

State Conservation Commission
Grant Round Meeting
May 5, 2016
Pierre Area Chamber of Commerce, Pierre

Members Present: Tom Glover, Doug Hansen, Aaron Kiesz, Charlie Moe, and Gerald Thaden.

Absent: Wayne Bunge, David Fischbach, Alan Vedvei, Tom Wolles

Others Present: See Attached

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Tom Glover at 8:20 a.m.

Motion by Gerald Thaden and seconded to approve the February 18, 2016 minutes as submitted. **Motion carried.**

Revolving Loan Report:

Motion by Charlie Moe and seconded to approve the Bennett County Conservation District Loan application to purchase parts to refurbish the John Deere 1560 No-Till Drill in the amount of \$3,500 for 5 years. **Motion carried.**

Grant Report:

Motion by Aaron Kiesz and seconded to approve the Jones County Conservation District request to remove cross fencing in the amount of \$420 from the grant and replace it with rural water hookup and to transfer \$345 from pipelines to rural water hookup for a total of \$765 for rural water hookup for Grant #2016-CSW-018 (Multi-practice IV). **Motion carried.**

Tom Wolles joined the meeting at 8:45 a.m. by conference phone.

Motion by Gerald Thaden and seconded to approve the Mellette Conservation District request for a 6-month extension for grant #2015-CSW-047 (Multi-Practice). Roll Call: Doug Hansen – aye, Gerald Thaden – aye, Tom Wolles – aye, Aaron Kiesz – aye, Tom Glover – aye. Charlie Moe abstained. **Motion carried.**

Motion by Aaron Kiesz and seconded to deny Todd Conservation District request for a 6-month extension for grant #2014-CSW-030 (2014-15 Pipeline). Roll Call: Doug Hansen – aye, Gerald Thaden – aye, Tom Wolles – aye, Aaron Kiesz – aye, Tom Glover – aye. Charlie Moe abstained. **Motion carried.**

Motion by Doug Hansen and seconded to deny Todd Conservation District request for a 6-month extension for grant #2013-CSW-021 (Pond Cleanout). Roll Call: Doug Hansen – aye, Gerald Thaden – aye, Tom Wolles – aye, Aaron Kiesz – aye, Tom Glover – aye. Charlie Moe abstained. **Motion carried.**

Tom Wolles left the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

Reversions:

Motion by Gerald Thaden and seconded to revert the following funds:
Stanley County Conservation District grant #2012-CSW-031 (Stanley/Hughes Ponds) in the amount of \$42,666.59; Aurora Conservation District grant #2013-CSW-002 (Shelterbelts) in the amount of \$6,508.23; Elk Creek Conservation District grant #2013-CSW-008 (Livestock Water)

in the amount of \$3,940.05; Miner Conservation District grant #2013-CSW-016 (Miner Shelterbelts) in the amount of \$8,070.05; Perkins Conservation District grant #2013-CSW-019 (NW Area Tree Planting) in the amount of \$16,656.31; Day Conservation District grant #2013-CSW-023 (Coteau Water Developments) in the amount of \$23,408.56; Lawrence Conservation District grant #2013-CSW-027 (Lawrence Livestock Water) in the amount of \$1,376.59; Butte Conservation District grant # 2014-CSW-003 (Livestock Water) in the amount of \$292.63; Hamlin Conservation District grant #2014-CSW-011 (Resource Technician) in the amount of \$424.75; Hanson Conservation District grant #2014-CSW-012 (Hanson County Shelterbelt) in the amount of \$130.00; Roberts Conservation District grant #2014-CSW-023 (Technical Assistance) in the amount of \$1,169.20; Bennett Conservation District grant #2014-CSW-026 (Resource Technician) in the amount of \$6,574.94; Bon Homme Conservation District grant #2014-CSW-029 (Cover Crop/Grazing Management) in the amount of \$55.69; Jones Conservation District grant # 2014-CSW-032 (Shelterbelt Projects) in the amount of \$2,798.74; Beadle Conservation District grant #2015-CSW-002 (Water Quality for Livestock) in the amount of \$4,701.57; Custer Conservation District grant #2015-CSW-007 (Thinning/Healthier Forest II) in the amount of \$572.50; Davison Conservation District grant #2015-CSW-008 (Multi-county brush management) in the amount of \$6,893.13; Day Conservation District grant #2015-CSW-012 (Soil Health/Cover Crop) in the amount of \$4,732.71; East Pennington Conservation District grant #2015-CSW-013 (Homestead & Livestock Incentive) in the amount of \$7,500.00; Haakon Conservation District grant #2015-CSW-014 (Shelter Water Quality) in the amount of \$8,189.14; Hamlin Conservation District grant #2015-CSW-015 (Hamlin/Codington Trees) in the amount of \$1,165.10; Miner Conservation District grant #2015-CSW-020 (Technician) in the amount of \$90.58; Perkins Conservation District grant #2015-CSW-022 (NW Area Natural Resource Specialist) in the amount of \$8,779.52; Roberts Conservation District grant # 2015-CSW-024 (Cover Crop) in the amount of \$367.22; Sanborn Conservation District grant #2015-CSW-026 (Shelterbelts) in the amount of \$10,427.17; Yankton Conservation District grant #2015-CSW-029 (Natural Resources) in the amount of \$5,188.33; Hanson Conservation District grant #2015-CSW-037 (Cover Crop) in the amount of \$706.83; Kingsbury Conservation District grant #2015-CSW-039 (Cover Crop) in the amount of \$5,756.12 for a total amount of \$179,142.25. **Motion carried.**

