

SOUTH DAKOTA SECOND CENTURY HABITAT FUND
BOARD MEETING
PIERRE, SD
JANUARY 10, 2020

Board Members Present: DeLon Mork, Steve Halverson, Jim Faulstich and Larry Ness. Jim Scull joined by teleconference. Ex Officio Board Member Kelly Hepler, GFP Department Secretary joined by teleconference for a portion of the meeting. Others present: Rick Vallery, Department of Agriculture, Kevin Robling GFP, Tom Kirschenmann GFP and Executive Director Lisa Weyer. Joining the Meeting at 11:00am was Anthony Bly and Matthew Diersen from SDSU Extension.

CALL TO ORDER AND CHANGES TO AGENDA

Acting President DeLon Mork called the meeting of the South Dakota Second Century Habitat Fund board to order at 10:22am CT and a quorum was present. No declarations or conflict of interest were heard.

APPROVE MINUTES OF AUGUST 26, 2019 MEETING

Faulstich moved to approve minutes as presented, seconded by Halverson and the motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Weyer explained that the bank statement is the financial report for this meeting and Weyer is working with the new accounting firm and will have documents available at the next meeting. She went through the bank statement explaining activities.

Ness moved to approve the financial report as presented, seconded by Halverson and the motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

FOLLOW UP FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Redstone Law Firm - Weyer

The Foundation paid \$1,065 on 12/20/18 to Redstone Law Firm for Government Relations/Lobbying Services.

Habitat Partner of the Year Award/Criteria – Robling

Would like to recognize a producer. Would help gain recognition of the Second Century Habitat board and producer. Could have the Governor involved. Don't want to duplicate other awards that are already out there. Need to make our organization known.

Kirschenmann will put something together and work with Weyer to share with the board.

GOVERNANCE

Hepler made the motion to elect Jim Scull as Board President of the Second Century Habitat Fund and seconded by Halverson, motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Opening on Board

- Since we have an opening on the board it was mentioned that Scott Lawrence would be a good fit.

- The Department has a recommendation of Stephanie Rissler

Meeting Schedule

- Board requested monthly meetings for a brief time then going to quarterly meetings. Consider meetings being 2-4 hours.
- Need to get quarterly meeting dates out ASAP
- Need to invite Advisory Group to the next meeting

Advisory Board Appointments

- Discussion on why NRCS is not invited to the meetings. We had an Advisory Board when Daugaard was Governor. This is a group we need to invite back.
 - Weyer will follow up with a teleconference/or next meeting to vote to bring the Advisory Board back.
- Legislative Advisors – Don't have the appointments yet. The Governors is engaged in that. They would not be voting members. Would like one person from the House and one from the Senate.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVE

Short Term Goals for 2020

- At the next meeting we can go through short term and long-term goals.

Marketing

- Conversation was held on making more of presence at agricultural events. Weyer will be present with a booth at the AgFest January 27th in Pierre promoting both the Working Lands Habitat Program and the Every Acre Counts Program.

Decal Design

- Next meeting discussion

Development Director/Fundraising Efforts

- \$100,000 for Development Director set aside under Daugaard
- Need a fulltime person to be successful
 - It would be a contract employee
- Need to think about someone that has a history in raising money
- Daugaard was a name mentioned

TRANSITION DOCUMENTS

Ness moved to accept Amendment #1 to the Restated Articles of May 9, 2019 to update Article 7 Board of Directors as presented, seconded by Mork and motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Halverson moved to accept Amendment #2 to the Restated Articles of May 9, 2019 to update Article 5 Registered Office and Agent to the following: current street address of the Corporation's registered office is 4130 Adventure Trail, Rapid City, SD 57702 and name of the registered agent at the time of these Amended and restated Articles is Lisa Weyer and seconded by Faulstich, motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Mork moved to appoint Lisa Weyer on Resolution for Registered Agent seconded by Hepler motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

FUNDING REQUESTS

Before Bly and Diersen arrived, the board held a discussion on the Job Vacancy for Pheasants Forever Precision Ag and Conservation Specialist. Question was raised is

the board's objective to furnish employees for groups? Is Precision Ag really the answer for what this organization is supposed to be doing?

Pheasants Forever Precision Ag & Conservation Specialist Position

Every Acre Counts SDSU Extension – Anthony Bly and Dr. Matthew Diersen
Anthony Bly gave a Power Point Presentation and had handouts on the Every Acre Counts Program.

Bly stated they need a technician to do the daily work. It would be hard to move forward with Every Acre Counts without filling the position.

Weyer updated the board stating they are asking for \$147,519 but it would be almost a wash as they offered that Pheasants Forever would pay \$45,000 toward the first landowner payment for Every Acre Counts for three years annually.

No action on the position was taken by the board for this meeting.

PROGRAM UPDATES

Kirschenmann gave an update on the Working Lands Program. Went to the Horizon Conference as he was a presenter at the Conference. Talked about Working Lands Program and Habitat. Made a flyer and gave to each Conservation District Office in the State to get information out.

Kirschenmann gave an update on the SHHP program. Don't have the final rules on the program yet. SHHP hasn't been formally announced. It is something the board should think about. Don't know yet if SHHP will be available statewide. This pilot program will be enrolled by the end of 2020. When we have more information we can have a better discussion on what we want to do. GFP can put something together to present to the board.

Robling gave an update on the Every Acre Counts. Nobody has signed up for it yet. Funding was discussed.

GFP COMMISSION UPDATE

- No Commissioner available

OTHER COMMENTS/UPDATES:

Weyer read an email from Tim Olson requesting direction on Working Lands Habitat Program.

- Existing stands of grass and alfalfa are not eligible for the program.
- Renters of land are eligible to enroll in the program.

Board was updated on what has transpired from Poet.

ADJOURN

Halverson made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Ness seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Scull adjourned the meeting at 1:13PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Weyer, Executive Director

Date

Approved by,

Jim Scull, President

Date