

State Conservation Commission Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
December 15, 2016  
Governor's Inn, Pierre, SD

**Members Present:** Doug Hansen, Gerald Thaden, Tom Wolles, David Fischbach, Tom Glover and Charlie Moe.

**Absent:** Wayne Bunge, Aaron Kiesz and Alan Vedvei.

**Others Present:** See attached

The meeting was called to order by Chairman David Fischbach at 8:17 AM CDT.

A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to approve the September 26, 2016 minutes as submitted. **Motion carried.**

**Revolving Loan Report:**

A motion was made by Doug Hansen and seconded to approve the Jackson Conservation District request for a 1 year extension on Revolving Loan #1067/36-04-01. **Motion carried.**

**Grant Report:**

A motion was made by Doug Hansen and seconded to approve the Butte Conservation District request to withdraw grant #2015-CSW-005 (Envirothon Pilot Project) and revert \$4,000.00 to the commission grant fund. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Tom Wolles and seconded to approve the Miner Conservation District request for a 6 month extension for grant #2014-CSW-018 (Shelterbelt Renovation) so the landowners that have started their projects can finish them. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to approve the East Pennington Conservation District request for a 6 month extension for grant #2016-CSW-011 (Livestock Protection). **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to deny the Hamlin Conservation District requests for a 1 year extension for grant # 2016-CSW-031 (Pasture Pipe for Water Quality). **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Doug Hansen and seconded to approve the Gregory Conservation District request for a 6 month extension for grant #2016-CSW-012 (Cedar Removal). **Motion carried.** Tom Glover abstained.

**Grant Reversions:**

A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to revert the following funds: Brule/Buffalo Conservation District grant #2012-CSW-008 (S. Missouri Coteau Ponds) in the amount of \$8,921.71; Todd Conservation District grant #2013-CSW-021 (Pond Cleanout) in the amount of \$7,384.69; Edmunds Conservation District grant #2013-CSW-033 (North Missouri Grassland Enhancement) in the amount of \$251.54; Edmunds

Conservation District grant #2014-CSW-008 ( Grassland Enhancement II) in the amount of \$134.15; Brule/Buffalo Conservation District grant #2014-CSW-028 (Missouri Coteau Water Phase II) in the amount of \$4,712.53; Brookings Conservation District grant # 2014-CSW-035 (Fabric Removal Education & Research) in the amount of \$3,346.64; Beadle Conservation District grant #2015-CSW-001 (Shelterbelts) in the amount of \$8,998.42; Brule/Buffalo Conservation District grant #2015-CSW-004 (Brule/Buffalo CD Project) in the amount of \$772.59; Davison Conservation District grant #2015-CSW-009 (Shelterbelts) in the amount of \$2,173.55; Day Conservation District grant #2015-CSW-011 (NE Glacial Lakes Technician) in the amount of \$8,460.53; Minnehaha Conservation District grant #2015-CSW-021 (Technician) in the amount of \$15,106.00; Turner Conservation District grant #2015-CSW-028 (Technician) in the amount of \$25,365.92; Moody Conservation District grant #2015-CSW-031 (Resource Technician) in the amount of \$5,327.47; Bennett Conservation District grant #2015-CSW-034 (Bennett/Shannon Tree Planting) in the amount of \$5,552.60; Hamlin Conservation District grant # 2016-CSW-014 (Hamlin/Codington Trees #3) in the amount of \$2,473.20; Butte Conservation District grant # 2015-CSW-005 (Envirothon) in the amount of \$4,000.00 for a total amount of \$102,981.54. **Motion carried.**

#### **Grant Application Review:**

A review of the grant applications was made by division staff, state conservation commission and district representatives.

Doug Hansen gave a report of the priorities survey results taken at the area meetings.

#### **Grant Selection:**

A motion was made and seconded to save \$100,000 for the spring grant round. **Motion carried.** Charlie Moe –No.

