

**SOUTH DAKOTA SECOND CENTURY HABITAT FUND BOARD**  
**ZOOM/TELECONFERENCE MEETING**  
**October 21st, 2022**

**Board Members Present in person & by Zoom/Teleconference:** Adam Bender, DeLon Mork, Jim Faulstich, Tami Nelson, Kevin Robling, Tim Kessler, Josh Cluff, Russ Olson  
**Board Advisors Present by Zoom/Teleconference:** Paul Lepisito, Izaak Walton League, Matt Morlock, Pheasants Forever.

GFP Staff Present by Zoom/Teleconference:

SCHF Contracted Staff: Brian Bashore, Executive Director, Chase Rose, Bannack Group, Sal Roseland

**CALL TO ORDER AND CHANGES TO AGENDA**

Bender called the meeting of the South Dakota Second Century Habitat Fund board to order at 4:30 CT and a quorum was present.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF JULY 14TH, 2022 MEETING**

Motion made by DeLon Mork moved to approve minutes as presented; seconded by Tammy Nelson and the motion carried unanimously.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Bashore, Reported off the budget sheet and only thing of noticeable change, \$22,650 received from GFP for license check off for previous quarter, Big Horn sheep license deposits of \$32,500 and a 10k donation from Sal's hunters one of Adam guest. \$14,743 has been brought in on truck boat raffle as to October,13th. Bringing our income for 2022 to \$262,000 minus expenses (534k) -274,000 net. \$1,830,000 is the current bank balance.

Bashore reported on the Audit RFP status, presented 3 options. Kettle Thorsen (16k) can't get too it until next May 2023, Wolhenberg, Ritzman & Co. (13k), can start now, Pace line (10K) can't get to it until May 2023. Wolhenberg Ritzman was recommend by DeLon as he has worked with them for several years. The executive committee recommended to move forward with Wohlenberg Ritzman & Co. DeLon Mork made a motion to accept and seconded my Josh Cluff. Motioned passed unanimously.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Executive Director (Bashore)**

Bashore gave update on Ag Bankers Association meeting in Spearfish. 25 attendees, great questions and discussion. Bashore explained the association member where not aware of SCHF. Bashore went to North Carolina to attend the Congressional Sportsmen Foundation and met with the new regional rep Bill Mathews. Discussed the need to work with and build on SD sporting caucus. Discussion was had about working on establishing a stronger sporting caucus. Bashore presented the Habitat Steward to Terry Ness in Aberdeen on October 14th. Event had approximately 200 people present. Great event but wouldn't recommend that venue for future awards. Terry was ver appreciative and honored to receive the award. Bashore touch on several meeting and grants the on going and will let Chase explain those.

### **Marketing/Fundraising Committee (Bashore)**

Adam Bender touched on a few key marketing efforts. Signs for the Truck/boat raffle will be set up soon as this meeting is over. Gala dates need to be locked down. Need a hard date from the Governors team after the election. Secretary Robling suggested we just provide the Governor's office with 3 dates. Bashore will get those from the Sheraton as Sioux Falls has been decided to be the host location. Discussion was held around the cost to attend event and other items. Bashore gave an update on the Truck/Boat raffle. Facebook ads are up and running and producing \$500 daily, The GFP payment system had some issues so we moved it over to a different payment system while that is being fixed. I'm still waiting on GFP to get me an update on content calendar to provide to Toyota. Bashore did a PodCast with ASA about the raffle and has other radio shows coming up. Email campaigns are going out and our list is growing good. Sal reiterated that we need to deliver on promised made to Toyota. Bashore stated we have booths secured for all sportsmen shows. Adam mention he picked up the large painting done by Lee C. and Korzon's have donated it too SCHF and it will be raffled on behalf of Kurt Korzon at the GALA.

### **Habitat Programs Committee (Bashore)**

Jim Faulstich, updated we have some request for Working Lands program that the committee approved and we have received several inquires about the program. Slow time of year for enrollments.

### **Development Director (Roseland)**

Sal has been speaking at lots of organizations throughout the state mainly focused on the Carbon Credit discussion. Sal feels that there are some opportunities through licensing with this Carbon Credits. Sal is working with USD new agriculture department. Sal stated a donation through Glacial Lakes energy. Sal stated he got a 15k donation last night from a private donor. Sal met

with the head of the SD insurance agents and is working with her for donations from the Ag side. Sal has a lot of out of state meetings coming up. If the board has anyone that they want Sal to speak to send him their info. Much discussion around donor levels and what they get in return.

### **Bannack Group (Chase)**

Chase, presented his feasibility study and his updated report. Chase discussed the past two day's worth of meeting that he and Bashore had. Smithfield was a good meeting with a very large ask towards the Big Sioux CREP program. Had a great educational meeting with East Dakota waster district. Turner foundation call discussed potential Bad River CREP with Secretary Robling. We should know if we are awarded any of these NFWF Grants earlier November. Chase discussed the need up the term of contract years to 8-10yr term vs our 5yr contract. Koch foundation will be holding off until after the election. Chevron is very interested on a social investment still in the works. Many of the foundations that have declined are for this year not 2023 fiscal year so we will be reapplying. Secretary Robling chimed in with meeting with the owners KUIU tomorrow and suggested a meeting with the Helmsy Foundation, (Walter Pensley). Chase mentioned there is about 2.75mil in the pipeline of opportunities. Chairman Olson recommend a discussion with Sioux Tribe regarding the Big Sioux CREP and he would provide us the contact information.

Chase went through the full feasibility study key findings and Bannack recommendations moving forward. He stated that no one had any interest in the Woody Habitat program but Working Lands was highly valuable as well as CREP. Bannack recommendations for annual fundraising goal was to be closer to 500k-1mil based off what is in the pipeline. Determination was made the our Working Lands was our highest priority. Carbon Credits is a big opportunity that we may need to take a serious look at making it one our priority programs. Chase recommends we focus on SD first vs national donors.

### **Programs Update**

No new updated at this time

### **GFP DEPARTMENT AND COMMISSION UPDATE**

Secretary Robling stated the Big Sioux River CREP has been signed and approved and the Governor has prepared a video to be launch as the press release on November 1st, 2022. GFP is going to start enrolling ASAP but the first checks to producers wont go out until the fall of 2023. 25k acres is the goal for the Big Sioux CREP program. Matt Morlock stated he has 30 producers ready to enroll.

### **OTHER ITEMS**

4 (elected) vacancies to be filled.  
Tickets for the social event tonight to be handed out at dinner.

**NEXT MEETING**

December 14th at 1:30cst Via Zoom

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS:**

**ADJOURN**

DeLon made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Josh seconded the motion and the motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.

Adam Bender adjourned the meeting at 17:30 pm CT.

Respectfully submitted,

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Brian Bashore, Executive Director Date  
Approved by,

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Adam Bender, President Date