Grant Review:

Motion by Aaron Kiesz and seconded to not allow late applications to be reviewed. **Motion carried.**

Motion by Charlie Moe and seconded to require an application and approval/denial letter for all cost-share with a producer. **Motion carried.**

Motion by Doug Hansen and seconded to consider first those grants which were not considered at the fall grant round due to lack of funding. **Motion carried.**

Tom Wolles rejoined the meeting at 12:10 p.m. by conference call.

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

Grant Selection:

Motion by Doug Hansen and seconded to deny the Beadle Conservation District grant application (Lake Bryon Shoreline Stabilization). The commission would like more information to make sure that this is not the same areas that were stabilized in a commission grant awarded twenty-one years ago, and to ensure that the project is not piecemeal. Roll Call: Doug Hansen –

aye, Gerald Thaden – aye, Tom Wolles – aye, Aaron Kiesz – aye, Tom Glover – aye, Charlie Moe – aye. **Motion carried.**

Motion by Doug Hansen and seconded to approve Brule/Buffalo Conservation District grant application (Missouri Coteau Managed Grazing) in the amount of \$31,500.00 for 18 months. Grazing plans to 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. The district will provide a copy of the Joint Powers Agreement with all the conservation districts involved. The district must secure a landowner application to determine eligibility for cost-share funds, a 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, a copy to be provided with reimbursement request. Roll Call: Doug Hansen –aye; Gerald Thaden – aye; Charlie Moe –aye; Tom Wolles – aye; Tom Glover – aye. Aaron Kiesz abstained. **Motion carried.**

Motion by Charlie Moe and seconded to approve Custer Conservation District grant application (Thinning for Healthier Forest III) in the amount of \$20,700.00 for 1 year. Each thinning project will have to follow a prescription prepared by an RC&F forester; landowners with Forest Stewardship Plans should be given priority, but a plan is not required. The district will provide timesheets or other documentation to demonstrate the actual time spent on salary/administration of the grant. The district must secure a landowner application to determine eligibility for cost-share funds, a copy to be provided with reimbursement request. The district must provide the landowner with notification letter indicating whether or not they have been approved for cost-share, a copy to be provided with reimbursement request. Roll Call: Doug Hansen –aye; Gerald Thaden –aye; Charlie Moe –aye; Aaron Kiesz – aye; Tom Wolles – aye; Tom Glover – aye. **Motion carried.**

Motion by Charlie Moe and seconded to approve Roberts Conservation District grant application (Technical Assistance) in the amount of \$6,048.00 for 6 months. Roll Call: Tom Wolles – nay; Aaron Kiesz – nay; Charlie Moe – aye; Gerald Thaden – aye; Doug Hansen – aye; Tom Glover – nay. **Motion failed for lack of a majority.**

Motion by Aaron Kiesz and seconded to approve Miner Conservation District grant application (Conservation Practices) in the amount of \$16,126 for 18 months with the conditions fabricated windbreak is taken out of the budget and it must be first time cover crop producers only. The district will share research data of return on investment. All tree and shrub planting plans be reviewed and approved by one of the SDDA RC&F foresters prior to planting. Stand-alone farmstead/homestead windbreaks do not qualify for cost-share from the Commission. Grazing plans are 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 are required as part of the agreement with the landowners if grazing the cover crop. Cover Crops are limited to 80 acres per landowner and for only one time per land unit. The district must secure a landowner application to determine eligibility for cost-share funds, a copy to be provided with reimbursement request. The district must provide the landowner with notification letter indicating whether or not they have been approved for cost-share, a copy to be provided with reimbursement request. Roll Call: Doug Hansen –aye; Gerald Thaden –aye; Charlie Moe –aye; Aaron Kiesz – aye; Tom Wolles – aye; Tom Glover – aye. **Motion carried.**

