

**State Conservation Commission  
Grant Round Minutes  
Matthew Training Center, Pierre  
May 12, 2010**

**Members Present:** Gerald Thaden, Tom Glover, David Fischbach, Wayne Bunge, Tom Wolles, Alan Vedvei, and Aaron Kiesz.

**Members Absent:** John Gross and Charlie Moe

**Others Present:** See attached list.

The meeting was called to order at 8:33 a.m. by Chairman David Fischbach.

A motion was made by Gerald Thaden and seconded to approve the February 2010 minutes as mailed. **Motion Carried.**

**Commission Reports** were given by Tom Glover, David Fischbach and Wayne Bunge.

**Revolving Loan Report:**

A motion was made by Aaron Kiesz and seconded to approve the Revolving Loan Application for Minnehaha Conservation District in the amount of \$30,000.00 for a Land Roller. **Motion Carried.** Tom Wolles Abstained.

**Grant Report** was given by the Division.

A motion was made by Tom Glover and seconded to revert the following funds: Yankton Conservation District (Yankton County Conservation Program) #2006-CSW-023 in the amount of \$16,313.76; Stanley County Conservation District (Riparian/Rangeland Enhancement) #2006-CSW-010 in the amount of \$16,125.40; Hyde County Conservation District (Google Earth Watershed Interface) #2009-CSW-030 in the amount of \$311.00; Corson County Conservation District (Resource Conservation Technician) #2009-CSW-011 in the amount of 469.66; Custer Conservation District (Custer County Biological Project) #2008-CSW-009 in the amount of \$383.50; Perkins County Conservation District (North West Area Forester) #2007-CSW-001 in the amount of \$4,036.92; Hanson County Conservation District (Hanson County Conservation Program) #2007-CSW-014 in the amount of \$5,287.04; Perkins County Conservation District (Cottonwood Re-establishment Project) #2009-CSW-016 in the amount of \$19,331.33 for a total of \$62,258.61. **Motion Carried.**

A motion was made by Gerald Thaden and seconded to table action on the Miner County Conservation District requests for a 1 year extension on grant #2007-CSW-013 (Water Quality for Livestock) until after the grant application selection is completed. **Motion Carried.**

A motion was made by Aaron Kiesz and seconded to approve Perkins County Conservation District request for a 6 month extension to 12/31/2010 for grant #2009-CSW-018 (Northwest Area Forester). **Motion Carried.**

A motion was made by Alan Vedvei and seconded to approve Perkins County Conservation District Grant request to reduce the amount of local & in-kind match to not less than 25% to allow them to spend more of a federal grant they have received for grant #2009-CSW-018 (Northwest Area Forester). **Motion Carried.**

A motion was made by Wayne Bunge and seconded to approve Jackson Conservation District request to add hand plants as a cost-share practice to the budget; to transfer funds of \$215.00 out of tree removal into hand plants; and to transfer funds of \$60.00 from tree removal to site prep for Grant #2009-CSW-010 (Shelterbelt Establishment & Renovation). **Motion Carried.**

A presentation was given by Brian Scott on the Soil Conservation Award nomination recipients.

Grant application review by Commissioners, district employees and the Division of RC&F.

Advisory Board Reports were given by DENR, NRCS.

Partner Report was given by SDACD.

The Division report was given by Division staff.

**Grant Selection:**

A motion was made by Aaron Kiesz and seconded to approve Hyde County Conservation District (Hyde/Hand Enhancement Project –Phase II) grant application in the amount of \$41,119.50 for 30 months with the conditions that all shrub and tree planting plans be approved by a South Dakota Department of Agriculture (SDDA) forester and farmstead and homestead windbreaks do not qualify for cost-share from the commission. **Motion Carried.**

A motion was made by Tom Wolles and seconded to approve Hyde County Conservation District (Missouri Coteau Grassland Project) grant application in the amount of \$79,000.00 for 3 years with the conditions that grazing plans be required as part of the agreement with each landowner. **Motion Carried.**

A motion was made by Wayne Bunge and seconded to approve Davison Conservation District (Davison Conservation District Shelterbelt) grant application in the amount of \$46,188.00 for 3 years with the conditions that all shrub and tree planting plans be approved by a SDDA forester and farmstead and homestead windbreaks do not qualify for cost-share from the commission. **Motion Carried.**

A motion was made by Tom Glover and seconded to approve Hanson Conservation District (Hanson/Davison Technical Assistance) grant application in the amount of \$39,000.00 for 3 years with the condition that these funds are for work performed beyond normal district duties. **Motion Carried.**

A motion was made by Gerald Thaden and seconded to approve Hanson Conservation District (Hanson County Shelterbelt Program) grant application in the amount of \$20,078.00 for 2 years with the conditions that all shrub and tree planting plans be approved by a SDDA forester and farmstead and homestead windbreaks do not qualify for cost-share from the commission. **Motion Carried.**

A motion was made by Tom Glover and seconded to approve Mellette/Todd County Conservation District (Solar Panel Grant) grant application in the amount of \$51,748.05 for 2 years with the conditions that grazing plans be required as part of the agreement with each landowner. **Motion Carried.**

A motion was made by Aaron Kiesz and seconded to approve Miner County Conservation District (Water Quality for Livestock) grant application in the amount of \$54,050.00 for 2 years with the conditions that grazing plans be required as part of the agreement with each landowner. **Motion Carried.** Alan Vedvei abstained.

A motion was made by Wayne Bunge and seconded to approve Moody County Conservation District (Grazing Implementation) grant application in the amount of \$3,955.00 for 3 years with the conditions that grazing plans be required as part of the agreement with each landowner. **Motion Carried.**

A motion was made by Tom Wolles and seconded to approve Turner Conservation District (Conservation Technician) grant application in the amount of \$45,000.00 for 3 years with the condition that these funds are for work performed beyond normal district duties. **Motion Carried.**

A motion was made by Gerald Thaden and seconded to approve Bon Homme County Conservation District (BHCD Conservation Enhancement Program) grant application in the amount of \$14,445.00 for 18 months with the conditions that all shrub and tree planting plans be approved by a SDDA forester and farmstead and homestead windbreaks do not qualify for cost-share from the commission and that grazing plans be required as part of the agreement with each landowner on practices for grazing management. **Motion Carried.**

A motion was made by Tom Glover and seconded to deny Butte Conservation District (Belle Fourche Watershed Ground Water Partnership) grant application because it stretches the perimeters of what the Commission usually finances and the Commission would not have the funding to fund other similar requests. (Precedence setting/fairness). The grant also gets away from the commissions past procedure of focusing funding towards practices that directly address specific resource concerns on agricultural lands. **Motion Carried.**

A motion was made by Tom Glover and seconded to remove from the table the Miner County Conservation District #2007-CSW-013 (Miner/McCook /Sanborn Water Quality for Livestock) request for extension. **Motion Carried.**

A motion was made by Tom Wolles and seconded to deny the requested extension for Miner County Conservation District #2007-CSW-013 because communications between SDDA and the district indicated if the new grant was funded, there would be no need for the extension. **Motion Carried.**

**Next Meeting:**

To be announced, (Likely September 20th or 21<sup>st</sup>)

Meeting adjourned at 1:55 PM CDT

Marjorie Gregg  
Recording Secretary