

**State Conservation Commission  
Grant Round Meeting  
May 24, 2012  
Matthew Training Center, Pierre**

**Members Present:** Doug Hansen, Alan Vedvei, David Fischbach, Tom Glover, Gerald Thaden, Tom Wolles, Aaron Kiesz and Charlie Moe.

**Members Absent:** Wayne Bunge

**Others Present:** See attached List

The meeting was called to order by Chairman David Fischbach at 9:06 AM.

A motion was made by Doug Hansen and seconded to approve the March minutes as presented. **Motion Carried.**

**Travel:**

A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded for approval of all regular and usual travel throughout the year. **Motion Carried.**

**Revolving Loan Report:**

The revolving loan report was given by division staff.

**Grant Program Report:**

A motion was made by Gerald Thaden and seconded to approve Hanson Conservation District request for a 1 year extension for grant #2010-CSW-016 (Hanson Shelterbelt Project). **Motion Carried.**

A motion was made by Doug Hansen and seconded to approve Mellette/Todd Conservation Districts request for a 6 month extension of grant #2008-CSW-010 (Mellette/Todd Pipeline Grant). **Motion Carried.** Charlie Moe abstained.

A motion was made by Doug Hansen and seconded to approve Mellette/Todd Conservation Districts request for a 1 year extension of grant # 2010-CSW-017 (Mellette/Todd Solar Panel Grant). **Motion Carried.** Charlie Moe abstained.

**Reversions:**

A motion was made by Tom Wolles and seconded to revert the following funds: Brookings Conservation District (Resource Technician) grant # 2011-CSW-011 in the amount of \$3,868.54; Corson County Conservation District (Resource Conservation Technician) grant # 2011-CSW-008 in the amount of \$1500.00; Aurora Conservation District (Multi-Purpose Shelterbelts) grant # 2010-CSW-002 in the amount of \$219.83; Bennett Conservation District (Bennett County Tree Program) grant # 2010-CSW-003 in the amount of \$17,376.56; Dewey Conservation District (Livestock And Resource Protection) grant # 2010-CSW-008 in the amount of \$128,660.77; Douglas

Conservation District (Resource Technician) grant # 2009-CSW-014 in the amount of \$1008.44; Harding Conservation District (NW Wetlands and Rangeland) grant # 2009-CSW-009 in the amount of \$609.30; Clark County Conservation District (Wind/pasture Protection) grant # 2008-CSW-004 in the amount of \$49,704.07; Dewey Conservation District (Dewey County Well) grant # 2008-CSW-005 in the amount of \$37,415.58; Jones County Conservation District (Jones County Pipeline) grant # 2008-CSW-007 in the amount of \$4,538.08; Miner Conservation District (Water Quality for Livestock) grant # 2010-CSW-018 in the amount of \$54,050.00 for a total amount of \$298,951.17.

**Motion Carried.**

**Grant Review:**

Commissioners, division staff, and conservation district representatives reviewed all the grant applications.

**Grant Selections:**

A motion was made by Gerald Thaden and seconded to approve Butte Conservation District (Butte County Multi-Purpose Ponds) grant application for 2 years in the amount of \$52,500 with the recommendation that grazing plans be required as part of the agreement with the landowners. The district is to provide a copy of the Joint Powers Agreement between Butte Conservation District and the other conservation districts to the State Conservation Commission. **Motion Carried.**

A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to approve Codrington County Conservation District (City Park Green Spaces) grant application for 1 year in the amount of \$37,000 with the recommendation the district provide before and after photos of the project and require that any tree plans be reviewed by a division forester. The State Conservation Commissioners would like a sign put up that State Conservation Commission funds were used to complete the project. **Motion Carried.**

A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to approve Harding County Conservation District (Harding County Multi-purpose Ponds) grant application for 2 years in the amount of \$24,000 with the recommendation that grazing plans be required as part of the agreement with the landowners. The district is to provide a copy of the Joint Powers Agreement between Harding Conservation District and Perkins Conservation District to the State Conservation Commission. **Motion Carried.**

