

## Brule Buffalo Conservation District November board meeting

November 20, 2024, Charly's 7:00 PM

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

Larry called meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Ryan made motion to approve agenda, Tate seconded the motion

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

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

Tate made motion to approve the accounts payable at \$20,676.30, Abbey seconded the motion

Amber Bunker with NRCS reported that there are 3 CSP renewals, eight new CSP apps, and 14 current for managing. She stated that CRP is currently taking applications, but is still on hold based on the Farm Bill. Amber reported that Trent Walrod and Corwin Mohr-Eymer were hired as Resource Specialists in the Kennebec field office. Amber also went over with the board the importance of confidentiality when dealing with Board and NRCS funding matters.

Zach Zimprich reported that he attended the Conservation Commission meeting in Pierre on Nov 2. The Brule-Buffalo Conservation District was awarded the total requested dollar amount on the shelterbelt renovation/tree planting grant. The grant dollars awarded was \$25,200. Zach that tree survival in insurance belts was very good, hovering around 90% for all species observed. Zach has been doing fall dormant seedings and currently has planted roughly 250 acres, with another 100 or so to go.

Larry Wagner reported that Chuck Pyle has been hired as Kurt Foreman's replacement at the USFWS. Larry stated that this was a very good thing for the USFWS as well as conservation districts.

Leroy made the motion and Ryan seconded the motion to allow the hiring of an outside consultant to rebuild the District website.

Board went into executive session at 7:35 and came out of executive session at 7:45

No public comment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:48 PM by Larry

Recorded by Zach Zimprich