

step will be working with the County on getting a permanent propane solution.

- Joe and John put in a riparian forest buffer at Ridgedale for CREP. John, Joe, and Scott watered the trees a few times because it had been so dry.
- Tree sale went well, and the Farmers Market idea was well liked by the customers. Hopefully a second year can make it even bigger.
- Had quite a few perc tests, pond surveys and assistance, and many drainage visits as well

2.) **Part C - Ag-Tire recycling event** was a hit once again- nearly 85 tons on 5 tractor trailer loads. A few comments were made about the longevity of the tires being at the facility. There were mentions again about maybe shortening the event as the tire pile does get a bit large at times.

New Business

- 1.) **Employee Evaluations – Karen/Corey** - The board moved Karen up to a GS 7-4. They moved Corey up to a GS 12-10. Martin Kelly made a motion seconded by Brian Holloway, all in favor, motion carried.
- 2.) **Rental agreement/building addition** – The rental agreement will be expiring in Sept 2025. FSA came to tour the facility and they would like to rent an additional 300 to 500 ft for a conference room. There is limited space now in the building with the staff that we have. Corey discussed with the board putting on an addition. The board did agree with Corey that an addition would be necessary if they were going to add a conference room.
- 3.) **Baby announcement** – John and his wife had a new addition to their family, JR VanDerwerken. Scott Davis and his wife also had a new addition, Jayson Davis. They both took two weeks of paternity leave, using their sick leave pay.
- 4.) **Ag Plastics** – Scott has been working with the County and Genta-Do, and we should be able to ship out the plastic this week. The options that we have used in the past are no longer available. We will not be continuing our Ag Plastic program going forward.
- 5.) **Round 29** – Two applications were submitted today for round 29 Ag Non-Point source grants.
- 6.) **CRF** – We have some good applications lined up for this year. The program will be increasing the funding from 8 million to 14 million.
- 7.) **AEM** - AEM Yr 18 is increasing their funding from \$100k to \$200k. The board did think that we should advertise so everyone in the county is aware that this money is available and have a ranking list for the farms that want to apply. John Valentine was lined up to have his AEM yr 17 project begin and today he pulled out. **Robert Headwell, Jr made a motion to make a landowner change, seconded by Martin Kelly, all in favor, motion carried.**

Committee Reports:

AEM: No Report
AED: No Report
FSA: No Report
NRCS: No Report

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned @ 8:35 pm

NEXT MEETING: August 28, 2023

Respectfully, Karen Klemczak