

State Conservation Commission Minutes
Fall Grant Round
November 30, 2015
Ramkota Hotel, Pierre, SD

Members Present: Doug Hansen, Alan Vedvei, David Fischbach, Gerald Thaden and Tom Wolles.

Absent: Wayne Bunge, Aaron Kiesz, Charlie Moe and Tom Glover

Others Present: See attached list.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman David Fischbach at 8:07 AM.

A motion was made by Doug Hansen and seconded to approve the September 17, 2015 minutes as submitted. **Motion carried.**

Revolving Loan Report: The report was provided by division staff.

Grant Report:

A suggestion was made to defer the two Perkins Conservation Grant extensions until there was a quorum of commissioners eligible to vote.

A motion was made by Tom Wolles and seconded to approve the Butte Conservation District request for a 1 year extension for grant 2015-CSW-005 (Envirothon Pilot Project). **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Doug Hansen and seconded to approve the Edmunds Conservation District request for a 1 year extension for grant 2014-CSW-008 (North Missouri Grassland Enhancement Phase II) **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Gerald Thaden and seconded to approve the Mellette Conservation District request for a 6 month extension for grant 2015-CSW-018 (Technician). **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alan Vedvei and seconded to approve the Todd Conservation District request for a 6 month extension for grant 2014-CSW-030 (2014-15 Pipeline). **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Doug Hansen and seconded to approve the Todd Conservation District request for a 6 month extension for grant 2013-CSW-021 (Pond Cleanout). **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Doug Hansen and seconded to approve the Aurora Conservation District request for a 1 year extension for grant 2015-CSW-036 (Conservation Awareness/Community Education). **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Tom Wolles and seconded to approve the Beadle Conservation District request for a 6 month extension for grant 2015-CSW-001 (Shelterbelt). **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Allan Vedvei and seconded to approve the Hamlin Conservation District request for a 6 month extension for grant 2015-CSW-030 (Shelterbelt Renovation). **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Doug Hansen and seconded to approve the Miner Conservation District request for a 1 year extension for grant 2015-CSW-019 (Cover Crops). **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Tom Wolles and seconded to approve the Yankton Conservation District request to transfer funds of \$625.00 from wells category to administration for grant 2015-CSW-029 (CNRC-Natural Resources). **Motion carried.**

Grant Reversions:

A motion was made by Tom Wolles and seconded to revert the following funds: Harding Conservation District grant #2012-CSW-023 (Multi-purpose Ponds) in the amount of \$3555.27; Jones Conservation District grant #2012-CSW-001 (Jones County Ponds Project II) in the amount of \$1,053.68; Jones Conservation District grant #2012-CSW-024 (Shelterbelt Renovation) in the amount of \$16,818.01; Minnehaha Conservation District grant #2012-CSW-016 (Shelterbelt Renovation) in the amount of \$36,293.08; Pennington Conservation District grant #2013-CSW-026 (Thinning for Forest Health) in the amount of \$8,826.25; Jackson Conservation District grant #2014-CSW-013 (Shelterbelt Establishment) in the amount of \$1,701.86; Miner Conservation District grant #2014-CSW-033 (Info & Ed Workshops) in the amount of \$670.76; Bon Homme Conservation District grant # 2104-CSW-001 (BHCD Conservation Enhancement) in the amount of \$5,324.87; Dewey Conservation District grant #2014-CSW-036 (Livestock & Resource Project) in the amount of \$15,000.00; Hand/Hyde Conservation Districts grant #2014-CSW-034 (Hand/Hyde Enhancement Phase III) in the amount of \$2,363.42; Minnehaha Conservation District grant #2014-CSW-020 (Resource Technician) in the amount of \$1,579.20; Day Conservation District grant #2014-CSW-007 (NE Glacial Lakes) in the amount of \$6,183.96; Turner Conservation District grant #2014-CSW-025 (Technician and Administrative) in the amount of \$19,240.00; Miner Conservation District grant #2014-CSW-016 (Public Awareness and Education) in the amount of \$2,007.22; Hanson Conservation District grant #2014-CSW-027 (Resource Technician) in the amount of \$16,607.11; Hamlin Conservation District grant #2014-CSW-010 (Hamlin/Codington Tree Shrubs) in the amount of (\$435.46); Bennett Conservation District grant #2015-CSW-003 (Tree Planting) in the amount of \$3,321.27 for a total amount of \$140,110.60. **Motion carried.**

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

2016 Docket:

A motion was made by Doug Hansen and seconded to add Mechanical Root Stimulation under Forest Stand Improvements not to exceed rate of \$175 per hour.