Motion by Aaron Kiesz and seconded to approve the Potter Conservation District grant application (SD Public Awareness of Conservation) in the amount of \$5,400.00 for 18 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. Roll Call: Doug Hansen –aye; Gerald Thaden –aye; Charlie Moe –aye; Aaron Kiesz – aye; Tom Wolles – aye; Tom Glover – aye. **Motion carried.**

Motion by Charlie Moe and seconded to approve Kingsbury Conservation District grant application (Conservation Education) in the amount of \$1,170.00 for one year. The district will provide timesheets or other documentation to demonstrate the actual time spent on salary/administration of the grant. Roll Call: Doug Hansen –aye; Gerald Thaden –aye; Charlie Moe –aye; Aaron Kiesz – aye; Tom Wolles – aye; Tom Glover – aye. **Motion carried.**

Motion by Charlie Moe and seconded to approve Hamlin Conservation District grant application (Pasture Pipe for Water Quality) in the amount of \$12,226.00 for 6 months. Grazing plans will be required as part of the agreement with the landowners. The district must secure a landowner application to determine eligibility for cost-share funds, a copy to be provided with reimbursement request. The district must provide the landowner with notification letter indicating whether or not they have been approved for cost-share, a copy to be provided with reimbursement request. Roll Call: Doug Hansen –aye; Gerald Thaden –aye; Charlie Moe –aye; Aaron Kiesz – aye; Tom Wolles – aye; Tom Glover – aye. **Motion carried.**

Motion by Aaron Kiesz and seconded to approve McPherson Conservation District grant application (N. Missouri Grassland Enhancement III) in the amount of \$20,000.00 for 1.5 years. Grazing Plans are required as part of the agreement with the landowners when grazing is involved. The district will provide timesheets or other documentation to demonstrate the actual time spent on salary/administration of the grant. All tree and shrub planting plans are to be reviewed and approved by one of the SDDA RC&F foresters prior to planting. Stand-alone farmstead/homestead windbreaks do not qualify for cost-share from the Commission. The district will provide a copy of the Joint Powers Agreement with the conservation districts involved. The district must secure a landowner application to determine eligibility for cost-share funds, a copy to be provided with reimbursement request. The district must provide the landowner with notification letter indicating whether or not they have been approved for cost-share, a copy to be provided with reimbursement request. Roll Call: Doug Hansen –aye; Gerald Thaden –aye; Charlie Moe –aye; Aaron Kiesz – aye; Tom Wolles – aye; Tom Glover – aye. **Motion carried.**

Motion by Charlie Moe and seconded to approve Haakon Conservation District grant application (Water Quality Development) in the amount of \$25,000.00 for 1 year without fabricated windbreaks. Grazing plans are to be required as part of the agreement with the landowners. All tree and shrub plantings plans be reviewed and approved by one of the SDDA RC&F foresters prior to planting. Stand-alone farmstead/homestead windbreaks do not qualify for cost-share from the Commission. The district must secure a landowner application to determine eligibility for cost-share funds, a copy to be provided with reimbursement request. The district must provide the landowner with notification letter indicating whether or not they have been approved for cost-share, a copy to be provided with reimbursement request. Roll Call: Doug Hansen –aye; Gerald Thaden –aye; Charlie Moe –aye; Aaron Kiesz – aye; Tom Wolles – aye; Tom Glover – aye. **Motion carried.**

Motion by Aaron Kiesz and seconded to approve Kingsbury Conservation District grant application (Cover crop/Fabricated Windbreaks) in the amount of \$4,250.00 for 18 months with the conditions fabricated windbreak is taken out of the budget and it must be first time cover crop producers only. Grazing plans are required as part of the agreement with the landowners if

grazing the cover crop. Cover crops are limited to 80 acres per landowner and for only one time per land unit. The district must secure a landowner application to determine eligibility for cost-share funds, a copy to be provided with reimbursement request. The district must provide the landowner with notification letter indicating whether or not they have been approved for cost-share, a copy to be provided with reimbursement request. Roll Call: Doug Hansen –aye; Gerald Thaden –aye; Charlie Moe –aye; Aaron Kiesz – aye; Tom Wolles – aye; Tom Glover – aye.

Motion carried.