A motion was made by Charlie Moe to approve the Jones Conservation District grant application (Multi-practice V) in the amount of \$22,655 for 18 months. All tree and shrub planting plans be reviewed and approved by one of the SDDA RCF foresters prior to planting. Stand-alone farmstead/homestead windbreaks do not qualify for cost-share from the Commission. Grazing plans be required as part of the agreement with the landowners. The district will provide timesheets or other documentation to demonstrate the actual time spent on salary/administration of the grant. Grazing plans be required as part of the agreement with the landowners if grazing the cover crop. Cover crops be limited to 80 acres per landowner and for only one time per land unit. District must secure a landowner application to determine eligibility for cost-share funds, copy to be provided with reimbursement request. District must provide the landowner with notification letter indicating whether or not they have been approved for cost-share, copy to be provided with reimbursement request. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Tom Wolles to approve the Mellette Conservation District grant application (2017 MC Tree) in the amount of \$20,000 for 18 months. All tree and shrub planting plans be reviewed and approved by one of the SDDA RCF foresters prior to planting. Stand-alone farmstead/homestead windbreaks do not qualify for cost-share from the Commission. District must secure a landowner application to determine eligibility for cost-share funds, copy to be provided with reimbursement request. District must provide

the landowner with notification letter indicating whether or not they have been approved for cost-share, copy to be provided with reimbursement request. **Motion carried.** Charlie Moe abstained.

A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to approve the Miner Conservation District grant application (East Central Rangeland Stewardship) in the amount of \$52,500 for 18 months. Grazing plans be required as part of the agreement with the landowners. District must secure a landowner application to determine eligibility for cost-share funds, copy to be provided with reimbursement request. District must provide the landowner with notification letter indicating whether or not they have been approved for cost-share, copy to be provided with reimbursement request. The district must provide a copy of the Joint Powers Agreement with all the conservation districts involved. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Tom Glover and seconded to approve the Davison Conservation District grant application (Tree Planting) in the amount of \$12,000 for 1 year. All tree and shrub planting plans be reviewed and approved by one of the SDDA RCF foresters prior to planting. Stand-alone farmstead/homestead windbreaks do not qualify for cost-share from the Commission. District must secure a landowner application to determine eligibility for cost-share funds, copy to be provided with reimbursement request. District must provide the landowner with notification letter indicating whether or not they have been approved for cost-share, copy to be provided with reimbursement request. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to approve the Bennett Conservation District grant application (Bennett/Badlands Tree Planting 2017) in the amount of \$16,000 for 6 months. All tree and shrub planting plans be reviewed and approved by one of the SDDA RCF foresters prior to planting. Stand-alone farmstead/homestead windbreaks do not qualify for cost-share from the Commission. District must secure a landowner application to determine eligibility for cost-share funds, copy to be provided with reimbursement request. District must provide the landowner with notification letter indicating whether or not they have been approved for cost-share, copy to be provided with reimbursement request. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Tom Wolles and seconded to deny the Beadle Conservation District grant application (Water Quality for Livestock) as this grant application is covered under the approved Miner Conservation District grant application (East Central Rangeland Stewardship). **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Tom Wolles and seconded to deny the Mellette Conservation District grant application (2017 Technician) as it is not tied to a grant and the commission does not want to fund just a technician grant alone. **Motion carried.** Charlie Moe abstained.

A motion was made by Doug Hansen and seconded to approve the Beadle Conservation District grant application (Soil Health) in the amount of \$13,475 for 1 year. Grazing plans be required as part of the agreement with the landowners if grazing the cover crop. Cover crops be limited to 80 acres per landowner and for only one time per land unit. District must secure a landowner application to determine eligibility for cost-share funds, copy to be provided with reimbursement request. District must provide the landowner with