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Tom Wolles and seconded to change the in-kind cost for landowner labor from \$15.00 per hour to \$25.00 per hour. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Tom Wolles to increase the prices for tree & shrub, and tree protectors. **Motion failed** for lack of a second.

2016 Goals and Objectives, 2016 Priorities:

The commission members will take copies of the 2016 Goals and Objectives and the 2016 Priorities home and bring back with suggestions at the next meeting.

Grant Selection:

A motion was made by Doug Hansen and seconded to set aside \$100,000 of available funds for the spring grant round. **Motion carried.**

Charlie Moe and Aaron Kiesz joined the meeting by conference call at 1:20 PM.

A motion was made by Alan Vedvei and seconded to approve the Davison Conservation District grant application (Shelterbelt Planting) in the amount of \$17,000 for 1 year, with the conditions all tree and shrub planting plans be reviewed and approved by one of the SDDA RC&F forester prior to planting. Stand-alone farmstead/homestead windbreaks do not qualify for cost-share funds from the Commission. **Motion carried.** Roll call vote: Aaron Kiesz –Aye, Charlie Moe – Aye, Tom Wolles – Aye, Gerald Thaden – Aye, Alan Vedvei – Aye, Doug Hansen – Aye, David Fischbach - Aye.

A motion was made by Tom Wolles and seconded to deny the Beadle Conservation District grant application (Shelterbelt Program). Reason for denial was the Beadle Conservation District withdrew the application as their extension request for grant #2015-CSW-001 (shelterbelts) was approved. **Motion carried.** Roll call vote: Tom Wolles – Aye, Alan Vedvei – Aye, Doug Hansen – Aye, Gerald Thaden – Aye, Charlie Moe – Aye, and Aaron Kiesz – Aye.

Tom Glover joined the meeting by conference call at 1:30 PM

A motion was made by Alan Vedvei and seconded to approve the Day Conservation District grant application (Northeast Glacial Lakes) in the amount of \$42,600 for 1 year with the conditions district match and grant funds are to be used to perform resource technician duties over and above what has been normally completed by the district. The district must submit two semi-annual reports for the technician's work activities. These reports should show landowner contacts made by the technician, miles driven, number

of plans written, acres treated or any other measure to show the conservation benefit provided by the technician. These reports should be provided to the Conservation Commission and SDACD no later than January 12 and July 12 of each year. The district provides timesheets or other documentation to demonstrate the actual time spent on salary/administration of the grant. **Motion carried.** Roll call vote: Tom Wolles – Aye, David Fischbach – Aye, Alan Vedvei – Aye, Aaron Kiesz – Aye, Charlie Moe – Aye, Tom Glover – Aye. Doug Hansen and Gerald Thaden abstained.

A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to deny the Day Conservation District grant application (Cover Crops) as the commission felt they should not pay for cover crops as they are a financial benefit to the landowners. **Motion carried.** Roll call vote: Tom Glover – Aye, Aaron Kiesz – Aye, Charlie Moe – Aye, Tom Wolles – Aye, Gerald Thaden – Nay, David Fischbach – Aye, Alan Vedvei – Nay. Doug Hansen abstained.

A motion was made by Tom Wolles and seconded to approve the Miner Conservation District grant application (Conservation Education & Public Awareness) in the amount of \$3,000 for 1 year with the condition the district provide timesheets or other documentation to demonstrate the actual time spent on salary/administration of the grant. **Motion carried.** Roll call vote: Aaron Kiesz – Aye, Tom Glover – Aye, Charlie Moe – Aye, Tom Wolles – Aye, Gerald Thaden – Aye, Alan Vedvei – Aye, Doug Hansen – Aye.

