

# **SOUTH DAKOTA SECOND CENTURY HABITAT FUND BOARD ZOOM/TELECONFERENCE MEETING JULY 14TH, 2022**

**Board Members Present by Zoom/Teleconference:** Adam Bender, Jim Faulstich, Jim Scull  
Tami Nelson, Kevin Robling, Tim Kessler  
**Board Advisors Present by Zoom/Teleconference:** Paul Lepisito, Izaak Walton League. Matt  
Morlock, Pheasants Forever

**GFP Staff Present by Zoom/Teleconference:** Tom Kurshmen  
**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 1:30 CT and a quorum was present.

## **APPROVE MINUTES OF JUNE 27TH, 2022 MEETING**

Motion made by Tim Kessler moved to approve minutes as presented; seconded by Jim Faulstich and the motion carried unanimously.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Bashore, stated no official financials to report at the accounting agency only prepares those quarterly but has included the active Budget sheet for reference. No action is required. Will have updated financials for August meeting. \$1,841,712.52 is the current balance as of today. Bashore presented the 990 form prepared from Casey Peterson firm. Motion made to accept the 990 as presented by Tim Kessler and seconded by Jim Scull. Motion approved. Bashore discussed some concerns with the accounting firm and the need for an external audit as the current firm can not do an audit on SCHF. Jim F. made a motion for Bashore to get some proposals for an audit seconded by Jim Scull.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

Adam informed the BOD that Governor Shooting event was canceled due to the Governors schedule. Has 12 verbal commitments but no money received yet. The Governor wants to see a big Gala for the spring of 2023. Committee will bring a plan to the board for the Gala. Adam is

looking for a clear understanding of our involvement at the Governors hunt. We did order 500 SCHF hats for the hunt.

### **Habitat Programs Committee (Faulstich)**

Jim Faulstich, stated the committee has needed to meet so nothing new to report. Tom K, spoke about the biologist are still working hard on meeting with landowners and we making headway and progression and going very well with working with landowners. Bashore mentioned he needed GFP biologist to update spread sheet on monitoring working lands project. Tom is going to ensure that gets done ASAP.

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

Sal recapped the successful Detroit trip and that he has been in contact with many donors that he met since. Sal stated the truck has arrived and he will be picking up on Friday. The Toyota Tundra TRD Pro with is 65k truck. Still working on the Aluma Craft boat but can't get ahold of the contact, hoping to launch this at the state fair. Biggest thing I have been working on is this Carbon Credit stuff. Still learning a lot and have been in contact with experts to learn more about it. Sal stated the numbers are big with these programs but there is a lot of learn yet.

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

Chase, presented his update by going over the grants that are in the pipeline and or submitted. CPP grant was just submitted yesterday (37pg.). 3rd and final round for this grant. Conoco Phillips Spirit grant application goes in by the 23rd for West River projects as part of our Working Lands program. TC Energy reached out and has a call set up, Chase has a call this morning with the Koch Foundation and hope for some clarity by early August. Bayer and BSFS are in consideration from the Detroit meetings. Additional NFWF grants coming available in August. Chase agreed with Bashore that an Audit is needed for SCHF. Chase has a meeting with National Audubon next week in regards to the Big Sioux CREP. Chase spoke about our meeting with Chevron and that if we had the 100k acres they would buy 100k acres today. Chevron is willing to facilitate us through this process to help us get set up properly so they could have the opportunity to purchase. Waste management stated the same interest in Carbon Credits. This space needs a lot more exploration and details before we make any decisions on this.

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

Reiterated the need to update the potential donor sheet that was sent out to the BOD. Board members need to have names submitted too Kevin by August 15th for the Governors hunt. We need to really focused on the local donors as our #1 priority. The SD Bankers Association is asking us to rejoin \$750yr membership. Bashore would get the opportunity to speak at the

September meeting in Spearfish to their 20 Ag bankers. Jim F made a motion to join the SD Bankers Association, Seconded by Jim Scull, Motion approved.

Bashore spoke to his meeting the Genter Capital about the fund which would run through Charles Schwab and they recommend we get into the Bonds. Kevin spoke to this as he has spoke to Dan Genter and the Governor approves of this as well. Mr. Genter is offering to do this pro bono. Tami Paulson also agreed to Mr. Genter's expertise and highly recommends his company. Kevin would like to see a proposal outlook to vote on based on income and expenses.

### **Programs Update**

Bashore gave a brief update on the programs. No new applications has come in. We are around 7,200 acres and over 600 of that this year in the working lands program. Tom K. Gave an update on the BIG Sioux River CREP and things are still on track. Hoping to have the FONZI by July once GFP has that completed they will move on to the final agreement. Anticipating enrollments in October.

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

Secretary Robling thanked everyone efforts on the Carbon Credits conversation. He stated that he will be in September in Sioux Falls for the Commission meeting and is still pushing habitat and access big time. Jim F. Has a questions about the James River CREP and Mr. Robling stated that 22k acres is still needed to hit the 100k mark.

### **OTHER ITEMS**

Adam Bender wanted some clarification on board vacancies and reappointments. It was stated that we have 1 open board seat. Kevin stated he is still waiting to hear back from the Governor office on the reappointment of the Jim S. And Adam candidate that he submitted is patiently waiting.

### **NEXT MEETING**

August 10th at 1:30cst Via Zoom

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS:**

### **ADJOURN**

Robling made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Tami seconded the motion and the motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.

Bender adjourned the meeting at 15:04 pm CT.

Respectfully submitted,

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Brian Bashore, Executive Director Date  
Approved by,

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Adam Bender, President Date