

Minutes
State Conservation Commission
Spring Grant Round Meeting
May 14, 2013
Matthew Training Center, Pierre, South Dakota

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

Absent: Wayne Bunge, Alan Vedvei, and Tom Wolles.

Others Present: See attached list.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman David Fischbach at 8:16 A.M.

A motion was made by Charlie Moe to approve the March 14, 2013 minutes. **Motion carried.**

Upcoming Travel & Meetings:

State Technical Committee Meeting – May 15th, Northwest Area Meeting- June 5th, Hills Area Meeting - June 6th, South James Missouri Area Meeting – June 10th, Coteau Area Meeting – June 11th, Vermillion Big Sioux Area Meeting – June 18th, Prairie Area Meeting – June 19th, and North Missouri Area Meeting - June 20th.

Revolving Loan Program Report:

A motion was made by Tom Glover and seconded to approve the Hamlin Conservation District revolving loan application of \$3,000 for a 7' rotary mower. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to approve the Jones Conservation District revolving loan application of \$9,000 for a Frontier tiller. **Motion carried.**

Grant Program Report:

A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to deny the Hanson Conservation District request for a 1 year extension for grant #2010-CSW-016 (Shelterbelt). The commissioners suggested they file a new grant application for the fall grant round as this grant has already been a 3 year grant and not enough progress has been made. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to deny the Davison Conservation District request for a 1 year extension for Grant #2010-CSW-014 (Shelterbelt Project). This grant has already been a 3 year grant. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Doug Hansen and seconded to approve the Perkins County Conservation District request for a 6 month extension and the transfer of funds of \$7,778.10 from benefits to salary; \$5,150 from office space & IT to salary; and \$1,000

from office space & IT to travel for grant #2011-CSW-009 (Natural Resource Specialist). **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Aaron Kiesz and seconded to approve the Hyde County Conservation District request to transfer funds of \$7,750 from shelterbelt renovation to tree and shrub planting (\$5,750) and into fabric weed barrier installation (\$2,000). **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to approve the Lawrence Conservation District request for a 6 month extension for Grant #2011-CSW-019 (Thinning for Forest Health). **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Aaron Kiesz and seconded to approve the Butte Conservation District request for an amendment to grant #2011-CSW-002 (Belle Fourche River Watershed Groundwater Compilation Project Phase II). The district requested the remaining funds be applied towards collecting baseline groundwater quality information in the watershed. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Doug Hansen and seconded to revert the following funds: Clark Conservation District (Natural Resources) grant #2009-CSW-005 in the amount of \$225.26; Charles Mix Conservation District (Shelterbelt Cost-Share) grant #2009-CSW-023 in the amount of \$1,627.46; Miner Conservation District (Public Outreach & Conservation Education) grant #2011-CSW-001 in the amount of \$1,181.03; Day Conservation District (NE Grazing Water Development) grant #2009-CSW-012 in the amount of \$43.15; Yankton Conservation District (Yankton Conservation Project) grant #2011-CSW-004 in the amount of \$13,420.00; Miner Conservation District (Shelterbelt Planting) grant #2011-CSW-018 in the amount of \$4,875.01; Brule/Buffalo Conservation District (Grazing Land with Wildlife Restoration) grant #2011-CSW-024 in the amount of \$4,506.80; Corson Conservation District (Resource Conservation Technician) grant #2012-CSW-009 in the amount of \$6,626.93; Lincoln Conservation District (Pattee Creek Rip Rap) grant #2012-CSW-014 in the amount of \$3,025.00; Jones Conservation District (Educational Range Tour) grant #2012-CSW-013 in the amount of \$481.20; Brule/Buffalo Conservation District (District Internet Connection) grant #2013-CSW-001 in the amount of \$53,458.18 for a total of \$89,470.02. **Motion carried.**

Grant Review:

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

Grant Selection:

A motion was made by Tom Glover and seconded to approve the Pennington Conservation District grant application (Thinning for Forest Health) in the amount of \$25,000 for 1 year. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Aaron Kiesz and seconded to approve the Haakon Conservation District grant application (Multi-practice grant) in the amount of \$30,000 for 1 year with

the practices being limited to dams, pipelines, and tanks. Also with the conditions that grazing plans be required as part of the agreement with the landowners and the district is required to provide a copy of the Joint Powers Agreement between Haakon, Jackson, and East Pennington Conservation Districts. The district should also 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 deny the Mellette Conservation District grant application (2013 Shelterbelt/Windbreak) due to the shortage of funds with other higher priority projects being funded. **Motion carried.** Charlie Moe abstained.

A motion was made by Tom Glover and seconded to approve the Mellette Conservation District grant application (Technician) in the amount of \$25,000 for 1 year with the 50% cost-share stipulation. Also 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 an annual report for the technician's work activities. This report should show landowner contacts made by the technician, miles driven, number of plans written, acres treated or any other measure to show the conservation benefit provided by the technician. This report should be provided to SDACD and the Conservation Commission by no later than January 12 of each year. Also, require the district to provide a copy of the Joint Powers Agreement between Mellette and Todd Conservation Districts. The district should also provide timesheets or other documentation to demonstrate the actual time spent on salary/administration of the grant. **Motion carried.** Charlie Moe abstained.