A motion was made by Tom Wolles and seconded to approve the Gregory Conservation District grant application (Gregory County Project 3) in the amount of \$37,000 for 1 year with the conditions grazing plans 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. **Motion carried.** Roll call vote: Aaron Kiesz – Aye, Charlie Moe – Aye, Tom Wolles – Aye, Gerald Thaden – Aye, Alan Vedvei - Aye, Doug Hansen – Aye. Tom Glover abstained.

A motion was made by Charlie Moe to approve the Perkins Conservation District grant application (NW Area Natural Resource Specialist) in the amount of \$34,825 for 1 year. For lack of a second after a discussion Charlie withdrew his motion.

A motion was made by Doug Hansen and seconded to approve the Perkins Conservation District grant application (NW Area Natural Resource Specialist) in the amount of \$52,000 for 18 months with the conditions district match and grant funds are to be used to perform resource technician duties over and above what has been normally completed by the district. The district must submit two semi-annual reports for the technician's work activities. These reports should show landowner contacts made by the technician, miles driven, number of plans written, acres treated or any other measure to show the conservation benefit provided by the technician. These reports should be provided to the Conservation Commission and SDACD no later than January 12 and July 12 of each year. The district provides 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 in the grant. **Motion carried.** Roll call vote: Tom Glover – Aye, Aaron Kiesz – Aye, Charlie Moe – Aye, Tom Wolles – Nay, Gerald Thaden – Aye, Alan Vedvei – Aye, Doug Hansen – Aye. David Fischbach abstained.

A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to approve the Jones Conservation District grant application (Shelterbelt Establishment & Renovation) in the amount of \$18,621 for 3 years with the conditions all tree and shrub planting plans be reviewed by one of the SDDA RC&F forester prior to the planting. Stand-alone farmstead/homestead windbreaks do not qualify for cost-share funds from the Commission. The district provides timesheets or other documentation to demonstrate the actual time spent on salary/administration of the grant. **Motion carried.** Roll call vote: Aaron Kiesz – Aye, Tom Glover – Aye, Charlie Moe – Aye, Tom Wolles – Aye, Gerald Thaden – Aye, Alan Vedvei – Aye, Doug Hansen – Aye.

A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to approve the Davison Conservation District grant application (Cover Crop/Grazing Project) in the amount of \$57,782. for 18 months. **Motion failed** for lack of a majority vote. Roll call vote: Aaron Kiesz – Nay, Charlie Moe – Aye, Tom Glover – Aye, Doug Hansen – Nay, Alan Vedvei – Nay, Gerald Thaden – Nay, Tom Wolles – Nay.

A motion was made by Doug Hansen and seconded to approve the Davison Conservation District grant application (Cover Crops/Grazing Project) in the amount of \$14,500 for 1 year with the condition cover crops are removed from the budget and only the livestock grazing practices are funded. **Motion carried.** Roll call vote: Aaron Kiesz – Aye, Charlie Moe – Aye, Tom Glover – Aye, Doug Hansen – Aye, Alan Vedvei – Aye, Gerald Thaden – Aye, Tom Wolles – Aye.

A motion was made by Alan Vedvei and seconded to approve the Beadle Conservation District grant application (Water Quality for Livestock) in the amount of \$45,000 for 1 year. Tom Glover made a motion and seconded to amend the motion with the condition cover crops are removed from the budget and change the amount to \$40,500. Grazing plans be required as part of the agreement with the landowners. **Motion carried** to approve the amendment. Roll call vote: Aaron Kiesz – Aye, Charlie Moe – Aye, Tom Glover – Aye, Doug Hansen – Aye, Alan Vedvei – Nay, Gerald Thaden – Aye, Tom Wolles – Aye. **Motion carried** to pass the motion as amended. Roll call vote: Aaron Kiesz – Aye, Tom Glover – Aye, Tom Wolles – Aye, Gerald Thaden – Aye, Alan Vedvei – Aye, Doug Hansen – Aye.