notification letter indicating whether or not they have been approved for cost-share, copy to be provided with reimbursement request. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Tom Glover and seconded to approve the Miner Conservation District grant application (Conservation Education for Miner County) in the amount of \$2,500 for 1 year. The district will provide timesheets or other documentation to demonstrate the actual time spent on salary/administration of the grant. The district is requested to provide a report of event attendance and feedback from attendees. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Tom Wolles and seconded to approve the Todd Conservation District grant application (2017 Multi-practice) in the amount of \$40,000 for 1 year. Grazing plans be required as part of the agreement with the landowners. District must secure a landowner application to determine eligibility for cost-share funds, copy to be provided with reimbursement request. District must provide the landowner with notification letter indicating whether or not they have been approved for cost-share, copy to be provided with reimbursement request. The district will 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 Tom Glover and seconded to approve the Butte Conservation District grant application (SD Envirothon Outreach and Education) in the amount of \$20,000 for 1 year. The district will provide timesheets or other documentation to demonstrate the actual time spent on salary/administration of the grant. The district is requested to provide a report of event attendance and feedback from attendees. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to approve the Beadle Conservation District grant application (Renovation) in the amount of \$13,000 for 18 months. District must secure a landowner application to determine eligibility for cost-share funds, copy to be provided with reimbursement request. District must provide the landowner with notification letter indicating whether or not they have been approved for cost-share, copy to be provided with reimbursement request. The district will 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 Hanson Conservation District grant application (Cover Crop) in the amount of \$9,980 for 1 year. Grazing plans be required as part of the agreement with the landowners if grazing the cover crop. Cover crops be limited to 80 acres per landowner and for only one time per land unit. District must secure a landowner application to determine eligibility for cost-share funds, copy to be provided with reimbursement request. District must provide the landowner with notification letter indicating whether or not they have been approved for cost-share, copy to be provided with reimbursement request. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Tom Wolles and seconded to approve the Day Conservation District grant application (Northeast Glacial Lakes) in the amount of \$25,000. The district will provide a copy of the Joint Powers Agreement with all the conservation districts

involved. 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 two semi-annual reports for the technician's work activities. These reports 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. These reports should be provided to the conservation commission and SDACD no later than January 12 and July 12 of each year. The district will provide timesheets or other documentation to demonstrate the actual time spent on salary/administration of the grant. **Motion carried.** Doug Hansen abstained.

A motion was made by Gerald Thaden and seconded to approve the Clark Conservation District grant application (Clark Shelterbelts) in the amount of \$22,000 for 18 months. All tree and shrub planting plans be reviewed and approved by one of the SDDA RCF foresters prior to planting. Stand-alone farmstead/homestead windbreaks do not qualify for cost-share from the Commission. District must secure a landowner application to determine eligibility for cost-share funds, copy to be provided with reimbursement request. District must provide the landowner with notification letter indicating whether or not they have been approved for cost-share, copy to be provided with reimbursement request. The district will 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 approve the Sanborn Conservation District grant application (Conservation Practices) in the amount of \$22,000 for 18 months. All tree and shrub planting plans be reviewed and approved by one of the SDDA RCF foresters prior to planting. Stand-alone farmstead/homestead windbreaks do not qualify for cost-share from the Commission. District must secure a landowner application to determine eligibility for cost-share funds, copy to be provided with reimbursement request. Grazing plans be required as part of the agreement with the landowners if grazing cover crops. Cover crops be limited to 80 acres per landowner and for only one time per land unit. District must provide the landowner with notification letter indicating whether or not they have been approved for cost-share, copy to be provided with reimbursement request. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Tom Glover and seconded to approve the Butte Conservation District grant application (Weed Rehab Phase 5) in the amount of \$35,000 for 1 year. All tree and shrub planting plans be reviewed and approved by one of the SDDA RCF foresters prior to planting. Stand-alone farmstead/homestead windbreaks do not qualify for cost-share from the Commission. District must secure a landowner application to determine eligibility for cost-share funds, copy to be provided with reimbursement request. District must provide the landowner with notification letter indicating whether or not they have been approved for cost-share, copy to be provided with reimbursement request. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to approve the Jerauld Conservation District grant application (Shelterbelt Establishment) in the amount of \$20,000 for 18 months. All tree and shrub planting plans be reviewed and approved by one of the SDDA RCF foresters prior to planting. Stand-alone farmstead/homestead windbreaks do not qualify for cost-share from the Commission. District must secure a landowner application

to determine eligibility for cost-share funds, copy to be provided with reimbursement request. District must provide the landowner with notification letter indicating whether or not they have been approved for cost-share, copy to be provided with reimbursement request. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Tom Glover and seconded to approve the Todd Conservation District grant application (2017 Todd County Tree) in the amount of \$20,000 for 18 months. All tree and shrub planting plans be reviewed and approved by one of the SDDA RCF foresters prior to planting. Stand-alone farmstead/homestead windbreaks do not qualify for cost-share from the Commission. District must secure a landowner application to determine eligibility for cost-share funds, copy to be provided with reimbursement request. District must provide the landowner with notification letter indicating whether or not they have been approved for cost-share, copy to be provided with reimbursement request. **Motion carried.** Charlie Moe abstained.