A motion was made by Aaron Kiesz and seconded to approve the Jackson Conservation District grant application (Jackson County Ponds Project Phase II) in the amount of \$25,000 for 1 year. Motion failed for lack of a majority vote. Tom Glover – no, Charlie Moe -no. Aaron Kiesz – yes, Gerald Thaden – yes, Doug Hansen, yes.

A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to deny the Bennett Conservation District grant application (Bennett/Shannon I&E) due to shortage of funds with other higher priority projects being funded. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to deny the Hamlin Conservation District grant application (Hamlin/Codington Tree-Shrub) due to shortage of funds with other higher priority projects being funded. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Tom Glover and seconded to approve the Hanson Conservation District grant application (Resource Technician) in the amount of \$15,000 for 1 year. Also 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 an annual report for the technician's work activities. This report should show landowner contacts made by the technician, miles driven, number of plans written, acres treated or any other measure to show the conservation benefit provided by the

technician. This report should be provided to SDACD and the Conservation Commission by no later than January 12 of each year. The district should also 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 deny the Miner Conservation District grant application (Shelterbelt Renovation) due to shortage of funds with other higher priority projects being funded. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to deny the Lawrence Conservation District grant application (2013 Forestry BMP Field Audits) due to a shortage of funds with other higher priority projects being funded. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Aaron Kiesz and seconded to approve the Jones County Conservation District grant application (Multi-practice grant Phase II) in the amount of \$25,000 for 18 months with the practices being limited to pipelines, tanks and dams. Also with the conditions that grazing plans be required as part of the agreement with the landowners and the district is required to provide a copy of the Joint Powers Agreement between Jones and American Creek Conservation Districts. The district should also 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 deny the Miner Conservation District grant application (Public Awareness & Conservation Education) due to a shortage of funds with other higher priority projects being funded. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Tom Glover and seconded to approve the Yankton Conservation District grant application (Yankton Natural Resources) in the amount of \$13,000 for 1 year with the conditions that grazing plans be required as part of the agreement with the landowners. The district should also 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 deny the Todd Conservation District grant application (Pre-approved Practices III) due to shortage of funds with other higher priority projects being funded. **Motion carried.** Charlie Moe Abstained.

A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to deny the Minnehaha Conservation District grant application (Gevik Outdoor Conservation Learning Area Youth Program) due to shortage of funds with other higher priority projects being funded. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to approve the Edmunds Conservation District grant application (North Missouri Grassland Enhancement) in the amount of \$25,000 for 1 year with the condition tree planting be removed from the project and that grazing plans be a part of the agreement with the landowners. Also require the district to provide a copy of the Joint Powers Agreement between Edmunds,

McPherson, and Walworth Conservation Districts. The districts should also 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 table the Clearfield/Keyapaha Conservation District grant application to the end of the grant selection. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to approve the Minnehaha Conservation District grant application (Technician) in the amount of \$21,292 for 1 year with the condition that 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 an annual report for the technician's work activities. This report should show landowner contacts made by the technician, miles driven, number of plans written, acres treated or any other measure to show the conservation benefit provided by the technician. This report should be provided to SDACD and the Conservation Commission by no later than January 12 of each year. The district should also 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 the Lawrence Conservation District grant application (Lawrence Livestock Water) in the amount of \$33,000 for 1 year with the condition that grazing plans be a part of the agreement with the landowners. Also require the district to provide a copy of the Joint Powers Agreement between Lawrence, Butte, Elk Creek, and Tri-County Conservation Districts. The district should also provide timesheets or other documentation to demonstrate the actual time spent on salary/administration of the grant. **Motion carried.** David Fischbach abstained.

A motion was made by Aaron Kiesz and seconded to approve the Lincoln Conservation District grant application (Pattee Creek Rip Rap) in the amount of \$3,025 for 1 year. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to deny the Roberts Conservation District grant application (Tree/shrub Program) due to shortage of funds with other higher priority projects being funded. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Aaron Kiesz and seconded to approve the Mellette Conservation District grant application (Pipeline IV) in the amount of \$36,514.06 for 1 year. Motion failed for lack of a majority vote. Charlie Moe-no, Gerald Thaden-no, Tom Glover-no, Doug Hansen –yes, Aaron Kiesz – yes.

A motion was made by Tom Glover and seconded to take off the table the Clearfield/Keyapaha Conservation District grant application. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Tom Glover and seconded to approve the Clearfield/Keyapaha Conservation District grant application (Pipeline I) in the amount of \$16,514.06 for 1

year with the conditions that grazing plans be required as part of the agreement with the landowners. The district should also provide timesheets or other documentation to demonstrate the actual time spent on the salary/administration of the grant. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Tom Glover and seconded to approve the Mellette Conservation District grant application (Pipeline IV) in the amount of \$20,000 for 1 year with the conditions that grazing plans be required as part of the agreement with the landowners. Also require the district to provide a copy of the Joint Powers Agreement between Mellette and Todd Conservation Districts. The district should also provide timesheets or other documentation to demonstrate the actual time spent on salary/administration of the grant. **Motion carried.** Charlie Moe abstained.

Soil and Conservation Award Review:

Presented by division staff.

A motion was made by Tom Glover and seconded to accept all four Soil and Conservation Award selections. **Motion carried.**

Reports:

Commission reports were given by the State Conservation Commissioners.

Advisory Member reports were given by DENR and USFWS.

The Resource Conservation & Forestry report was given by division staff.

Next Meeting:

Time and place to be determined.

The chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 12:30 PM.

Marjorie Gregg
Recording Secretary