

State Conservation Commission Minutes
Grant Round
November 13, 2014
Pierre, SD

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

Absent: Wayne Bunge

Others Present: See attached roster

The meeting was called to order by Chairman David Fischbach at 8:18 AM.

A motion was made by Doug Hansen and seconded to approve the September 22, 2014 minutes as presented. **Motion carried.**

A report on the Commission's revolving loan program was provided by division staff.

Grant Program Report:

A motion was made by Tom Glover and seconded to approve Jones Conservation District request for a six month extension for grant #2012-CSW-001 (Ponds Grant II). **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Tom Glover and seconded to approve Jones Conservation District request for a six month extension for grant # 2013-CSW-034 (Multi-Practice). **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Doug Hansen and seconded to approve Brule Buffalo Conservation District request for a one year extension for grant #2012-CSW-008 (South Missouri Coteau Ponds/Wetlands/Grassland. **Motion carried.** Tom Glover abstained.

A motion was made by Doug Hansen and seconded to approve Brule Buffalo Conservation District request for a one year extension for grant 2014-CSW-002 (Multi-County Brush Management). **Motion carried.** Tom Glover abstained

A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to approve Butte Conservation District request for a budget amendment for grant #2013-CS-006 (Envirothon Pilot Project) to reduce the amount of the in-kind match by \$15,586.44 and reduce the commission funds by \$2,266.46 which would allow the grant to be closed. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alan Vedvei and seconded to approve Mellette Conservation District request for a six month extension for grant #2013-CSW-028 (Pipeline IV). **Motion carried.** Charlie Moe abstained

A motion was made by Doug Hansen and seconded to approve Miner County Conservation District request for a six month extension for grant # 2014-CSW-016 (Public Awareness and Conservation Education). **Motion carried.** Alan Vedvei abstained.

A motion was made by Tom Wolles and seconded to approve Miner County Conservation District request to add Aurora Conservation District to their grant #2014-CSW-033 (Information and Education Workshops). **Motion carried.** Approval is contingent on a Joint Powers of Agreement with Aurora Conservation District.

A review of the grant applications was made by division staff, conservation commissioners, and district representatives.

Lucas Lentsch, Secretary of Agriculture, entered the meeting at 12:03 PM to greet and applaud the commissioners for the fine work they do.

2015 Docket:

A motion was made by Doug Hansen and seconded to approve recommended changes by division staff and conservation commissioners. **Motion carried.**

Reverted Funds:

A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to revert the following funds: Minnehaha Conservation District grant #2011-CSW-020 (VTS Monitoring) in the amount of \$11,524.83; Brule/Buffalo Conservation District grant #2013-CSW-003 (Brule/Buffalo Project) in the amount of \$694.26; Douglas Conservation District grant #2012-CSW-011 (Tree Planting & Maintenance) in the amount of \$4,693.65; Davison Conservation District grant #2014-CSW-006 (Shelterbelt Planting) in the amount of \$1.25; Miner Conservation District grant #2012-CSW-028 (I & E Workshop) in the amount of \$81.94; Roberts Conservation District grant #2014-CSW-024 (Tree Shrub) in the amount of \$0.20; Clearfield/Keyapaha Conservation District grant #2013-CSW-025 (Pipeline I) in the amount of \$16,514.06; Turner Conservation District grant #2013-CSW-022 (Resource Technician) in the amount of \$11,200.00; Hamlin Conservation District grant #2014-CSW-010 (Hamlin/Codington Tree Shrub) in the amount of \$435.46; Sanborn Conservation District grant #2012-CSW-030 (Shelterbelt Program) in the amount of \$52,534.51; Day Conservation District grant #2012-CSW-010 (Northeast Glacial Lakes Segment #3) in the amount of \$30,772.54; Fall River Conservation District grant #2013-CSW-009 (Fire Reclamation) in the amount of \$13,990.24; Minnehaha Conservation District grant #2013-CSW-030 (Minnehaha CD Technician Program) in the amount of \$5,495.00; Hanson Conservation District grant #2013-CSW-024 (Hanson Technical Assistance) in the amount of \$11,118.80 for a total amount of \$159,056.74. **Motion carried.**