A motion was made by Doug Hansen and seconded to approve the Marshall Conservation District grant application (TA Grant) in the amount of \$4,680 for 18 months. 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 two semi-annual reports for the technician's work activities. These reports 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. These reports should be provided to the conservation commission and SDACD no later than January 12 and July 12 of each year. The district will 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 Wolles and seconded to approve the Brule/Buffalo Conservation District grant application (Renovation Project) in the amount of \$32,700 for 18 months. All tree and shrub planting plans be reviewed and approved by one of the SDDA RCF foresters prior to planting. Stand-alone farmstead/homestead windbreaks do not qualify for cost-share from the Commission. District must secure a landowner application to determine eligibility for cost-share funds, copy to be provided with reimbursement request. District must provide the landowner with notification letter indicating whether or not they have been approved for cost-share, copy to be provided with reimbursement request. The district will 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 approve the Beadle Conservation District grant application (Shelterbelt Program) in the amount of \$17,756 for 1 year. All tree and shrub planting plans be reviewed and approved by one of the SDDA RCF foresters prior to planting. Stand-alone farmstead/homestead windbreaks do not qualify for cost-share from the Commission. District must secure a landowner application to determine eligibility for cost-share funds, copy to be provided with reimbursement request. District must provide the landowner with notification letter indicating whether or not they have been approved for cost-share, copy to be provided with reimbursement request. The district will 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 Minnehaha Conservation District grant application (Wildlife Habitat Project) in the amount of \$12,480 for 18 months. Grazing plans be required as part of the agreement with the landowners. District must secure a landowner application to determine eligibility for cost-share funds, copy to be provided with reimbursement request. District must provide the landowner with notification letter indicating whether or not they have been approved for cost-share, copy to be provided with reimbursement request. The district will provide timesheets or other documentation to demonstrate the actual time spent on salary/administration of the grant. **Motion carried.** Tom Wolles abstained.

A motion was made by Tom Glover and seconded to approve the Bon Homme Conservation District grant application (BHCD Conservation Enhancement) in the amount of \$26,450 for 18 months. Grazing plans be required as part of the agreement with the landowners. All tree and shrub planting plans be reviewed and approved by one of the SDDA RCF foresters prior to planting. Stand-alone farmstead/homestead windbreaks do not qualify for cost-share from the Commission. Grazing plans be required as part of the agreement with the landowners if grazing the cover crop. Cover crops be limited to 80 acres per landowner and for only one time per land unit. District must secure a landowner application to determine eligibility for cost-share funds, copy to be provided with reimbursement request. District must provide the landowner with notification letter indicating whether or not they have been approved for cost-share, copy to be provided with reimbursement request. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to deny the Perkins Conservation District grant application (NW Area Tree Planting Project). **Motion failed for lack of a majority vote.** Roll Call: Doug Hansen-Aye, Gerald Thaden- Aye, Tom Wolles –aye, Tom Glover-No. Charlie Moe – aye, David Fischbach abstained.

A motion was made by Tom Glover and seconded to reconsider the Perkins Conservation District grant application at the end of the grant round. **Motion carried.** David Fischbach abstained.

