State Conservation Commission Minutes Regular Meeting, July 15, 2015 AGC Building, Pierre, SD

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

Absent: Alan Vedvei, Tom Wolles

Others Present: Brian Scott-RC&F, Peggy Loomis –Hamlin CD, Marjy Gregg - RC&F, Bill Smith – RC&F, Angela Ehlers – SDACD, Charles Groen – Turner CD, Mike Lauritsen – School & Public Lands, and Cec Johnson – RC&F.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman David Fischbach at 8:05 AM.

A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to approve the May 20-21, 2015 minutes. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to mail the drafted letter to LaCreek National Wildlife Refuge. **Motion failed for lack of a majority vote.**

Revolving Loan Report:

A motion was made by Doug Hansen and seconded to approve Grant County Conservation District revolving loan application for a drill. **Motion Carried.** Gerald Thaden abstained.

Grant Report:

A motion was made by Aaron Kiesz and seconded to approve Lawrence Conservation District request to add wells as a category as part of the water development portion of the budget of grant #2013-CSW-027 (Lawrence Livestock Water). **Motion carried**

A discussion was held regarding the Technical Assistance grants. The staff was directed by the commission to send a memo letting the districts know they need to provide additional details on their grant applications regarding what projects that the technicians will work on to show how the district plans to use the Technical Assistance funds.

A discussion was held regarding the history of the grant selection process. The commission took no action to change the current process.

Division Report:

Division of Resource Conservation & Forestry report was presented by division staff.

Advisory Reports:

An oral report was given by Mike Lauritsen of School & Public Lands. An oral report was given by Angela Ehlers of SDACD.

Next Meeting:

A tentative date was set for September 17, 2015 if needed.

Meeting was adjourned by Chairman David Fischbach at 11:35 AM.

Marjy Gregg Recording Secretary