Motion by Charlie Moe and seconded to approve Davison Conservation District grant application (Multi-County Brush Management) in the amount of \$11,500.00 for 1 year for first time user, no duplication of same landowners. The district will provide a copy of the Joint Powers Agreement with all the conservation districts involved. The district must secure a landowner application to determine eligibility for cost-share funds, a copy to be provided with reimbursement request. The district must provide the landowner with notification letter indicating whether or not they have been approved for cost-share, a copy to be provided with reimbursement request. Roll Call: Doug Hansen –aye; Gerald Thaden –aye; Charlie Moe –aye; Aaron Kiesz – aye; Tom Wolles – aye; Tom Glover – aye. **Motion carried.**

Motion by Charlie Moe and seconded to approve Yankton Conservation District grant application (CNRC Project) in the amount of \$12,000.00 for 1 year with the conditions cover crops and brush management are for first time users only. All tree and shrub planting plans be reviewed and approved by one of the SDDA RC&F foresters prior to planting. Stand-alone farmstead/homestead windbreaks do not qualify for cost-share from the Commission. Grazing plans are 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 are required as part of the agreement with the landowners if grazing the cover crop. Cover crops are limited to 80 acres per landowner and for only one time per land unit. The district must secure a landowner application to determine eligibility for cost-share funds, a copy to be provided with reimbursement request. The district must provide the landowner with notification letter indicating whether or not they have been approved for cost-share, a copy to be provided with reimbursement request. Roll Call: Doug Hansen –aye; Gerald Thaden –aye; Charlie Moe –aye; Aaron Kiesz – aye; Tom Wolles – aye; Tom Glover – aye. **Motion carried.**

Motion by Doug Hansen and seconded to approve Charles Mix Conservation District grant application (Brush Management) in the amount of \$36,500.00 for 18 months for first time users only. The district will provide a copy of the Joint Powers Agreement with Bon Homme Conservation District. The district must secure a landowner application to determine eligibility for cost-share funds, a copy to be provided with reimbursement request. The district must provide the landowner with notification letter indicating whether or not they have been approved for cost-share, and a copy to be provided with reimbursement request. Roll Call: Doug Hansen – aye; Gerald Thaden – aye; Charlie Moe –aye; Aaron Kiesz –aye; Tom Wolles –aye; Tom Glover – aye. **Motion carried.**

Motion by Charlie Moe and seconded to approve Lawrence Conservation District grant application (Aspen Regeneration) in the amount of \$42,000.00 for 18 months. The commission requests the district to report with updates and progress with pictures and statistics. Each regeneration or restoration project will have to follow a plan developed by an RC&F forester who will also certify completed projects. The district will provide timesheets or other documentation to demonstrate the actual time spent on salary/administration of the grant. The district will provide a copy of the Joint Powers Agreement if other conservation districts become involved.

The district must secure a landowner application to determine eligibility for cost-share funds, a copy to be provided with reimbursement request. The district must provide the landowner with notification letter indicating whether or not they have been approved for cost-share, and a copy to be provided with reimbursement request. Roll Call: Doug Hansen – aye; Gerald Thaden – aye; Charlie Moe –aye; Aaron Kiesz –aye; Tom Wolles –aye; Tom Glover –aye. **Motion carried.**

Motion by Charlie Moe and seconded to deny Clark Conservation District grant application (Clark Shelterbelt) in the amount of \$3,095.00 for 18 months. Reason for denial is it's a project for one farm/one family. Roll Call: Doug Hansen – aye; Gerald Thaden – aye; Charlie Moe –aye; Aaron Kiesz –aye; Tom Wolles –aye; Tom Glover –aye. **Motion carried.**

Motion by Doug Hansen and seconded to approve Miner Conservation District grant application (SD Conservation District Pilot Program) in the amount of \$7,500.00 for 1 year. The district will provide timesheets or other documentation to demonstrate the actual time spent on the salary/administration of the grant. Roll Call: Doug Hansen – aye; Gerald Thaden – aye; Charlie Moe –aye; Aaron Kiesz –aye; Tom Wolles –aye; Tom Glover –aye. **Motion carried.**

Tom Wolles left the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Soil Conservation Award Review & Selection:

Motion by Charlie Moe and seconded to approve the soil award applications of: Dennis Parsley – Moody Conservation District; Lon Medberry – Roberts Conservation District; Paul & Carol Heiberger – Minnehaha Conservation District; and Scott & Jeff Hamilton – Beadle Conservation District. **Motion carried.**

Motion by Doug Hansen and seconded to move that the Commission wishes to give Cec Johnson thanks, gratitude, and respect for all the years of assistance to the Conservation Commission. **Motion carried.**

Next Meeting: September 26, 2016 at Deadwood unless a situation arises to warrant an earlier meeting.

Meeting adjourned by Chairman at 1:22 p.m.