

## State Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes November 15, 2018

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 8:17 AM CST by Chairman Tom Glover.

**Members Present:** Tom Glover, Doug Hansen, Charlie Moe, Gerald Thaden, Gene Williams

**Member joining the meeting via conference call at 11:00 am:** Aaron Kiesz

**Absent:** Wayne Bunge, Mike Konechne, Tom Wolles.

**Others Present:** See attached signup sheet with Commission minutes

### **Meeting minutes:**

Motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to approve the September 17, 2018 minutes as submitted. Roll call vote: Hansen – aye, Thaden – aye, Glover – aye, Moe – aye, Williams – aye.

**Motion carried.**

### **Upcoming Travel:**

Doug Hansen will attend the NRCS state tech committee meeting on December 4, 2018 in Huron.

### **Revolving Loan Report:**

Tiffany Thompson reported that we received one Revolving Loan application. The cash balance is \$114,021.20.

### **Loan Application:**

Motion was made by Doug Hansen and seconded to approve the Hamlin County Conservation District's loan application for a no-till drill for \$39,890.00 over 5 years at 3% interest. Roll call vote: Hansen – aye, Thaden – aye, Glover – aye, Moe – aye, Williams – aye. **Motion carried.**

### **Grant Report:**

A motion was made by Gene Williams and seconded to approve the Davison Conservation District's request for a 12 month extension to 12/31/2019 for grant #2018-CSW-010 (Grazing Management).

Roll call vote: Hansen – aye, Thaden – aye, Glover – aye, Moe – aye, Williams – aye. **Motion Carried**

A motion was made by Gene Williams and seconded to approve the Perkins Conservation District's request for a 12 month extension to 12/31/19 for grant #2018-CSW-025 NW Area Tree Planting).

Roll call vote: Hansen – aye, Thaden – aye, Glover – aye, Moe – aye, Williams – aye. **Motion Carried**

A Motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to approve the Marshall Conservation District's request for a 12 month extension to 12/31/19 for grant #2017-CSW-019 (Tech Assistance). Roll call vote: Hansen – aye, Thaden – aye, Glover – aye, Moe – aye, Williams – aye. **Motion Carried**

A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to deny the Day Conservation District's request for a budget amendment to add forage and biomass seeding to the grant and transfer \$6,000 from grassed waterways to seeding for grant #2018-CSW-012 (NE Glacial Lakes). Roll call vote: Hansen – aye, Thaden – aye, Glover – aye, Moe – aye, Williams – aye. **Motion Carried**

A motion was made by Gerald Thaden and seconded to deny the Sanborn Conservation District's request for a budget transfer of \$5,186.16 from Tree & Shrub Planting & Fabric to Cover Crops for grant #2017-CSW-026 (Conservation Practices). Roll call vote: Hansen – aye, Thaden – aye, Glover – aye, Moe – aye, Williams – aye. **Motion Carried**

A verbal request was made at the meeting by the Mellette Conservation District for a six month extension to grant #2017-CSW -39. A motion was made by Gene Williams and seconded to deny the request. The reason given for denying the request was because a letter was not received before deadline and extensions aren't taken up after the deadline. Roll call vote: Hansen – aye, Thaden – aye, Glover – aye, Moe – aye, Williams – aye. **Motion carried**

### **Grant Reversions:**

Reversion Report: A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to revert the following funds: the Charles Mix Conservation District #2016-CSW-027 (Brush Management) in the amount of \$2,675.00; the Miner Conservation District #2016-CSW-037 (Pilot Project) in the amount of \$5,160.50; the Beadle Conservation District #2017-CSW-03 (Shelterbelt Renovation) in the amount of \$11,095.64; the Day Conservation District #2017-CSW-013 (Northeast Glacial Lakes) in the amount of \$6,416.23; the Jerauld Conservation District #2017-CSW-017 (Shelterbelt Establishment) in the amount of \$6,085.55; the Todd Conservation District #2017-CSW-028 (Multi-Practices) in the amount of \$847.68; the Brule-Buffalo Conservation District #2017-CSW-029 (Brush Management III) in the amount of \$5,255.00; the Davison Conservation District #2017-CSW-031 (Multi-County Brush Management) in the amount of \$6,116.86; the Hamlin Conservation District #2017-CSW-034 (Pasture Pipe for Water Quality #2) in the amount of \$2,219.44; the Kingsbury Conservation District #2017-CSW-036 (Conservation Education) in the amount of \$75.47; the Kingsbury Conservation District #2017-CSW-037 (Shelterbelt Renovation) in the amount of \$15,503.19; the McCook Conservation District #2017-CSW-038 (Shelterbelts) in the amount of \$1,560.14; the Perkins Conservation District #2017-CSW-040 (Northwest Area Specialist) in the amount of \$13,874.29; the Union Conservation District #2017-CSW-041 (Tree/Fabric Expansion) in the amount of \$5,589.44; the Union Conservation District #2017-CSW-042 (Cover Crops Development) in the amount of \$10,000.00; and the Bennett Conservation District #2018-CSW-004 (Bennett/Badlands Tree Planting) in the amount of \$6,809.69 for a total amount of \$99,284.12. Roll call vote: Hansen – aye, Thaden – aye, Glover – aye, Moe – aye, Williams – aye. **Motion carried.**

Motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to withhold \$100,000.00 of the \$618,209.32 available for the spring grant round. **Motion carried.**

### **Grant Application Review/Selection**

(The following are in alphabetical order by district rather than chronologically as they were taken up.)

