

State Conservation Commission
Regular Meeting
February 18, 2016
Teleconference

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

Absent: Wayne Bunge

Others Present: Angel Ehlers-SDACD, Bill Smith-RC&F, Cec Johnson-RC&F, Marij Gregg-RC&F, Brian Scott-RC&F, Tami Moore-Miner CD, Cindy Zenk-Day CD, Stephanie Schumacher-Grant CD, Nathan Kafer-RC&F, Annette Steilen-Hanson CD, Peggy Loomis-Hamlin CD, and Jon Livermore-RC&F.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman David Fischbach at 2:04 PM.

Election of Officers: Charlie Moe nominated David Fischbach as Chairman. A motion was made by Charlie Moe and second that nominations cease. **Motion carried.** Roll Call: Doug Hansen-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Aaron Kiesz-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Gerald Thaden-aye, Alan Vedvei-aye, and Tom Wolles-aye. David Fischbach abstained.

Charlie Moe nominated Tom Glover as Vice Chairman. A motion was made by Doug Hansen and second that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast. **Motion carried.** Roll Call: Doug Hansen-aye, Aaron Kiesz-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Gerald Thaden-aye, Alan Vedvei-aye, Tom Wolles-aye. Tom Glover abstained.

A motion was made by Doug Hansen and second to approve the November 30, 2015 minutes as submitted. **Motion carried.** Roll Call: Tom Glover-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Aaron Kiesz-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Gerald Thaden-aye, Alan Vedvei-aye, Tom Wolles-aye.

Wayne Bunge joined the meeting at 2:15 PM.

All Commissioners were encouraged to attend the Leadership Conference March 9-10, 2016.

Speech Contest: Charlie Moe volunteered to be a judge if his calendar was open and Doug Hansen volunteered to be a replacement judge if Charlie Moe wasn't available.

A motion was made by Charlie Moe and second to approve the Shannon Conservation District's petition for a name change to Badlands Conservation District. **Motion carried.** Roll Call: Wayne Bunge-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Aaron Kiesz-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Gerald Thaden-aye, Alan Vedvei-aye, and Tom Wolles-aye.

Goals and Objective/2016 Priorities:

After much discussion it was decided to appoint a sub-committee of four commissioners to meet and discuss changing the format of the priorities and updating the goals. Those appointed were: Tom Wolles, Doug Hansen, Alan Vedvei, and Tom Glover.

Revolving Loan Report:

A motion was made by Charlie Moe and second to approve the Jackson County Conservation District loan application to purchase weed barrier fabric in the amount of \$4,954 for 2 years. **Motion carried.** Roll Call: Tom Wolles-aye, Alan Vedvei-aye, Gerald Thaden –aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Aaron Kiesz-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Tom Glover-aye, and Wayne Bunge-aye.

A motion was made by Alan Vedvei and second to approve the Deuel County Conservation District loan application in the amount of \$17,000 for 5 years to purchase a new Truax grass drill. **Motion carried.** Roll Call: Doug Hansen-aye, Gerald Thaden-aye, Tom Wolles-aye, Wayne Bunge-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Aaron Kiesz-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, and Alan Vedvei-aye.

Grant Report:

A motion was made by Charlie Moe and second to approve Kingsbury Conservation District extension request of 1 year for Grant #2015-CSW-038 (Tree Renovation Project). **Motion carried.** Roll Call: Wayne Bunge-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Aaron Kiesz-aye, Gerald Thaden-aye, Tom Wolles-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, and Charlie Moe-aye. Alan Vedvei-abstained.

Charlie Moe left the meeting at 3:25 PM

Tree Planting and Neighboring Farmsteads:

No action taken.

Division Report was presented by division staff.

Advisory Reports was presented by Angela Ehlers SDACD.

Next Meeting to be determined. The May meeting date was tentively set for May 19, 2016.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 3:55 PM.

Marjorie Gregg
Recording Secretary