

State Conservation Commission  
Grant Round Meeting  
USDA/NRCS Building, Pierre SD  
May 19, 2011

**Members Present:** Charlie Moe, David Fischbach, Doug Hansen, Tom Glover, Gerald Thaden. Aaron Kiesz joined by phone at 10:30 AM.

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

**Others Present:** See Attached list.

The meeting was called to order at 8:32 AM by Chairman David Fischbach.

Charlie Moe made a motion and seconded to approve the March 24, 2011 minutes as mailed. Motion carried.

**Revolving Loan Report** was presented by Division staff. There were no new loan applications.

**Reversions:**

A motion was made by Tom Glover and seconded to revert the following funds: Mellette Conservation District (Pre-approved Practices) Grant #2008-CSW-011 in the amount of \$2,818.07; Todd Conservation District (Pre-approved Practices) Grant #2008-CSW-015 in the amount of \$8,677.54; Hyde Conservation District (NAWCA Phase 3) Grant #2008-CSW-002 in the amount of \$10,379.71; Faulk Conservation District (Upper Snake Creek) Grant #2009-CSW-021 in the amount of \$31,804.53; Todd Conservation District (TMJ 3 County Wind & Erosion Project) Grant # 2009-CSW-006 in the amount of \$5,062.94; Mellette Conservation District (Grazing Distribution) Grant #2009-CSW-007 in the amount of \$8,279.27; Perkins Conservation District (NW Area Tree Planting) Grant #2009-CSW-017 in the amount of \$7,103.96; Minnehaha Conservation District (Vegetated Treatment System) Grant #2006-CSW-019 in the amount of \$29,266.94; Lincoln Conservation District (Coop Resource Technician) Grant #2007-CSW-002 in the amount of \$1,234.04; Miner Conservation District (Water Quality for Livestock) Grant #2007-CSW-013 in the amount of \$32,222.62; Miner Conservation District (Shelterbelt Program) Grant #2008-CSW-020 in the amount of \$7,455.39; Marshall Conservation District (Multi-Purpose Grant) Grant #2008-CSW-024 in the amount of \$18,672.68; Miner Conservation District ( Shelterbelt Renovation) Grant #2008-CSW-019 in the amount of \$12,067.80; Moody Conservation District (Resource Technician) Grant #2008-CSW-001 in the amount of \$7,361.17; Ziebach Conservation District (Well Grant) Grant #2008-CSW-023 in the amount of \$20,060.51; Hamlin Conservation District (Tall Grass Prairie Project) Grant #2008-CSW-018 in the amount of \$37,372.73; Brule/Buffalo Conservation District (Wildlife Resources) Grant #2008-CSW-008 in the amount of \$2,211.49; Beadle Conservation District (Well Development & Grazing) Grant #2008-CSW-017 in the amount of \$18,867.58; Davison Conservation District (Davison Co. Conservation Program) Grant #2009-CSW-028 in the amount of \$475.15; Perkins Conservation District (NW Area Forester) Grant #2009-CSW-018 in the amount of \$23,459.64; Miner Conservation District (Conservation Education) Grant #2009-CSW-020 in the amount of \$206.41; Davison Conservation District (Davison & Hanson Tech Assistant) Grant #2009-CSW-

027 in the amount of \$1,923.54; Bennett Conservation District (Grass Seeding Cost-Share) Grant #2009-CSW-013 in the amount of \$2,040.00; Campbell Conservation District (Lake Pocasse Implementation) Grant # 2010-CSW-006 in the amount of \$5,000.00; Corson Conservation District (Resource Technician) Grant # 2010-CSW-007 in the amount of \$1,752.18; Butte Conservation District (Redwater Ditch Loss Analysis) Grant #2010-CSW-005 in the amount of \$5,000.00 for a total of \$300,775.89. Motion carried.

Staff gave an update on the Weed & Pest MOU.

**Grant Review:** Seven grant applications were submitted for the spring grant round. The State Conservation Commission, Division of Resource Conservation & Forestry staff and Conservation District representatives discussed the grant applications.

**Grant Selection:**

A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to deny Custer Conservation District (Bio Control) grant application as Custer Conservation District has not applied through the Custer County Weed and Pest Board. The commission needs something in the docket addressing this type of project and require something in writing from the Weed & Pest Board stating that they are short of funds and could not fund this project. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Tom Glover and seconded to approve Brule/Buffalo Conservation District (Grazing Land with Wildlife Resource) grant application in the amount of \$23,270.00 for eighteen months with the recommendation that tree planting plans must be reviewed and approved by a SDDA-RCF forester, farmstead windbreaks do not qualify for cost share, and grazing management plans are required for practices involving grazing lands. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Doug Hansen and seconded to approve Mellette Conservation District (Mellette & Todd Technician) grant application in the amount of \$78,700.00 for 2 years with the recommendation that grant funds be used for activities over and above those of "normal district duties". The district is required to submit an annual activity 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 measures to show the conservation benefit provided by the employee. This report will be provided to SDACD and the Conservation Commission no later than January 12 of each year. Motion carried. Charlie Moe abstained.

A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to deny Lincoln Conservation District (Pattee Creek Watershed) grant application as the final report of the previous Pattee Creek Watershed Grant #2007-CSW-012 stated the work was completed. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Doug Hansen and seconded to deny Minnehaha Conservation District (Vegetated Treatment System Monitoring) grant application as the project was outside the scope of the Coordinated Plan. Motion failed for lack of a majority vote.

A motion was made by Tom Glover and seconded to approve Minnehaha Conservation District (Vegetated Treatment System Monitoring) grant application in the amount of \$40,020 for 3 years

with recommendation that an annual report of the monitoring results be furnished to the Division of Resource Conservation & Forestry. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Gerald Thaden and seconded to approve Miner Conservation District (Resource Technician Work) grant application in the amount of \$19,000.00 for two years with the recommendation that grant funds will be used for activities over and above those of "normal district duties". The district is required to submit an annual activity 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 measures to show the conservation benefit provided by the employee. This report will be provided to SDACD and the Conservation Commission no later than January 12 of each year. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Doug Hansen and seconded to approve Hamlin Conservation District (Providing Conservation Awareness) grant application in the amount of \$6,176.00 for two years with the recommendation that grant funds will be used for activities over and above those of "normal district duties." Motion carried. Hamlin Conservation District was encouraged to evaluate the effectiveness of their project and to share this with the Commission.

**2011 Commission Goals and Objectives:**

A motion was made by Tom Glover and seconded to adopt the 2011 Commission Goals and Objectives as presented to the Commission. Motion carried.

**Coordinated Plan for Natural Resources:**

A discussion was held regarding updating the "Coordinated Plan for Natural Resources Conservation". The commission gave permission for the Division of Resource Conservation & Forestry staff to proceed with a RFP and the gathering of information for changes to the Coordinated Plan for Natural Resources Conservation. Doug Hansen volunteered to assist the Division with this project.

**Soil Conservation Award:**

The Division of Resource Conservation & Forestry staff provided a presentation of the conservation districts nominations for the Soil Conservation Award.

**Reports:**

Commission member reports were given by the Commissioners.

Written and verbal reports were given by NRCS, GF&P and SDACD.

The Division report was given by division staff.

The next meeting will be held September 15, 2011. Location and time to be determined.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:10 PM

Marjorie Gregg  
Recording Secretary