A motion was made by Doug Hansen and seconded to deny the Beadle Conservation District's grant application (Cover Crops) in the amount of \$18,600.00 for one year. Roll call vote: Hansen – aye, Thaden – aye, Glover – aye, Kiesz – aye, Moe – aye, Williams – aye. **Motion Carried.** The reason given for the denial was due to a lack of funding.

A motion was made by Gene Williams and seconded to approve the Beadle Conservation District's grant application (Shelterbelts) in the amount of \$5,000.00 for one year. Roll call vote: Hansen – aye, Thaden – aye, Glover – aye, Kiesz – aye, Moe – aye, Williams – aye. **Motion Carried**

A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to approve the Beadle Conservation District's grant application (Water Quality) in the amount of \$15,000.00 for one year. Roll call vote: Hansen – aye, Thaden – aye, Glover – aye, Kiesz – aye, Moe – aye, Williams – aye. **Motion Carried**

A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to approve the Bennett Conservation District's grant application (Bennett/Badlands Tree Planting) in the amount of \$10,000.00 for one year. Roll call vote: Hansen – aye, Thaden – aye, Glover – aye, Kiesz – aye, Moe – aye, Williams – nay. **Motion Carried**

A motion was made by Gene Williams and seconded to approve the Brule-Buffalo's Conservation District's grant application (Grazing Management) in the amount of \$52,500.00 for two years. Roll call vote: Hansen – aye, Thaden – aye, Glover – aye, Kiesz – aye, Moe – aye, Williams – aye. **Motion Carried**

A motion was made by Gene Williams and seconded to approve the Brule-Buffalo's Conservation District's grant application (Renovation) in the amount of \$10,000.00 for 1.5 years. Roll call vote: Hansen – aye, Thaden – aye, Glover – aye, Kiesz – aye, Moe – aye, Williams – aye. **Motion Carried**

A motion was made by Doug Hansen and seconded to approve the Butte Conservation District's grant application (Envirothon) in the amount of \$20,000.00 for one year. Roll call vote: Hansen – aye, Thaden – aye, Glover – aye, Kiesz – aye, Moe – aye, Williams – aye. **Motion Carried**

A motion was made by Gene Williams and seconded to approve the Butte Conservation District's grant application (Open Irrigation to Buried Pipe) in the amount of \$15,000.00 for one year. Roll call vote: Hansen – aye, Thaden – aye, Glover – aye, Kiesz – aye, Moe – aye, Williams – aye. **Motion Carried**

A motion was made by Doug Hansen and seconded to approve the Charles Mix Conservation District's grant application (Shelterbelt) in the amount of \$15,000.00 for two years. Roll call vote: Hansen – aye, Thaden – aye, Glover – aye, Kiesz – aye, Moe – aye, Williams – aye. **Motion Carried**

A motion was made by Doug Hansen and seconded to approve the Clark Conservation District's grant application (Tree Planting/Renovation) in the amount of \$13,786.00 for 1.5 years. Roll call vote: Hansen – aye, Thaden – aye, Glover – aye, Kiesz – aye, Moe – aye, Williams – aye. **Motion Carried**

A motion was made by Gene Williams and seconded to approve the Custer Conservation District's application (Thinning for a Healthier Forest) in the amount of \$15,000 for one year. Roll call vote: Hansen – aye, Thaden – aye, Glover – aye, Kiesz – nay, Moe – nay, Williams – aye. The motion failed due to a lack of a majority vote. A motion was modified by Gene Williams and seconded to deny the Custer Conservation District's grant application (Thinning for a Healthier Forest). Roll call vote: Hansen – aye, Thaden – aye, Glover – aye, Kiesz – aye, Moe – nay, Williams – aye. **Motion Carried.** The reason given for denying the grant was because the primary focus of the grant appeared to be on protecting real estate and forest health was secondary focus.

