

Minutes
State Conservation Commission
Regular Meeting
September 16, 2013
Ramkota Convention Center, Aberdeen, South Dakota

Members present: Alan Vedvei, Tom Glover, David Fischbach, Doug Hansen, Gerald Thaden, and Aaron Kiesz.

Members absent: Wayne Bunge, Charlie Moe, and Tom Wolles.

Others present: See attached list.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman David Fischbach 7:07 a.m.

A motion was made by Doug Hansen and seconded to approve the May 14, 2013 minutes as presented. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alan Vedvei and seconded to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2013 teleconference call as presented. **Motion carried.**

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

Loan application:

A motion was made by Tom Glover and seconded to approve the loan application in the amount of \$28,451.26 from Butte Conservation District to purchase a no-till drill as long as it is permissible to pay off an outstanding loan with a new loan. **Motion carried.**

Grant Program Report:

A motion was made by Alan Vedvei and seconded to approve the Butte Conservation District request to transfer funds for grant #2013-CSW-006 (SD Envirothon Project) of \$10,181.09 into the travel budget and to extend the grant for 1 year to end December 31, 2014. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Doug Hansen and seconded to deny the Mellette Conservation District request to add a water storage tank to the Pipeline project for grant #2013-CSW-028 as this item is not on the Commission Docket or on the Goals and Objectives or Priorities. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Aaron Kiesz and seconded to approve the Gregory Conservation District request to transfer funds for grant #2013-CSW-010 (Gregory County Projects) of \$5,000.00 from Pipelines to Water Hookups. **Motion carried.** Tom Glover abstained.

A motion was made by Alan Vedvei and seconded to table the Jones request to raise the cost-share for two dams until further information is received on the cost of the repairs. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Doug Hansen to approve the Douglas Conservation District request for a one-year extension for grant #2012-CSW-011 (Tree Planting and Maintenance Project). **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Gerald Thaden to approve the Miner Conservation District request for a six-month extension for grant #2012-CSW-028 (Information & Education Workshop). **Motion carried.**

No action was taken on the Brookings Conservation District request for a one-year extension for grant #2011-CSW-013 as the request was received after the deadline. This request will be taken to the November meeting.

Staff indicated that a request will be sent to the conservation districts asking for comments for the 2014 docket.

Agency Reports

A written and oral report was given by NRCS.

A written and oral report was provided by the Division of Resource Conservation and Forestry.

The Commission set the date for their next meeting on November 14, 2013, in Pierre. This will be a grant round.

Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

Cecelia M. Johnson
Recording Secretary