

Conservation Partners of America

January 14, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Members present: Jenny & Alex Demers, Scott Scheidt, Jason Jacques, Dean Reid, Logan Reid, Roger Holmquist, Grant Henkelmann, Kipp & Lindsey Trebesch, Dave Sell, Heidi Grams-Anderson, Kipp & Deb Trebesch, Adam Dammann, Blake Teubert, Bob Reid, Harley, Chris Hansen and Wendy Scheidt

Meeting called to order by President Dave Sell

Secretary Report was approved by Kipp Trebesch and 2nd by Adam Dammann. Approved by all

Treasurer's Report

CPA \$ [REDACTED]

Main \$ [REDACTED]

Central Sibley \$ [REDACTED]

Grant \$ [REDACTED]

CMNSA/GI \$ [REDACTED]

MFWA \$ [REDACTED]

Mike Muhling from US Fish & Wildlife talked about Tiger Lake by NYA about 8-9 years ago. Will be working with Schneewind. Leverage with Lakes and Outdoor Heritage Grants. Variable structure around projects.

Severance Lake: NEW WMA 120 acres added some complex areas to that. Working on this for the last 3 years.

Perbix: Tree removal adding more flowers/grass areas

Mudd Lake/Kroeger: 3.5 acres of prairie, donated seed which was done this fall. Important complex, 1 of the oldest areas purchased will continue to add to this project.

High Island Tract just completed wetland on this project. Seeding about \$5000 the Dale & Martin Fraundienst projects.

All projects that he talked about it. All have had money contributed to except for Highland. Any private land we should also reach out to Mike to see how he can help us out.

Merchandise most of it is here already except for the towels. Each chapter should reach out to Heidi when it get closer to the banquets.

Scharpe: We are still working on getting him to come to a meeting. When it was finalized and his dad passed away he has continued to get this updated. The program is back up. The IRS is closed. So therefore we have to wait until the 29th to get this problem. Kipp has already talked to 2 other tax accountants and no one will do anything about looking into this until this problem is resolved. He is also signing people's name to the tax paperwork. This is the 2nd time that this has happened. We as a whole need to look at getting a tax accountant who will also do the books. Motion was made to have the tax accountant for the main account only but each chapter would need to turn information in. Motion made by Kipp Trebesch Jr and 2nd by Grant Henkelmann. CPA Treasurer would be main contact person. Each chapter Treasurer would need to get information to the CPA Treasurer to send to Tax Accountant. Would like to see this person also do a Sponsorship for the Organization like Scharpe.

Credit Card Machine: MFWA has their own credit card machine already. We paid over \$300 in fees for the current credit card machine. We need to keep this machine until each chapter has their own machine.

Time on the Water is still waiting to get the names of the individuals going on the July and September trips. He would like these sooner than later so he can start reaching out to those individuals to make sure that they are a good fit for the trips.

Land Purchase around the GI Sportsmen's Club is on hold right now.

CMNSA/GI Gambling Permit the Gambling Manager for the area is new and since the name was put differently on form than last year we need to write a letter to them explaining the merge.

Next meeting will be on Sunday 2/11/2024 at 4pm instead of 6pm

Motion made by Jason Jacques to adjourn the meeting and 2nd by Blake Teubert