A motion was made by Tom Glover and seconded to approve the Jackson Conservation District grant application (Cottonwood Fire Recovery) in the amount of \$25,000 for 2 years. All tree and shrub planting plans be reviewed and approved by one of the SDDA RCF foresters prior to planting. Stand-alone farmstead/homestead windbreaks do not qualify for cost-share from the Commission. District must secure a landowner application to determine eligibility for cost-share funds, copy to be provided with reimbursement request. District must provide the landowner with notification letter indicating whether or not they have been approved for cost-share, copy to be provided with reimbursement request. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Tom Wolles and seconded to approve the Mellette Conservation District grant application (2017 Ranchers Workshop) in the amount of \$1,000 for 6 months. The district will provide timesheets or other documentation to demonstrate the actual time spent on salary/administration of the grant. The district is requested to provide a report of event attendance and feedback from attendees. **Motion carried.** Charlie Moe abstained.

A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to approve the Codington Conservation District grant application (Tree Planting Project) in the amount of \$4,765 for 6 months. All tree and shrub planting plans be reviewed and approved by one of the SDDA RCF foresters prior to planting. Stand-alone farmstead/homestead windbreaks do not qualify for cost-share from the Commission. District must secure a landowner application to determine eligibility for cost-share funds, copy to be provided with reimbursement request. District must provide the landowner with notification letter indicating whether or not they have been approved for cost-share, copy to be provided with reimbursement request. The district will provide timesheet 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 Hughes Conservation District grant application (No-Till Fluffy Seed App. Drill) South Dakota Administrative Rule 12:03:05:13 prohibits the use of grant funds to purchase equipment, land, buildings, or replacing federal cost-share. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Doug Hansen and seconded to approve the Edmunds Conservation District grant application (Northern Coteau Rangelands) in the amount of \$44,500 for 18 months. Grazing plans be required as part of the agreement with the landowners. District must secure a landowner application to determine eligibility for cost-share funds, copy to be provided with reimbursement request. District must provide the landowner with notification letter indicating whether or not they have been approved for cost-share, copy to be provided with reimbursement request. The district will provide a copy of the Joint Powers Agreement with all the conservation districts involved. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to approve the Butte Conservation District grant application (Open Irrigation Ditch to Buried Pipe Conversions Pilot Program) in the amount of \$25,000 for 1 year. Grazing plans be required as part of the agreement with the landowners. District must secure a landowner application to determine eligibility for cost-share funds, copy to be provided with reimbursement request. District must provide the landowner with notification letter indicating whether or not they have been approved for cost-share, copy to be provided with reimbursement request. The district will provide a copy of the Joint Powers Agreement with all the conservation districts involved. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to deny the Tri-County Conservation District grant application (Windbreaks 2017) for lack of funding. **Motion carried.** David Fischbach abstained.

A motion was made by Tom Wolles and seconded to approve the Mellette Conservation District grant application (Cover Crops) in the amount of \$2,600 for 18 months with the stipulations that commission funds are not to be used to pay rent on land used for cover crops. Grazing plans be required as part of the agreement with the landowners. District must secure a landowner application to determine eligibility for cost-share funds, copy to be provided with reimbursement request. District must provide the landowner with notification letter indicating whether or not they have been approved for cost-share, copy to be provided with reimbursement request. The district will provide a copy of the Joint



Powers Agreement with all the conservation districts involved. **Motion carried.** Charlie Moe abstained.

A motion was made by Tom Glover and seconded to bring off the table the Perkins Conservation District grant application (NW Area Tree Planting). **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to deny the Perkins Conservation District grant application (NW Area Tree Planting) for lack of funding. **Motion carried.** David Fischbach abstained.

**2017 Docket:**

A motion was made by Tom Wolles and seconded to leave the Irrigation Water Management off the docket until the Butte Conservation District pilot project has more information. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Doug Hansen and seconded to accept the staff suggested changes for tree planting. **Motion carried.**

**2017 Speech Contest:**

Charlie Moe volunteered to be a judge from the State Conservation Commission for the Annual Speech Contest to be held April 22, 2017. Doug Hansen volunteered to be an alternate judge.

**Commission Member Reports:**

Doug Hansen gave an oral report on the Day Conservation District annual banquet.

**Advisory Report:**

Kurt Foreman gave an oral report for USFWS.  
Angela Ehlers gave an oral report for SDACD.

**Division Report** was given by RC&F Staff.

Next Meeting: TBD

Meeting adjourned by Chairman at 1:50 PM

Marjy Gregg  
Recording Secretary