

SOUTH DOUGLAS CONSERVATION DISTRICT
SUPERVISORS' MEETING
February 3, 2020

Meeting was called to order 7:00 p.m. Present were Eileen Bone, Mike Lesky, Jeff Rock, Carolyn Kelly, Lindsey Morrison, Carol Cowling, Bob Nansel – NRCS, Mia Thomsen – Waterville School

January meeting minutes were approved. **Motion:** Jeff/Eileen/passed
Financial statements and bills to be paid submitted. **Motion:** Jeff/Eileen/Passed.
(V 4330—4336 = \$ 3297.87)

Mia Thomsen updated us on the Waterville School Greenhouse project. Depending on funding, they hope to break ground in March, with completion by the end of the year. They have 21,000 guaranteed funding, but the total project will be closer to 60,000. Classes, individual projects and plant sales are planned. Shop classes will help to construct smaller projects (sinks, planters, etc) While SD cannot provide funding for the actual greenhouse, we may be able to help with BMPs involving irrigation, or other water quality projects. Mia is looking for further funding sources.

Discussion about hoopouses outside the greenhouse and possible biocontrol program.
Mia out at this time.

NRCS Report – Bob discussed several projects NRCS is currently working on. The local working group will concentrate on soil quality degradation problems. There is a possibility that emphasis will be by watershed. NRCS is looking at having one contract for all programs, but still in development.

FSA sent out a survey, asking for input on the number of acres currently in CRP in Douglas County. (currently at 33% - over the 25% national cap)

WCC Report – none

Old Business

VSP Update – We are still waiting for a budget vs deliverables from the VSP coordinator. The working group is not being informed of decisions, although it is the working group who is to make decisions on projects and budget. There has been no technical service provider meeting since 2018. Deliverables need to be presented to the working group. What is a quorum of the group?

CWMA update – Discussion of the task force participation. Douglas County has no weed board and the main focus of the CWMA should be education and outreach. Ryan Lefler, coordinator, is assisting landowners with weed control.

The watershed model Cascadia was interested in is not in the budge now. Cascadia does have two table models they can use in schools.

New Business

Native Planting 101 – March 7 at Fairgrounds. Carol is working with Cascadia on getting the program together.

Tree Sale – April 4.

Newsletter soon.

Our planning meeting will be March 2 at 11:00 a.m. at the Douglas County Fire Station.

Meeting Adjourned 8:45 p.m.