seconded the motion.

No executive session

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 by Larry

Recorded by Zach Zimprich