

CONDUCTING: Board Chair, Celeste Johnson

Attending: Kelleen, Mike, Heidi, Dennis, Michele, Brenda, Celeste, Steve, Bryan, Jon

5:07 pm start time

1. Welcome

ACTION ITEMS:

2. Consent Agenda Approval - ACTION ITEM – (5 minutes)

A. April 22, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes

B. April 2021 Profit & Loss

C. April 2021 Reconciliation

D. Approve Warrants – addition of Lance Excavating paying \$59,190.70 missed part of the payment

Motion: Steve, second by Brenda, including the addition, passed

3. VanWagoner Hay Production Loss – Dennis Gunn – (10 minutes)

There are special circumstances (asking him not to water). Last year hold off watering until June for the delineation: Probst chose not to irrigate. This year we're asking bio-west to delineate this year to find exactly what wetlands we have on that piece of ground. Take the average overall from the last five years and come up with the difference in tons of hay, assuming production is under.

Steve motion: compare this year to the average of the last five, make up the tonnage. Second by Brenda. Motion passed.

4. Steam Cleaner Discussion and possible purchase authorization. - Dennis Gunn - (5 minutes)

Want to clean and disinfect some of the equipment. Cuts grease and gross off the equipment, protects the employees. Use it out in the pump house, in the farm; last year it cost \$1500 to clean all the tractors. It was budgeted for but the price has gone up. Brand new, so would come with a warranty. Compare the cost of hiring or renting.

Motion: Steve, table this item until next month; second by Kelleen. Passed.

5. Fence Repair Discussion and possible approval of fence replacement by pump house on Farm. - Dennis Gunn - (5 minutes)

Most of the fence is in good shape, redone in the past few years; one area there's been construction to the east side of the property. From storage shed to pumphouse is missing or in poor condition.

Contractor \$25,200 up to \$27,200. Suggestion to split in half. A fence around the property is necessary. An Ag fence would be much less. Blake wanted the chain link with slats because he's getting a crusher and wants to keep that from the public eye. Give \$3500 (half of an Ag fence) and he can put up whatever fence he wants. Suggestion by Heidi to reimburse after the final bill.

Motion: Heidi, approve reimbursement up to \$3500 toward the fence after completion and receiving the final invoice. Second Steve. Passed.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

6. 2020 Audit Report – Jon Haderlie - (15 minutes)

Audit is finished. Unqualified opinion, no significant change to report. This year \$150,000 gain. A lot

spent on acquisition of land and equipment but less than last year. Farm income went up \$50,000; expenses dropped. Very aware of internal controls; many conversations throughout the year. Compliance opinion is unqualified as well. No findings this year. Suggestion for the board to discuss fraud risk quarterly to look for areas to work on to prevent any issues. Dennis needs to upload to the state: Ben was supposed to, but Dennis will check into it. Should have been uploaded in December.

7. Manager's Report — Dennis Gunn — (5 minutes)

A. Operation's Report — included in Board Packets.

Farm income is going up. Dennis anticipates a good year. Rotating different kinds of hay to keep nutrients in the soil. John Mabey will be on the agenda next month. Have John look out for opportunities for share sales. Suggestion for next month's agenda to have a bonding presentation. Get an RFP.

8. Other Business

American Recovery Act funding is a work in progress. Dennis and Michele attended a training and will be working to find what the funds could be requested for.

9. Adjourn

Motion: Brenda, Mike second, passed.

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