A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to approve the Custer Conservation District's grant application (Planting for Riparian Health) in the amount of \$3,500.00 for 1.5 years. Roll call vote: Hansen – aye, Thaden – aye, Glover – aye, Kiesz – aye, Moe – aye, Williams – aye. **Motion Carried**

A motion was made by Doug Hansen and seconded to approve the Davison Conservation District's grant application (Tree Planting) in the amount of \$12,000.00 for 1 year. Roll call vote: Hansen – aye, Thaden – aye, Glover – aye, Kiesz – aye, Moe – aye, Williams – aye. **Motion Carried**

A motion was made by Gene Williams and seconded to approve the Day Conservation District's grant application (NE Glacial Lakes) in the amount of \$26,290.00 for one year and to remove the budget item for critical area planting. Roll call vote: Hansen – aye, Glover – aye, Kiesz – aye, Moe – aye, Williams – aye. Gerald Thaden abstained. **Motion Carried.** Gerald Thaden abstained.

A motion was made by Gene Williams and seconded to approve the Edmunds Conservation District's grant application (Northern Coteau Rangelands II) in the amount of \$20,000.00 for two years. Roll call vote: Hansen – aye, Thaden – aye, Glover – aye, Kiesz – aye, Moe – aye, Williams – aye. **Motion Carried**

A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to approve the Gregory Conservation District's grant application (County Projects 5) in the amount of \$20,000.00 for 1.5 years. Roll call vote: Hansen – aye, Thaden – aye, Kiesz – aye, Moe – aye, Williams – aye. **Motion Carried**, Tom Glover abstained.

A motion was made by Gene Williams and seconded to approve the Haakon Conservation District's grant application (Shelterbelt) in the amount of \$1,366.00 for one year. Roll call vote: Hansen – aye, Thaden – aye, Glover – aye, Kiesz – aye, Moe – aye, Williams – aye. **Motion Carried**

A motion was made by Gene Williams and seconded to approve the Hamlin Conservation District's grant application (SDACDE Promotion) in the amount of \$6,200.00 for one year. Roll call vote: Hansen – aye, Thaden – aye, Glover – aye, Kiesz – aye, Moe – aye, Williams – aye. **Motion Carried**

A motion was made by Gene Williams and seconded to approve the Hamlin Conservation District's grant application (Tree Planting) in the amount of \$15,000.00 for 1.5 years. Roll call vote: Hansen – aye, Thaden – aye, Glover – aye, Kiesz – aye, Moe – aye, Williams – aye. **Motion Carried**

A motion was made by Doug Hansen and seconded to approve the Hanson Conservation District's grant application (Cover Crop) in the amount of \$10,500.00 for one year. Roll call vote: Hansen – aye, Thaden – aye, Glover – aye, Kiesz – aye, Moe – aye, Williams – aye. **Motion Carried**

A motion was made by Gene Williams and seconded to approve the Hughes Conservation District's grant application (Shelterbelt) in the amount of \$15,000.00 for two years. Roll call vote: Hansen – aye, Thaden – aye, Glover – aye, Kiesz – aye, Moe – aye, Williams – aye. **Motion Carried**

A motion was made by Gene Williams and seconded to approve the Jerauld Conservation District's grant application (Windbreak Tree Planting) in the amount of \$15,000.00 for one year. Roll call vote: Hansen – aye, Thaden – aye, Glover – aye, Kiesz – aye, Moe – aye, Williams – aye. **Motion Carried**

A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to approve the Jones Conservation District's grant application (Shelterbelt) in the amount of \$15,000.00 for 1.5 years. Roll call vote: Hansen – aye, Thaden – aye, Glover – aye, Kiesz – aye, Moe – aye, Williams – aye. **Motion Carried**

A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to approve the Kingsbury Conservation District's grant application (Conservation Practice) in the amount of \$15,000.00 for 2 years. Roll call vote: Hansen – aye, Thaden – aye, Glover – aye, Kiesz – aye, Moe – aye, Williams – aye. **Motion Carried**

A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to deny the Kingsbury Conservation District's grant application (Education) in the amount of \$1,500.00 for one year. Roll call vote: Hansen – aye, Thaden – aye, Glover – aye, Kiesz – aye, Moe – aye, Williams – aye. **Motion Carried.**  
The reason given for denying the grant was because the application was submitted late.

A motion was made by Gene Williams and seconded to approve the Marshall Conservation District's grant application (Multi-Practice) in the amount to \$35,000.00 for two years. Roll call vote: Hansen – aye, Thaden – aye, Glover – aye, Kiesz – aye, Moe – aye, Williams – aye. **Motion Carried**

A motion was made by Gene Williams and seconded to approve the McCook Conservation District's grant application (Cover Crop) in the amount of \$2,500.00 for one year. Roll call vote: Hansen – aye, Thaden – aye, Glover – nay, Kiesz – aye, Moe – aye, Williams – aye. **Motion Carried**

A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to approve the McCook Conservation District's grant application (Shelterbelt) in the amount of \$6,809.00 for one year. Roll call vote: Hansen – aye, Thaden – aye, Glover – aye, Kiesz – aye, Moe – aye, Williams – aye. **Motion Carried**

A motion was made by Gene Williams and seconded to approve the Mellette Conservation District's grant application (Multi-Practice) in the amount of \$39,000.00 for 1.5 years. Roll call vote: Hansen – aye, Thaden – aye, Glover – aye, Kiesz – aye, Williams – aye. **Motion Carried.** Charlie Moe abstained.