Grant Selection:

A motion was made by Tom Glover and seconded to reserve \$150,000.00 of available

funds for the spring grant round. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alan Vedvei and seconded to approve East Pennington Conservation District grant application for (Homestead & Livestock Incentives) in the amount of \$7,500.00 for 1 year with the conditions that all tree and shrub planting plans be reviewed and approved by one of the SDDA RC 7F foresters and that all stand-alone farmstead/homestead windbreaks do not qualify for cost-share funds from the Commission. The district will provide timesheets or other documentation to demonstrate the actual time spent on salary/administration of the grant. **Motion carried.** Aaron Kiesz-No.

A motion was made by Aaron Kiesz and seconded to approve Day Conservation District grant application for (Soil Health/Cover Crop) in the amount of \$19,000.00 for 1 year with the conditions the district will provide timesheets or other documentation to demonstrate the actual time spent on salary/administration of the grant. Grazing plans be required as part of the agreement with the landowners and a limit of 80 acres of cover crops be cost-shared per landowner. **Motion carried.** Doug Hansen abstained.

A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to approve Hamlin Conservation District grant application for (Hamlin/Codington Trees) in the amount of \$13,000.00 for 1 year with the conditions that all tree and shrub planting plans be reviewed and approved by one of the SDDA RC&F foresters and that all stand-alone farmstead/homestead windbreaks do not qualify for cost-share funds from the Commission. The district is to provide a Joint Powers Agreement with all the conservation districts involved. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Tom Glover and seconded to approve Butte Conservation District grant application for (2015 SD Envirothon) in the amount of \$5,000.00 for 1 year. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Tom Wolles and seconded to approve Todd Conservation District grant application for (2015 Tree Grant) in the amount of \$15,000.00 for 18 months with the conditions that all tree and shrub planting plans be reviewed and approved by one of the SDDA RC&F foresters and that all stand-alone farmstead/homestead windbreaks do not qualify for cost-share funds from the Commission. The district will provide timesheets or other documentation to demonstrate the actual time spent on salary/administration of the grant. The district is to provide a Joint Powers Agreement with all the conservation districts involved. **Motion carried.** Charlie Moe abstained.

A motion was made by Aaron Kiesz and seconded to approve Davison Conservation District (Cover Crop/Grazing) in the amount of \$24,000.00 for 18 months. Motion failed for lack of a majority vote. Aaron Kiesz-aye; Gerald Thaden – aye; Tom Wolles-Nay; Tom Glover – Nay; Doug Hansen – Aye; Alan Vedvei – Nay; Charlie Moe – Nay; David Fischbach – Nay.

A motion was made by Alan Vedvei and seconded to reconsider the Davison Conservation District grant application (Cover Crop/Grazing) at the end of the grant selection if there are still funds to award. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alan Vedvei and seconded to approve Haakon Conservation District grant application (Shelter Water Quality) in the amount of \$41,000.00 for 1 year with the condition that all tree and shrub planting plans be reviewed and approved by one of the SDDA RC&F foresters and that all stand-alone farmstead/homestead windbreaks do not qualify for cost-share funds from the Commission. Grazing plans will be required as part of the agreement with the landowners. The district will provide timesheets or other documentation to demonstrate the actual time spent on salary/administration of the grant. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Tom Glover and seconded to approve Perkins Conservation District grant application (NWA Tree Planting) in the amount of \$50,000 for 1 year with the condition that all tree and shrub planting plans be reviewed and approved by one of the SDDA RC&F foresters and that all stand-alone farmstead/homestead windbreaks do not qualify for cost-share funds from the Commission. The district will provide timesheets or other documentation to demonstrate the actual time spent on salary/administration of the grant. The district will provide a copy of the Joint Powers Agreement with all the conservation districts involved. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to approve the Day Conservation District grant application (Technician – NE Glacial Lakes) in the amount of \$43,460.00 for 1 year with the condition the district match and grant funds are to be used to perform resource technician duties over and above what has been normally completed by the district. The district must submit two semi-annual reports for the technician's work activities. These reports should show landowner contact made by the technician, miles driven, number of plans written, acres treated or any other measure to show the conservation benefit provided by technician. These reports should be provided to the conservation commission and SDACD no later than January 12 and July 12 of each year. The district will provide timesheets or other documentation to demonstrate the actual time spent on salary/administration of the grant. The district will provide a Joint Powers Agreement with all the conservation districts involved. **Motion carried.** Doug Hansen and Gerald Thaden abstained.