Charlie Moe left the meeting at 2:08 pm.

A motion was made by Doug Hansen and seconded to approve the Hanson Conservation District grant application (Shelterbelt Project) in the amount of \$11,000 for 18 months with the conditions all tree and shrub planting plans be reviewed by one of SDDA RC&F foresters prior to planting. Stand-alone farmstead/homestead windbreaks do not qualify for cost-share funds from the Commission. **Motion carried.** Roll call vote:

Aaron Kiesz – Aye, Tom Glover – Aye, Doug Hansen – Aye, Alan Vedvei – Aye, Gerald Thaden – Aye, Tom Wolles – Aye.

A motion was made by Tom Glover and seconded to deny the Roberts Conservation District grant application (2016 Cover Crops) as the commission felt it should not pay for cover crops as they are a financial benefit to the landowner. **Motion carried.** Roll call vote: Aaron Kiesz – Aye, Tom Glover – Aye, Alan Vedvei – Nay, Doug Hansen – Aye, Gerald Thaden – Aye, Tom Wolles – Aye.

A motion was made by Tom Wolles and seconded to deny the Brule/Buffalo Conservation District grant application (Missouri Coteau Managed Grazing/Fence) as the district rated this grant application as the lowest priority of the 3 grants they submitted. **Motion carried.** Roll call vote: Tom Wolles – Aye, Gerald Thaden – Aye, Alan Vedvei – Aye, Doug Hansen – Aye, Tom Glover – Aye. Aaron Kiesz abstained.

A motion was made by Alan Vedvei and seconded to approve the East Pennington Conservation grant application (Livestock Protection Incentives) in the amount of \$12,038 for 1 year with the conditions all tree and shrub plantings plans be reviewed by one of the SDDA RCF foresters prior to planting. Stand-alone farmstead/homestead windbreaks do not qualify for cost-share funds from the Commission. **Motion carried.** Roll call vote: Doug Hansen – Aye, Alan Vedvei – Aye, Tom Wolles – Aye, Gerald Thaden – Aye, Aaron Kiesz – Aye, Tom Glover – Aye.

A motion was made by Gerald Thaden and seconded to approve the Minnehaha Conservation District grant application (Shelterbelt Renovations) in the amount of \$17,103 for 18 months with the conditions all tree and shrub planting plans be reviewed by one of the SDDA RC&F foresters prior to planting. Stand-alone farmsteads/homesteads do not qualify for cost-share funds from the Commission. **Motion carried.** Roll call vote: Aaron Kiesz – Aye, Tom Glover – Aye, Gerald Thaden – Aye, Alan Vedvei – Aye, Doug Hansen – Aye. Tom Wolles abstained.

A motion was made by Doug Hansen and seconded to approve the Brule/Buffalo Conservation District grant application (Multi-County CD Project) in the amount of \$33,580 for 18 months with the conditions the district provides timesheet or other documentation to demonstrate actual time spent on salary/administration of the grant. The district provides a copy of the Joint Powers Agreement with the conservation districts involved. 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 funds from the Commission. **Motion carried.** Roll call vote: Doug Hansen – Aye, Alan Vedvei – Aye, Gerald Thaden – Aye, Tom Wolles – Aye, Aaron Kiesz – Aye, Tom Glove – Aye.

A motions was made by Tom Glover and seconded to approve the Jones Conservation District grant application (Multi-Practice Grant IV) in the amount of \$20,000 for 18 months with the conditions grazing plans be required as part of the agreement with the landowners. The district provides timesheet or other documentation to demonstrate the

actual time spent on salary/administration of the grant. The district provides a copy of the Joint Powers Agreement with all the conservation districts involved. **Motion carried.** Roll call vote: Tom Wolles – Aye, Gerald Thaden – Aye, Alan Vedvei – Aye, Doug Hansen – Aye, Tom Glover – Aye, Aaron Kiesz – Aye.

