

State Conservation Commission
Grant Round Minutes
November 28, 2011
Ramkota Inn, Pierre

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

Members Absent: Charlie Moe, Wayne Bunge

Others Present: See attached list

The meeting was called to order by Chairman David Fischbach at 8:00 AM.

A motion was made by Alan Vedvei and seconded to approve the September minutes with the correction that Charlie Moe was spelled wrong under Revolving Loan Report.

Revolving Loan Report

A motion was made by Tom Wolles and seconded to bring the two Dewey Conservation District Revolving Loan applications (Tree saw, skid steer and outstanding bills) off the table from the September meeting. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Aaron Kiesz and seconded to deny both Dewey Conservation District revolving loan applications as the applications were incomplete. **Motion carried.**

Grant Progress Report

A motion was made by Tom Glover to defer action of Bennett Conservation District's request for an amendment to Bennett County Tree Program Grant #2010-CSW-003 for a two year extension and to include Shannon Conservation District if new application is not approved. The commission did not take later action on this amendment request because Bennett Conservation District's new grant was funded during the grant round.

A motion was made by Doug Hansen and seconded to approve a one year extension for the Charles Mix Conservation District request for a two year extension on the Shelterbelt Cost-Share Grant #2009-CSW-023. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Tom Wolles and seconded to approve the Clark County Conservation District request for a one year extension for grant #2009-CSW-005 (Natural Resource Protection). **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Aaron Kiesz and seconded to approve the Day County Conservation District request for a one year extension for grant #2009-CSW-012 (Northeast Grazing & Water Development.) **Motion carried.** Doug Hansen abstained.

A motion was made by Tom Wolles and seconded to deny the Dewey Conservation District request for a 1 year extension for grant #2008-CSW-005 (Wells Grant) as it has already been a four year grant and they should apply for a new grant. **Motion carried.** Alan Vedvei voted no.

A motion was made by Tom Glover and seconded to deny the Dewey Conservation District request for a 1 year extension for grant #2010-CSW-008 (Livestock & Resource Protection Grant as it has already been a three year grant with little activity. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Gerald Thaden and seconded to approve the Harding County Conservation District request for a 6 month extension for grant #2009-CSW-009 (NW SD Wetlands & Rangeland Project). **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alan Vedvei and seconded to approve the Hyde County Conservation District request for a one year extension for grant #2010-CSW-012 (Hyde/Hand Enhancement Project Phase 2). **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alan Vedvei and seconded to approve the Mellette County Conservation District request for a 6 month extension for the grant #2008-CSW-010 (Mellette/Todd Pipeline grant). **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Tom Glover and seconded to approve the Minnehaha Conservation District request for a project change for grant #2011-CSW-020 (Vegetative Treatment) to reduce the landowner cash match and increase landowner in-kind match. **Motion carried.** Tom Wolles abstained.

Reversions

A motion was made by Tom Wolles and seconded to revert the following funds: Bon Homme Conservation District (BHCD Conservation Enhancement) grant #2009-CSW-025 in the amount of \$4,480.60; Day County Conservation District (Northeast Glacial Lakes) grant #2009-CSW-015 in the amount of \$17,877.39; Jackson Conservation District (Shelterbelt Establishment) grant #2009-CSW-010 in the amount of \$1,233.24; Yankton Conservation District (Yankton County Conservation Program) grant #2009-CSW-032 in the amount of \$10,286.38; East Pennington Conservation District (Range Protection Incentives) grant #2009-CSW-003 in the amount of \$224.13; Pennington Conservation District (Forest Restoration) grant #2009-CSW-001 in the amount of \$326.46 for a total amount of \$34,428.20. **Motion carried.**

Grant Review

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

Reports

Commission member reports were given by the Commissioners.

The Division report was given by division staff.

A written and verbal report was given by NRCS. Questions were answered by School and Public Lands.

2012 Commission Goals and Objectives:

A motion was made by Doug Hansen and seconded to approve the division staff recommended changes of the 2012 Commission Goals and Objectives with a change of

wording for Goal #4 (d) give a greater consideration to conservation grants that are short duration and have a greater probability of completion during the grant period.