A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to approve the Butte Conservation District grant application (Russian Olive) in the amount of \$15,000.00 for 1 year. **Motion failed** for lack of a majority vote. Aaron Kiesz – Nay; Gerald Thaden – Nay; Tom Wolles – Aye; Tom Glover – Nay; Doug Hansen – Aye; Alan Vedvei – Nay; Charlie Moe – Aye. The Commission suggested that Butte Conservation District come back for the spring grant round with more information.

A motion was made by Doug Hansen and seconded to approve the Miner Conservation District grant application (Cover Crop) in the amount of \$16,695.00 for 1 year with the conditions the district provides timesheet or other documentation to demonstrate the

actual time spent on salary/administration of the grant. A limit of 80 acres of cover crops can be cost-shared per landowner. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Tom Glover and seconded to approve the Beadle Conservation District grant application (Water Quality for Livestock) in the amount of \$35,000.00 for 1 year with the conditions grazing plans be required as part of the agreement with the landowner. The district will provide timesheets or other documentation to demonstrate the actual time spent on salary/administration of the grant. The district will provide a Joint Powers Agreement with all the conservation districts involved. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Tom Glover and seconded to defer Tri-County Conservation District grant application (Tri-County Windbreaks) to the end of the grant selection to see if there are still funds available. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to approve Miner Conservation District grant application (Resource Technician) in the amount of \$9,500.00 for 1 year with the condition the district match and grant funds are to be used to perform resource technician duties over and above what has been normally completed by the district. The district must submit two semi-annual reports for the technician's work activities. These reports should show landowner contact made by the technician, miles driven, number of plans written, acres treated or any other measure to show the conservation benefit provided by technician. These reports should be provided to the conservation commission and SDACD no later than January 12 and July 12 of each year. The district will provide timesheets or other documentation to demonstrate the actual time spent on salary/administration of the grant. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Doug Hansen and seconded to approve Turner Conservation District grant application (Technician) in the amount of \$29,000.00 for 1 year with a condition the district match and grant funds are to be used to perform resource technician duties over and above what has been normally completed by the district. The district must submit two semi-annual reports for the technician's work activities. These reports should show landowner contact made by the technician, miles driven, number of plans written, acres treated or any other measure to show the conservation benefit provided by technician. These reports should be provided to the conservation commission and SDACD no later than January 12 and July 12 of each year. The district will provide timesheets or other documentation to demonstrate the actual time spent on salary/administration of the grant. The district will provide a Joint Powers Agreement with all the conservation districts involved. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Tom Glover and seconded to defer Miner Conservation District grant application (Livestock Wind Protection) until the end of the grant selection to see if grant funds are still available. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Tom Wolles and seconded to approve Brule/Buffalo Conservation District grant application (Brule/Buffalo CD Project) in the amount of \$30,095.00 for 18 months with the conditions that all tree and shrub planting plans be