A motion was made by Gerald Thaden to approve Mellette Conservation District's grant application (Tree Planting) in the amount of \$20,000.00 for 1.5 years. The motion failed due to lack of a second. A motion was made by Gene Williams and seconded to approve the application in the amount of \$15,000.00 for 1.5 years. Roll call vote: Hansen – aye, Thaden – aye, Glover – aye, Kiesz – aye, Williams – aye. **Motion Carried.** Charlie Moe abstained.

A motion was made by Doug Hansen and seconded to approve the Miner Conservation District's grant application (Conservation Awareness) in the amount of \$1,400.00 for one year. Roll call vote: Hansen – aye, Thaden – aye, Glover – aye, Kiesz – aye, Moe – aye, Williams – aye. **Motion Carried**

A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to approve the Miner Conservation District's grant application (Soil Health) in the amount of \$15,000.00 for one year. Roll call vote: Hansen – aye, Thaden – aye, Glover – aye, Kiesz – aye, Moe – aye, Williams – aye. **Motion Carried**

A motion was made by Gene Williams and seconded to approve the Perkins Conservation District's grant application (Northwest Area Tree Planting) in the amount of \$36,000.00 for one year. Roll call vote: Hansen – aye, Thaden – aye, Glover – aye, Kiesz – aye, Moe – aye, Williams – aye. **Motion Carried**

A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to approve the Perkins Conservation District's grant application (Northwest Area Specialist) in the amount of \$15,000.00 for one year. Roll call vote: Hansen – aye, Thaden – aye, Glover – aye, Kiesz – aye, Moe – aye, Williams – aye. **Motion Carried**

A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to deny the Roberts Conservation District's grant application (Tree & Shrub Program) in the amount of \$5,784.00 for one year. Roll call vote: Hansen – aye, Thaden – aye, Glover – aye, Kiesz – aye, Moe – aye, Williams – aye. **Motion Carried.** The reason given for denying the grant was because the application was submitted late.

A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to approve the Sanborn Conservation District's grant application (Shelterbelts) in the amount of \$8,673.00 for one year. Roll call vote: Hansen – aye, Thaden – aye, Glover – aye, Kiesz – aye, Moe – aye, Williams – aye. **Motion Carried**

A motion was made by Gene Williams and seconded to approve the Todd Conservation District's grant application (Tree Grant) in the amount of \$12,500.00 for 1.5 years. Roll call vote: Hansen – aye, Thaden – aye, Glover – aye, Kiesz – aye, Williams – aye. Charlie Moe abstained. **Motion Carried**

**2019 Docket:** The Commission will study changes proposed by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Brule-Buffalo, and Mellette conservation districts and take action at a later meeting.

**2019 Guidelines and Priorities:** Doug Hansen discussed the 2018 Commission Guideline and suggested that the Commission discuss ideas at the next Commission meeting.

**Locally Led Process:** Angela Ehlers and Jeff Zimprich gave an overview of the status of the locally led process.

**South Dakota Nutrient Research and Education Council (NREC) Nomination:** Bill Smith said that with Tom Wolles' term on the Commission ending in December, the Commission will need to appoint a new representative to the South Dakota Nutrient Research and Education Council. After discussion, the Commission tabled making a new appointment until the next Commission meeting.

**South Brown Soil Erosion Standards:** Bill Smith informed the Commission that staff had received South Brown's revised Soil Erosion Standards; however, South Brown did not hold public meetings to discuss these standards. Staff has informed South Brown of the public meeting requirements and the standard will be brought back to the Commission after such meetings are held.

**Division Report:** Bill Smith provided a brief report of recent department and division activities.

#### **Commission Member Reports:**

Doug Hansen and Gerald Thaden attended the Coteau Legislative Meeting in Webster in October.

#### **Advisory Board Member Reports:**

Verbal reports were given by: Jeff Zimprich from NRCS, Kurt Forman from the US Fish and Wildlife Service, Tami Moore from the South Dakota Association of Conservation Districts Employees Association (SDACDE) and Angela Ehlers. Angela also mentioned that during the Coteau Area Legislative meeting, she discussed legislation that SDACD was pursuing for the 2019 Legislative Session to reduce the number of signatures on conservation district supervisor petitions from 25 to

20. The reception for this change at the meeting was good and one of the candidates in attendance suggested reducing the required signatures to 15.

**New Business:** None.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held in January 2019. Date, time, and location to be determined.

**Adjourn:** The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 2:44 PM Central.

Approved