Motion carried.

2012 Commission Priorities:

A motion was made by Alan Vedvei to approve the division staff recommended changes of the 2012 State Conservation Commission Priorities with a change of wording of:

Short duration grants may receive a greater consideration for funding. **Motion carried.**

Grant Selection

A motion was made by Tom Glover and seconded to approve the American Creek Conservation District (American Creek Ponds Project II) grant application in the amount of \$80,000 for 3 years with the following recommendations: grazing plans be required as part of the agreement with the landowners; require the district to provide a copy of the Joint Powers Agreement between the sponsoring district and the other conservation districts involved to the Conservation Commission. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Tom Glover and seconded to approve the American Creek Conservation District request to change the title of the American Creek Ponds Project II grant application to Jones County Ponds Project II as Jones County Conservation District will be the sponsoring district. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Doug Hansen and seconded to approve the Lincoln Conservation District (Pattee Creek Watershed) grant application in the amount of \$3,025.00 for 6 months. **Motion carried.** Tom Glover voted no.

A motion was made by Alan Vedvei and seconded to approve the Aurora Conservation District (Multi-Purpose Shelterbelts) grant application in the amount of \$41,730.00 for 2 years with the following recommendations: all tree and shrub planting plans be reviewed by one of the SDDA Division of Resource Conservation & Forestry foresters; stand-alone farmstead or homestead windbreaks do not qualify for cost-share under this grant. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Doug Hansen and seconded to approve the Todd Conservation District (Shelterbelt/Windbreak) grant application in the amount of \$21,315.00 for 2 years with the following recommendations: all tree and shrub planting plans be reviewed by one of the SDDA Division of Resource Conservation & Forestry foresters; stand-alone farmstead or homestead windbreaks do not qualify for cost-share under this grant; require the district to provide a copy of the Joint Powers Agreement between Todd Conservation District and Mellette Conservation District to the Conservation Commission. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Tom Glover and seconded to approve the Bennett Conservation District (Bennett/Shannon Tree Planting) grant application in the amount \$10,488.00 for 2 years with the following recommendations: all tree and shrub planting plans be reviewed by one of the SDDA Division of Resource Conservation & Forestry foresters; stand-alone farmstead or homestead windbreaks do not qualify for cost-share under this grant; require the district to provide a copy of the Joint Powers Agreement between

Bennett Conservation District and Shannon Conservation District to the Conservation Commission. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Doug Hansen and seconded to approve the Marshall Conservation District (Technical Assistance) grant application in the amount of \$7,968.00 for 1 year with the following recommendations: district match and grant funds 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; the 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 each year.

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alan Vedvei and seconded to approve the Day County Conservation District (NE Glacial Lakes) grant application in the amount of \$91,500.00 for 2 years with the following recommendations: Day County Conservation District be required to send a copy of the final report submitted to EPA as part of the 319 grant; require the district to provide a copy of the Joint Powers Agreement between Day and the other conservation districts to the Conservation Commission. **Motion carried.** Doug Hansen abstained.

A motion was made by Tom Wolles and seconded to approve the Brown/Marshall Conservation District (Multi-District Shelterbelt) grant application in the amount of \$182,930.00 for 3 years with the following recommendations: all tree and shrub planting plans be reviewed by one of the SDDA Division of Resource Conservation & Forestry foresters; stand-alone farmstead or homestead windbreaks do not qualify for cost-share under this grant; require the district to provide a copy of the Joint Powers Agreement between Brown/Marshall Conservation District and the other conservation district to the Conservation Commission; no renovations around homesteads. **Motion carried.** Aaron Kiesz and Doug Hansen abstained.

A motion was made by Gerald Thaden and seconded to approve the Minnehaha Conservation District (Shelterbelt Renovation) grant application in the amount of \$42,043.00 for 3 years with the following recommendations; all tree and shrub planting plans be reviewed by one of the SDDA Division of Resource Conservation & Forestry foresters; stand-alone farmstead or homestead windbreaks do not qualify for cost-share under this grant. **Motion carried.** Tom Wolles abstained.