reviewed and approved by one of the SDDA RC&F foresters and that all stand-alone farmstead/homestead windbreaks do not qualify for cost-share funds from the Commission. Grazing plans will be required as part of the agreement with the landowners. The district will provide timesheets or other documentation to demonstrate the actual time spent on salary/administration of the grant. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Doug Hansen and seconded to approve Roberts Conservation District grant application (Cover Crop) in the amount of \$23,036.00 for 1 year with the conditions grazing plans will be a part of the agreement with the landowners and a limit of 80 acres of cover crop be cost-shared per landowner. The district will provide timesheets or other documentation to demonstrate the actual time spent on salary/administration of the grant. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Aaron Kiesz and seconded to approve Roberts Conservation District grant application (Shelterbelts) in the amount of \$5,784.00 for 1 year with the conditions that all tree and shrub planting plans be reviewed and approved by one of the SDDA RC&F foresters and that all stand-alone farmstead/homestead windbreaks do not qualify for cost-share funds from the Commission. The district will provide timesheets or other documentation to demonstrate the actual time spent on salary/administration of the grant. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Doug Hansen and seconded to approve Mellette Conservation District grant application (2015 Technician) in the amount of \$25,990.00 for 1 year with the condition the district match and grant funds are to be used to perform resource technician duties over and above what has been normally completed by the district. The district must submit two semi-annual reports for the technician's work activities. These reports should show landowner contact made by the technician, miles driven, number of plans written, acres treated or any other measure to show the conservation benefit provided by technician. These reports should be provided to the conservation commission and SDACD no later than January 12 and July 12 of each year. The district will provide timesheets or other documentation to demonstrate the actual time spent on salary/administration of the grant. The district will provide a Joint Powers Agreement with all the conservation districts involved. **Motion carried.** Charlie Moe abstained.

A motion was made by Aaron Kiesz and seconded to approve Beadle Conservation District grant application (Shelterbelt Program) in the amount of \$25,000.00 for 1 year with the conditions that all tree and shrub planting plans be reviewed and approved by one of the SDDA RC&F foresters and that all stand-alone farmstead/homestead windbreaks do not qualify for cost-share funds from the Commission. The district will provide timesheets or other documentation to demonstrate the actual time spent on salary/administration of the grant. Roll call vote: Aaron Kiesz –Aye; Gerald Thaden - Aye; Tom Wolles – Aye; Tom Glover – Aye; Doug Hansen – Aye; Alan Vedvei – Nay; Charlie Moe – Nay. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alan Vedvei and seconded to approve Bennett Conservation District grant application (Tree Plantings) in the amount of \$5,000.00 for 1 year with the

condition that all tree and shrub planting plans be reviewed and approved by one of the SDDA RC&F foresters and that all stand-alone farmstead/homestead windbreaks do not qualify for cost-share funds from the Commission. The district will provide timesheets or other documentation to demonstrate the actual time spent on salary/administration of the grant. The district will provide a Joint Powers Agreement with all the conservation districts involved. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to approve the Yankton Conservation District grant application (Natural Resources) in the amount of \$12,500.00 for 1 year with the conditions that grazing plans will be required as a part of the agreement with the landowners and a limit of 80 acres of cover crops be cost-shared per landowner. The district will provide timesheets or other documentation to demonstrate the actual time spent on salary/administration of the grant. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to approve the Perkins Conservation District grant application (NW Area Natural Resource Specialist) in the amount of \$35,000.00 for 1 year with the condition the district match and grant funds are to be used to perform resource technician duties over and above what has been normally completed by the district. The district must submit two semi-annual reports for the technician's work activities. These reports should show landowner contact made by the technician, miles driven, number of plans written, acres treated or any other measure to show the conservation benefit provided by technician. These reports should be provided to the conservation commission and SDACD no later than January 12 and July 12 of each year. The district will provide timesheets or other documentation to demonstrate the actual time spent on salary/administration of the grant. The district will provide a Joint Powers Agreement with all the conservation districts involved. **Motion carried.** David Fischbach abstained.

