

# **SOUTH DAKOTA SECOND CENTURY HABITAT FUND BOARD ZOOM/TELECONFERENCE MEETING JUNE 27TH, 2022**

**Board Members Present by Zoom/Teleconference:** Adam Bender, Jim Faulstich, Jim Tami Nelson, Kevin Robling, Russel Olson, Larry Ness, DeLeon Mork  
**Board Advisors Present by Zoom/Teleconference:** Paul Lepisito, Izaak Walton League. Colette Kessler, NRCS.

**GFP Staff Present by Zoom/Teleconference:** NA  
**SCHF Contracted Staff:** Brian Bashore, Executive Director, Chase Rose, Bannack Group.

## **CALL TO ORDER AND CHANGES TO AGENDA**

Bender called the meeting of the South Dakota Second Century Habitat Fund board to order at 3:30 CT and a quorum was present.

## **APPROVE MINUTES OF MAY 24TH, 2022 MEETING**

More moved to approve minutes as presented; seconded by Secretary Robling 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.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

Adam informed the BOD of the status of the Governors Shooting event. Adam stated the event is most likely canceled due to a lack of attendees and the Governor's schedule. We will now shift our focus to the spring of 2023.

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

Chase, presented his update by going over the grants that are in the pipeline and or submitted. He had a call with NFWF and suggested a 3rd round re-submittal for a 400k grant. Conoco spirit grant is still pending. The 500k Richard Melon grant was not approved but just was not enough funding available. Northern Great Plains grant is in the work as well as the American Beautiful

grant opportunity however it's only for state agencies for the first round. Hoping for a 2nd round where NGOs are eligible.

Detroit, Wildlife conference. Had several meetings and our meeting with Chevron was very promising in partnering in the BIG Sioux River CREP project. Bayer was another good conversation and we will follow up in 2 weeks. BASF was another promising meeting that we will follow up with. A few others may have possibilities, such as Audubon society as a direct partner to the BIG Sioux CREP. Koch foundation is considering a large donation and I (Chase) will follow up in partnership with the Workinglands Program. I have more meetings set with a few more corporations.

Chase presented a list of more potential companies he is trying to get in front of.

Chase, discussed the SCHF needs to focus on local to South Dakota companies and individuals. Kevin brought up working on the local campaign and asked the BOD to provide a list of potential donors. Kevin as Larry Ness if you could be contacted and Chase or Sal could work with him on his list. DeLeon brought up his interest but stated he would like to have face-to-face meetings. Bender suggests the BOD have this list completed no later than 60 days.

Secretary Robling also recommended we invite some of these potential donors to the Governor's Hunt as he was given the green light to have a presence. Secretary Robling stated he needed names for Governor Hunt by August 15th. Chairman Olson suggested we get a breakout room at the Gov's hunt for our invited guess for a pre-event just for our guests.

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

Jim Faulstich, discussed the Habitat Steward award and requested BOD approval of the 2k stipend for the award winner. Secretary Robling made the motion to approve the 2k award and Mork seconded the motion, motion was approved unanimously. Jim F. Encouraged board members to spread the word about the award.

Tom K. Met with the Habitat committee for a 25k financial report for a NAWCA grant that SDGFP is applying for (100K). Jim. F requested a motion for this request. Larry Ness made a motion and Secretary Robling seconded it. Motion carried unanimously to support SDGFP with 25k for the NAWCA grant.

Faulstich, discussed the need for a state group that combined conservation organizations. This would be a rejuvenation of the previous State Action group. Secretary Robling stated that grasslands are an urgent issue that needs to be addressed and is in support of 110%. There will be a Northern Great Plains venture on August 2nd, for further discussion about this. Mork made a motion to support the venture in the State Action group, seconded by Larry Ness. Motioned unanimously carried.

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

Was not present, Bashore gave provided by Roseland. Roseland stated about the Detroit conference. Sal stated he had several good contacts. Sal has been working on Carbon credits and is learning about this program and how the BIG Sioux CREP project could benefit.

Toyota Tundra, Truck is all but done Bender stated. Bender also stated that AlumaCraft is looking good and that Sal has a meeting with Ranger and they want in on this as well as Dodge Ram for 2023. Secretary Robling suggested we kick this off at the Governor's hunt and raffle items off at the Spring Gala.

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

Bashore included financials with his report as there are no special financial reports created by the accounting firm as this only come quarterly. Bashore referred to the active budget sheet.

\$1,865,912.86 is the current balance. Bike sales are up to \$20,600 as 12k came from one of Sals hunters. No new program contracts since the last meeting. And we received two refunds back from the Workinglands Program of \$8,300 due to planting issues. Bashore stated that we are a little short (175k) off-target of the anticipate budget income vs expense for this time of year and the Governor's event being canceled is a big fundraising hit but our presence even small at the Governor's hunt will help.

Bashore touched on programs briefly and Secretary Robling gave an update on BIG Sioux CREP program timelines and potential naming sponsor. 25k acres. Bashore stated that we 166k into Working Lands which is under budget with approximately 400 acres. Secretary stated that 46k acres have been identified for conservation programs within the Every Acre counts program and is gaining great traction. Bashore stated that SCHF gave a letter of support to DU for a in-kind match to an RCPP grant.

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

Department Secretary, Kevin Robling. Re-instated to have board members submit a list of potential donors. Secretary Robling confirmed Jim F. Wishing to continue his board position and he was going to double-check with Jim S. As their terms expire on June 30th.

Commission Chairman, Russ Olson No update.

### **OTHER ITEMS**

Bender mentioned he has started the conversation with Eric Dinger about Carbon Credit. Bender has set the board meetings for the remainder of the year and all invites have been sent.

### **NEXT MEETING**

July 14th Via Zoom

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS:**

### **ADJOURN**

Bender made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Robin seconded the motion and the motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.

Bender adjourned the meeting at 16:05 pm CT.

Respectfully submitted,

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Brian Bashore, Executive Director Date  
Approved by,

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Adam Bender, President Date