A motion was made by Aaron Kiesz and seconded to approve the Jones Conservation District (Educational Range Tour) grant application in the amount of \$700.00 for 1 year. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Doug Hansen and seconded to approve the Corson Conservation District (Resource Conservation Technician) grant application in the amount of \$17,500.00 for 1 year with the following recommendations: district match and grant funds 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; the 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 each year.

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Gerald Thaden and seconded to approve the Sanborn Conservation District (75 years of Conservation History Book) grant application in the amount of \$2,647.00 for 1 year with the recommendation the Conservation Commission be provided a hard copy and electronic copies for the internet. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Tom Glover and seconded to deny the Tri-County Conservation District (Fabricated Windbreak) grant application based on the application did not follow the guidelines of local and landowner match. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Tom Glover and seconded to approve the Bon Homme Conservation District (BH Conservation Enhancement) grant application in the amount of \$23,450.00 for 18 months with the following recommendations: all tree and shrub planting plans be reviewed by one of the SDDA Division of Resource Conservation & Forestry foresters; stand-alone farmstead and homestead windbreaks do not qualify for cost-share under this grant; and grazing plans be required as part of the agreement with the landowners. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Aaron Kiesz and seconded to approve the Jackson Conservation District (Jackson County Shelterbelt Establishment) grant application in the amount of \$8,889.00 for 18 months with the following recommendations: all tree and shrub planting plans be reviewed by one of the SDDA Division of Resource Conservation & Forestry foresters; stand-alone farmstead and homestead windbreaks do not qualify for cost-share under this grant. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alan Vedvei and seconded to approve the Beadle Conservation District (Shelterbelt Program) grant application in the amount of \$69,550.00 for 3 years with the following recommendations: all tree and shrub planting plans be reviewed by one of the SDDA Division of Resource Conservation & Forestry foresters; stand-alone farmstead and homestead windbreaks do not qualify for cost-share under this grant. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Tom Glover and seconded to approve the Douglas Conservation District (Tree Planting & Maintenance) grant application in the amount of \$12,346.00 for 3 years with the following recommendations: all tree and shrub planting plans be reviewed by one of the SDDA Division of Resource Conservation & Forestry foresters; stand-alone farmstead and homestead windbreaks do not qualify for cost-share under this grant. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Tom Glover and seconded to approve the Brule/Buffalo Conservation District (South Missouri Coteau Wetland/Grassland) grant application in the amount of \$38,000.00 with the following recommendations: grazing plans be required as part of the agreement with the landowners; require the district to provide a copy of the Joint Powers Agreement between Brule/Buffalo Conservation District and the other conservation districts to the Conservation Commission. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Doug Hansen and seconded to deny the Minnehaha Conservation District (Noxious Weed Control) grant application because the State Weed and Pest Control Commission has not yet acted on the application as per the Memorandum of Understanding between the State Conservation Commission, the Division of Resource Conservation & Forestry, the State Weed and Pest Control Commission, and the Division of Agricultural Services. **Motion carried.** Tom Wolles abstained.

A motion was made by Doug Hansen and seconded to approve the Beadle Conservation District (Resource Technician) grant application in the amount of \$53,550.00 for 2 years with the following recommendations: district match and grant funds 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; the 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 each year. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Doug Hansen and seconded to approve the Charles Mix Conservation District (Technical Assistance Grant) grant application in the amount of \$8,513 for 1 year with the following recommendations: district match and grant funds 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; the 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 each year. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Aaron Kiesz and seconded to approve the Hamlin Conservation District (Hamlin County Tree/Shrub Program) grant application in the amount of \$19,958.00 for 2 years with the following recommendations: all tree and shrub planting plans be reviewed by one of the SDDA Division of Resource Conservation & Forestry foresters; stand-alone farmstead and homestead windbreaks do not qualify for cost-share under this grant. **Motion carried.**

2012 Docket

A motion was made by Aaron Kiesz and seconded to approve the suggested changes to the 2012 docket. **Motion carried.**

Next meeting will be January 31, 2012 in Pierre.

Chairman declared meeting adjourned at 2:38 PM.

Marjorie Gregg
Recording Secretary