

State Conservation Commission Minutes
Regular Meeting
March 12, 2015

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

Absent: Aaron Kiesz and Wayne Bunge.

Others Present: Raymond Kocer –Bennett Conservation District , Mike Lauritsen – Office of School & Public Lands, Charles Groen- Turner Conservation District, Phil Weeldreyer – Turner Conservation District, Ordell Oswald – Turner Conservation District, Justin Rollins - Senator Mike Rounds Office, Brian Scott, Cec Johnson, Marjy Gregg and Bill Smith.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman David Fischbach at 8:19 A.M.

A motion was made by Gerald Thaden and seconded to approve the minutes of the January 29, 2015 meeting as corrected. **Motion carried.**

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

Grant Program Report:

A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to approve Miner Conservation District request for a 6 month extension for grant #2014-CSW-017 (SD Public Awareness of Conservation) grant. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Tom Wolles and seconded to approve Miner Conservation District request to include Aurora Conservation District in grant #2014-CSW-016 (Public Awareness & Conservation Education) grant. **Motion carried.** Alan Vedvei abstained.

A motion was made by Doug Hansen and seconded to approve Miner Conservation District request to include Kingsbury Conservation District in grant #2014-CSW-018 (shelterbelt renovation) grant. **Motion failed for lack of a majority vote.** Alan Vedvei abstained. Tom Glover – No and Charlie Moe –No.

A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to approve Edmunds Conservation District request for a 1 year extension for grant #2013-CSW-033 (North Missouri Grassland Enhancement Project –Phase I). **Motion carried.**

SDACD Committees:

Natural Resources Stewardship Committee: David Fischbach and Gerald Thaden.
District Capacity Committee: Alan Vedvei, Aaron Kiesz and Tom Glover.

Public Relations Committee: Charlie Moe, Doug Hansen and Wayne Bunge.

2015 Goals and Objectives – State Conservation Commission:

A motion was made by Tom Wolles and seconded to approve the 2015 Goals and Objectives as presented with the suggested corrections. **Motion carried.**

State Conservation Commission Priorities for 2015:

A motion was made by Doug Hansen and seconded to approve the State Conservation Commission Priorities for 2015 with suggested minor technical changes. **Motion carried.**

The 2015 Legislative Update was provided by division staff.

Reports:

Oral reports were given by Justin Rollins from Senator Mike Rounds office and Mike Lauritsen from the Office of School & Public Lands.

Commission Reports were given by the commissioners.

Division staff provided an oral report for the Division of Resource Conservation & Forestry.

Next Meeting:

May 20 - 21, 2015 in Pierre.

Meeting adjourned at 11:54 A.M.

Marjy Gregg
Recording Secretary