A motion was made by Tom Wolles and seconded to approve Butte Conservation District grant application (Belle Fourche Weed Rehab Phase 3) for 1 year in the amount of \$35,000.00 with the conditions that grant funds be only used for re-establishment of vegetation. The district will provide a copy of the Joint Powers Agreement between Butte, Lawrence, Elk Creek and Tri-County Conservation Districts. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to deny Shannon Conservation District grant application (Rockyford School Tree Planting) as it is not considered a project that the Commission funds. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to approve Custer Conservation District grant application (Thinning for a Healthier Forest 2) in the amount of \$20,250.00 for 1 year with the conditions each thinning project will have to follow a prescription prepared by an RC&F forester, landowners with Forest Stewardship plans should be given priority, but a plan is not required. The district will provide timesheets or other documentation to demonstrate the actual time spent on salary/administration of the grant. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to approve Minnehaha Conservation District grant application (Resource Technician) in the amount of \$21,248.00 for 1 year with the condition the district match and grant funds are to be used to perform resource technician duties over and above what has been normally completed by the district. The district must submit two semi-annual reports for the technician's work activities. These reports should show landowner contact made by the technician, miles driven, number of plans written, acres treated or any other measure to show the conservation benefit provided by technician. These reports should be provided to the conservation commission and SDACD no later than January 12 and July 12 of each year. The district will provide timesheets or other documentation to demonstrate the actual time spent on salary/administration of the grant. **Motion carried.** Tom Wolles abstained.

A motion was made by Doug Hansen and seconded to approve Davison Conservation District grant application (Multi-County Brush Management) in the amount of \$11,500.00 for 1 year with the conditions that grazing plans will be required as part of the agreement with the landowner. The district will provide timesheets or other documentation to demonstrate the actual time spent on salary/administration of the grant. The district will provide a Joint Powers Agreement with all the conservation districts involved. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to approve Davison Conservation District grant application (Shelterbelts) in the amount of \$14,500.00 for 18 months with a condition that all tree and shrub planting plans be reviewed and approved by one of the SDDA RC&F foresters and that all stand-alone farmstead/homestead windbreaks do not qualify for cost-share funds from the Commission. The district will provide timesheets or other documentation to demonstrate the actual time spent on salary/administration of the grant. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Gerald Thaden and seconded to approve Mellette Conservation District grant application (36th Annual Rancher's Workshop) in the amount of \$1,300.00 for 6 month. **Motion carried.** Tom Glover –No. Charlie Moe Abstained.

A motion was made by Aaron Kiesz and seconded to approve Sanborn Conservation District grant application in the amount of \$25,000.00 for 1 year with the conditions that all tree and shrub planting plans be reviewed and approved by one of the SDDA RC&F foresters and that all stand-alone farmstead/homestead windbreaks do not qualify for cost-share funds from the Commission. The district will provide timesheets or other documentation to demonstrate the actual time spent on salary/administration of the grant. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Aaron Kiesz and seconded to approve Jones Conservation District grant application (Multi-Practice III) in the amount of \$19,176.50 for 18 months with a condition that grazing plans will be required as part of the agreement with the landowner. The district will provide timesheets or other documentation to demonstrate the actual time spent on salary/administration of the grant. The district will provide a copy of the Joint Powers Agreement with all the Conservation Districts involved. **Motion**

carried. Charlie Moe – No.

A motion was made by Aaron Kiesz and seconded to approve Day Conservation District grant application (Multi-County Trees) in the amount of \$19,177.08 for 1 year with the conditions that all tree and shrub planting plans be reviewed and approved by one of the SDDA RC&F foresters and that all stand-alone farmstead/homestead windbreaks do not qualify for cost-share funds from the Commission. The district will provide timesheets or other documentation to demonstrate the actual time spent on salary/administration of the grant. The district will provide a copy of the Joint Powers Agreement with all the Conservation Districts involved. **Motion carried.** Charlie Moe-No

A motion was made by Tom Glover and seconded to bring back to the table the grant applications for Davison Conservation District (Cover/Crop Grazing), Miner Conservation District (Livestock Wind Protection), and Tri-County Conservation District (Tri-County Windbreak). **Motion carried.**

A motion by Charlie and seconded to deny the grant applications for Davison Conservation District (Cover/Crop Grazing), Miner Conservation District (Livestock Wind Protection), and Tri-County Conservation District (Tri-County Windbreak) for lack of funds. **Motion carried.**

Commissioners reports were given by the commissioners.

Advisory Reports:

SDACD provided a written report.

Division Report:

The division staff provided a written report.

Next Meeting:

To be determined.

Adjourned: The chairman adjourned the meeting at 1:43 PM.

Marjorie Gregg
Recording Secretary