

Little Beaver Conservation District

Minutes: June 1, 2011 5:00 p.m. USDA Building

Came to Order: 5:15 p.m.

Present: Shelly Mackay- Dean (Associate), Ann Fischer (NRCS), Fred Houzvicka, Wayne Mangold, Dirk O'Connor, Roddy Rost, Roy Rost, Keith Rustad, and Kodie Olsen

Minutes:

- May 9, 2011 minutes to be read. Attached.
 - Kodie read minutes from May 9, 2011 meeting. Wayne made a motion to approve minutes as read and Keith 2nd. Motion passed.

Financial Information:

Account balances prior to bills listed below

Bank of Baker \$17,784.73

Credit Union \$60,561.95

Petty Cash \$150.00

Bills:

\$259.55	941 Taxes
\$1,119.53	Kodie's wages for May 130.25hrs x \$10.50/hr
\$100.00	Kodie's IRA
\$166.00	Shonny Norlund- Montana National Evirothon
\$87.92	Kathy Sikorski- reimbursement for trail mix for tour
\$340.68	Quentin Burdick mileage reimbursement for Dec 2010- June 2011
\$259.80	Fred Houzvicka mileage reimbursement for Dec 2010- June 2011
\$298.73	Wayne Mangold mileage reimbursement for Dec 2010- June 2011
\$ 132.60	Dirk O'Connor mileage reimbursement for Dec 2010- June 2011
\$ 92.82	Roddy Rost mileage reimbursement for Dec 2010- June 2011
\$193.50	Keith Rustad mileage reimbursement for Dec 2010- June 2011
\$3,227.74	Bowman/ Slope CD- trees
\$176.00	Post Office- 400 stamps for newsletter
\$50.00	Fallon County Fairgrounds- Fair booth fee

\$46.13 MDU- May electricity for tree shed

\$5,590.00 J&L Fencing- 65 rolls of fabric for 2011 planting season

Total: \$12,141.00 Wayne made a motion to approve bills as listed above and Dirk 2nd. Motion passed.

Old Business:

Building Signs:

- Kodie spoke with Dana and he wants to do the sign but needs some design ideas.
 - Kodie will keep in contact with Dana and help with the design of the signs.

Rain Simulator:

- Kodie spoke with the gentle man and he gave her an actual cost for everything on the rain simulator.
- Kodie sent out an e-mail to other districts to determine interest.
 - Supervisors asked Kodie to see if there was a way to use the water quality grant to purchase this equipment. If that was not possible the supervisors requested that this issue be tabled until the next 223 grant was available.

New Business:

Ten Minute Training:

Montana Youth Range Camp Sponsoring:

- Supervisors need to review applications and determine awardees.
 - Supervisors reviewed the one application that was received. Wayne made a motion to approve Dylan Sander for the LBCD youth sponsorship and Roy 2nd. Motion passed.

Project Ideas:

- Supervisors need to review bids and estimates and select a contractor for building and groundwork.
 - Wayne made a motion to accept Griffith's excavating bid to complete the dirt work and tree removal. Motion passed.
 - Supervisors asked Kodie to write a letter to let them know we have accepted their bid and to have them sign as an agreement to complete the work.
 - Wayne made a motion to accept John Beach's bid for the building, the added ridge lights, and to have the bid include timber under both doors and Fred 2nd. Motion passed.
 - Supervisors asked Kodie to send letters to the contractors to inform them of the board's decision.

Soil Health Tour:

- Kodie has had 2 people sign up for tour but they will not be riding the bus. Kodie was not sure what she should charge them as they will not be on the bus but will have the 2 meals that we will offer.

- Dirk made a motion to have Kodie charge those not riding the bus the cost of the meals only and Roy 2nd. Motion passed.

Workshops:

- Grazing Lands Workshop- Monitoring for Sustainability Bowman, ND

Facebook:

- Would it be ok if Kodie set up a facebook page for the district?
 - Wayne made a motion to allow Kodie to create a facebook page for the district so that she could post workshops and information about the district and Dirk 2nd. Motion passed.

Other Business:

- Kodie asked Dirk to explain how the preventative planting insurance would work and if the producers would be able to plant cover crops instead. Dirk stated that the producers would be able to plant a cover crop after the last day of planting for their specific crop and still take preventative planting. He did state that the producers would not be able harvest or graze the crop until after November 1 or they would not receive the full payment from preventative planting insurance.

Ann Fischer (NRCS):

- Ann discussed a cover crop initiative that NRCS would have to help producers with the issue of not being able to get their crops in due to the weather. She stated that it was in the process of deciding the specifics and would get more information for the board as she received it.
- EQUIP and CSP contracts have been extended to June 15th and the state has been pushing to get all contracts up to date.
- Ann showed the supervisors a Soil food web analysis and had a discussion on what the results showed and the importance of the results.

County Agent: None

Next Meeting: July 6, 2011

Meeting Adjourned: 7:20 p.m.

Minutes Approved: 07/06/2011 Keith made a motion to approve minutes as read and Fred 2nd. Motion passed.