

State Conservation Commission
Regular Meeting
March 22, 2012
Matthew Training Center, Pierre

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

Absent: Aaron Kiesz

Others Present: See attached list.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman David Fischbach at 9:04 AM.

Election of Officers: The meeting was turned over to Bill Smith.

A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to nominate David Fischbach for Chairman. A motion was made by Alan Vedvei and seconded to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for David Fischbach as Chairman. **Motion carried.**

The meeting was turned back to Chairman David Fischbach.

A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to nominate Tom Glover for Vice Chairman. A motion was made by Wayne Bunge and seconded to cast a unanimous ballot for Tom Glover as Vice Chairman. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Doug Hansen and seconded to approve the November minutes as presented. **Motion carried.**

Revolving Loan Report

A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to approve Minnehaha Conservation District request for a one year extension for revolving loan #'s 1051, 1052 and 1060. A motion was made by Alan Vedvei and seconded to amend the motion to exclude the revolving loan #1060 and handle it separately. **Motion carried.** Tom Wolles abstained.

A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to approve the motion as amended. **Motion carried.** Tom Wolles abstained.

A motion was made by Alan Vedvei and seconded to deny Minnehaha Conservation District request for a one year extension for revolving loan #1060 as they had not made any payments on the loan. **Motion carried.** Tom Wolles abstained.

A motion was made by Tom Wolles and seconded to approve McPherson Conservation District revolving loan application in the amount of \$17,050 for a 2005 Chevy HD ½ ton crew cab pickup. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Doug Hansen and seconded to approve Hamlin Conservation District revolving loan application in the amount of \$4,100 for a Load Trail 22' tilt bed trailer. **Motion carried.**

Grant Progress Report

A motion was made by Tom Glover and seconded to approve Charles Mix Conservation District request to transfer funds for Grant #2009-CSW-023 (Shelterbelt Cost-Share Grant) of \$2,138.30 from mechanical maintenance to trees and planting, and \$1,337.30 from chemical maintenance to trees and planting. **Motion carried.** Charlie Moe voted No.

A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to approve Butte Conservation District request for an extension until December 31, 2012 for Grant #2011-CSW-002 (Belle Fourche River Watershed Groundwater Compilation Project Phase I). **Motion carried.**

Legislative Wrap Up report was given by Division staff and SDACD.

2012 Coordinated Plan report was given by Division staff and Commissioners.

SDACD Committee Assignments

The following Committee Assignments were made:

Natural Resources Stewardship: David Fischbach, Gerald Thaden and Tom Wolles.

District Capacity: Aaron Kiesz, Tom Glover, and Alan Vedvei

Public Relations: Charlie Moe and Doug Hansen

Tree Planting Plans

A motion was made by Alan Vedvei and seconded that future tree planting grants have the statement that "tree planting grants must be reviewed and approved by a division forester before planting". **Motion carried.** Discussion followed and it was a general consensus that in those instances where a district does not agree with the forester's decision, a site visit will be set up with the district, the forester, and the landowner. If the district is still not satisfied with the forester's decision, the district may appeal the decision to the state forester. No official action was taken.

There was further discussion that the staff reminds the districts that all tree plantings funded by the Commission must be reviewed by a division forester before any trees are planted. Staff is also to inform the district that trees planted under Commission grants will not be eligible for reimbursement if the planting is done prior to approval by the forester. No official action was taken.

Speech Contest

Tom Glover volunteered to be a judge for the upcoming Speech Contest April 14, 2012

Reports

Commission member reports were given by the commissioners.

A written and oral report was given by NRCS. DENR handed out a written report. An oral report was given by SDACD.

A written report was given by the Division of Resource Conservation & Forestry.

Next Meeting will be May 24, 2012 in Pierre.

Chairman declared meeting adjourned at 12:12 PM.

Marjorie Gregg
Recording Secretary

APPROVED