

## Brule Buffalo Conservation District September board meeting

September 18, 2024, Charly's 7:00 PM

Members present, Ryan Urban, James Lindley, Jack Friedel, Larry Wagner, Ethan Adamson, Tate Glaus, Abbey Randall, Zach Zimprich (BBCD employee) Kendall Hertick (Pheasants Forever)

Larry called meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Ryan made motion to approve agenda, Tate seconded the motion

Tate made motion to approve August 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 \$7004.04, Tate seconded the motion

Kendall with Pheasants Forever reported to the board that the new furniture for the office has arrived and is set up. The office is currently being put back together and arranged. He noted that the NRCS employees have been working on EQIP contracts. Kendall stated that he was anticipating a slower winter for him with CRP contracts since the farm bill is set to expire on Oct 1.

Zach Zimprich reported he is back to working alone. He has taken a break from grinding cedars to mow a handful of sites and to plant a couple of late summer grass seedings. In the past week he has been prepping tree sites for the spring with the rototiller. He informed the Board that the fall round of Conservation Commission Grants are due on October 1<sup>st</sup>. He will be submitting a grant request for the renovation/tree planting grant that the district has applied for in the past.

Tate made motion to approve the Renovation and Tree Planting Grant, Ryan seconded the motion

Larry Wagner reported that he attended the annual South Dakota Conservation District Convention in Watertown on Sept. 15-17. He commented that the GFP has a new cedar removal program that could be beneficial to producers in our district.

Ryan Urban shared with Board that he was in Washington DC the week of September 9<sup>th</sup> talking with lawmakers and pushing for an updated farm bill. He noted that a topic that came up that would pertain to area producers was changing the way the drought monitor is established to include effective rainfall instead of cumulative rainfall. He stated that there is a struggle in DC to find funding for a new farm bill. Ryan expressed to the board that he felt this trip was very worthwhile and was appreciative for the chance to participate.

Ryan made the motion, and Tate seconded the motion to approve the CRP plans brought to the board by Kendall Hertick

No executive session

Meeting was adjourned at 7:24 PM by Larry

Recorded by Zach Zimprich