A motion was made by Tom Glover and seconded to approve Jones County Conservation District (Shelterbelt Renovation) grant application for 2 years in the amount of \$24,957 with the recommendation that all tree and shrub planting plans be reviewed by a division forester and stand-alone farmstead or/and homestead windbreaks do not qualify for cost-share under this grant. **Motion Carried.**

A motion was made by Doug Hansen and seconded to approve Mellette County Conservation District (Pipeline Grant II) grant application for 2 years in the amount of \$40,500 with the recommendation that grazing plans be required as part of the agreement with the landowners. The district is to provide a copy of the Joint Powers

Agreement between Mellette County Conservation District and Todd Conservation District to the State Conservation Commission. **Motion Carried.** Charlie Moe abstained.

A motion was made by Doug Hansen and seconded to approve Mellette County Conservation District (Pre-approved Practices Grant II) grant application for 2 years in the amount of \$24,000 with the recommendation that grazing plans be required as part of the agreement with the landowners. The district is to provide a copy of the Joint Powers Agreement between Mellette County Conservation District and Todd Conservation District to the State Conservation Commission. Require all tree and shrub planting plans be reviewed by a division forester and stand-alone farmstead and/or homestead windbreaks do not qualify for cost-share under this grant. **Motion Carried.** Charlie Moe abstained.

A motion was made by Gerald Thaden and seconded to approve Miner Conservation District (Information and Education Workshop) grant application for 18 months in the amount of \$1,505. **Motion Carried.**

A motion was made by Tom Wolles and seconded to approve Miner Conservation District (Miner/Kingsbury Cover Crop Project) grant application for 1 year in the amount of \$23,175 with condition there is an 80 acre limit per producer. The district is to provide a copy of the Joint Powers Agreement between Miner Conservation District and Kingsbury Conservation District to the State Conservation Commission. **Motion Carried.** Alan Vedvei abstained. Charlie Moe no.

A motion was made by Alan Vedvei and seconded to approve Miner Conservation District (Wind Protection and Livestock Water) grant application for 2 years in the amount of \$24,902 with the recommendation that grazing plans be required as part of the agreement with the landowners. **Motion Carried.**

A motion was made by Tom Wolles and seconded to approve Sanborn Conservation District (Shelterbelt Program) grant application for 2 years in the amount of \$69,550 with the recommendation that all tree & shrub planting plans be reviewed and approved by a division forester. Stand-alone farmstead and/or homestead windbreaks do not qualify for cost-share under this grant. **Motion Carried.**

A motion was made by Tom Glover and seconded to approve Stanley Conservation District (Stanley/Hughes Ponds) grant application for 3 years in the amount of \$68,000 with the recommendation that grazing plans be required as part of the agreement with the land owners. The district is to provide a copy of the Joint Powers Agreement between Stanley Conservation District and Hughes Conservation District to the State Conservation Commission. **Motion Carried.**

A motion was made by Doug Hansen and seconded to approve Tri-County Conservation District (Tri-County Fabricated Windbreaks) for 1 year in the amount of

\$71,112 with the recommendation that grazing plans be required as part of the agreement with the landowners. **Motion Carried.** David Fischbach abstained.

**Commission Reports:**

Commission member reports were given by the commissioners.

**Coordinated Plan Report:**

The Coordinated Plan Report was given by division staff.

**Soil Conservation Award Review:**

Division staff presented pictures of the Soil Conservation Award winner projects.

A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to approve the division staff making certificates and delivering signs to each district Soil Conservation Award winner. **Motion Carried.**

The Division report was given by division staff.

Oral reports were given by DENR, NRCS, SDSU Experiment Station, and SDACD.

**Next Meeting:** September 17, 2012 at 7:00 a.m. at the Crossroads Motel, Huron as part of the SDACD Convention.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:52 p.m.

Marjorie Gregg  
Recording Secretary