

# BUREAU COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 2, 2024

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Mike Thacker, Bill Gebeck, Jim May

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** Rod Grunloh, Todd Sears

**DISTRICT STAFF PRESENT:** Becca Taylor - RC, Ashley Aber - AC

**NRCS PERSONNEL PRESENT:** None

**Call to Order:** Mike Thacker called the meeting to order at 8:32a.m.

**Guests:** None

**Approval of Minutes:** Jim May made a motion to approve the March minutes. Bill Gebeck seconded; motion carried.

**Approval of Bills:** Mike Thacker made a motion to approve the open bills. Bill Gebeck seconded; motion carried.

**Approval of Timesheets:** Jim May made a motion to approve the March timesheets. Mike Thacker seconded; motion carried.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Budget & Finance:** No new updates.

**Education & Outreach:** LUC2 Envirothon was on March 12<sup>th</sup> at BHE. Becca and Ashley both attended. Staff led the Water Jeopardy session at the 4-H Fair at Bureau County Fairgrounds on March 21<sup>st</sup>. The spring fish sale is on 4/5 and the tree sale is on 4/12.

**Natural Areas:** No new updates on Indian Boundary Line ownership.

**Personnel:** The summer intern, Ryan Jagers, will be starting in June. Mike Thacker made a motion to pay him \$15/hour. Bill Gebeck seconded; motion carried.

Ashley announced she is expecting and is due at the end of October. She would like to discuss maternity leave options in the next few months. The board supports her taking paid leave and is open to discussion.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

### BUSINESS

**PFC:** The FY24 Component List was presented for board approval.

**SSRP:** The SSRP extension was granted.

**CRP:** The main focus in the office is status reviews.

**CREP:** No updates.

**Seeding Service:** No update.

**Vegetative Filter Strips:** No update.

**Zonings:** Becca is working with the zoning office to get solar farm building permits figured out.

**Equipment Purchase:** The new drill should arrive soon. Becca is still looking for more efficient seeding options. The potential waterway plow purchase will be discussed at the next meeting.

**Whitver Farm:** Schoffs burned a portion of the site for their mid-management practice.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None.

**Prairie Chickens:** Mike inquired with his Nebraska contact about getting some prairie chickens with his next cattle load.

**Agenda items for next meeting:** Agenda items for next meeting include: scholarship winners.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held at Bonucci Farms on May 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:15a.m.

**Adjournment:** Mike Thacker adjourned the meeting at 9:00a.m.