A motion was made by Doug Hansen and seconded to approve the Jackson Conservation District grant application (Shelterbelt Establishment & Renovation) in the amount of \$13,518 for 2 years with the conditions all tree and shrub planting plans be reviewed by one of the SDDA RC&F foresters prior to planting. Stand-alone farmstead/homestead windbreaks do not qualify for cost-share funds from the Commission. The district provides timesheets or other documentation to demonstrate the actual time spent on salary/administration of the grant. **Motion carried.** Roll call vote: Aaron Kiesz – Aye, Tom Glover – Aye, Doug Hansen – Aye, Alan Vedvei – Aye, Gerald Thaden – Aye, Tom Wolles – Aye.

A motion was made by Tom Glover and seconded to approve the Butte/Elk Creek Conservation Districts grant application (Belle Fourche Weed Rehab Phase 4) in the amount of 35,000 for 1 year with the condition the district provides a copy of the Joint Powers Agreement with all the conservation districts involved. **Motion carried.** Roll call vote: Aaron Kiesz – Aye, Tom Glover – Aye, Doug Hansen – Aye, Alan Vedvei – Aye, Gerald Thaden – Aye, Tom Wolles – Aye. **Motion carried.** David Fischbach abstained.

A motion was made by Tom Wolles and seconded to approve the Gregory Conservation District grant application (Cedar Removal) in the amount of \$30,000 for 1 year with the conditions the sponsoring district must submit a copy of the Joint Powers Agreement signed by all the districts involved in the project. The district will provide timesheets or other documentation to demonstrate the actual time spent on salary/administration of the grant. **Motion carried.** Roll call vote: Doug Hansen – Aye, Alan Vedvei – Aye, Gerald Thaden – Aye, Tom Wolles – Aye, Aaron Kiesz – Aye. Tom Glover abstained

A motion was made by Doug Hansen and seconded to deny the Butte Conservation District grant application (2016 SD Envirothon) as the district withdrew the application as their grant extension for grant #2015-CSW-005 (Envirothon Pilot Project) was approved.

Motion carried. Roll call vote: Tom Wolles – Aye, Gerald Thaden – Aye, Alan Vedvei – Aye, Doug Hansen – Aye, Tom Glover – Aye, Aaron Kiesz – Aye.

A motion was made by Tom Wolles and seconded to approve the Hyde/Hand Conservation Districts grant application (Hyde/Hand Enhancement Project IV) in the amount of \$79,600 for 18 months, with the conditions 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 funds from the Commission. 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. Alan Vedvei made a motion and was seconded to amend the amount to \$60,000. **Motion**

carried to pass the amendment. Roll call vote: Aaron Kiesz – Aye, Tom Glover – Aye, Doug Hansen – Aye, Alan Vedvei – Aye, Gerald Thaden – Aye, Tom Wolles – Aye.

Motion carried to pass the motion as amended. Roll call vote: Aaron Kiesz – Aye, Gerald Thaden – Aye, Tom Glover – Aye, Doug Hansen – Aye, Alan Vedvei – Aye, Tom Wolles – Aye.

A motion was made by Gerald Thaden and seconded to approve the Deuel Conservation District grant application (Tree Planting) in the amount of \$15,000 for 1 year with the conditions 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 funds from the Commission. **Motion carried.** Roll call vote: Tom Glover – Aye, Aaron Kiesz – Aye, Tom Wolles – Aye, Gerald Thaden – Aye, Alan Vedvei – Aye, Doug Hansen – Aye.

A motion was made by Alan Vedvei and seconded to approve the Brule/Buffalo Conservation District grant application (Multi-County Brush Management) in the amount of \$20,000 for 1 year with the conditions the district 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. **Motion carried.** Roll call vote: Tom Wolles – Aye, Gerald Thaden – Aye, Alan Vedvei – Aye, Doug Hansen – Aye, Aaron Kiesz – Aye. Tom Glover abstained.

A motion was made by Tom Wolles and seconded to approve the Roberts Conservation District grant application (2016 Roberts CD Tree/Shrub Grant) in the amount of \$10,997 for 1 year with the conditions 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 to not qualify for cost-share funds from the Commission. **Motion carried.** Roll call vote: Aaron Kiesz – Aye, Tom Glover – Aye, Doug Hansen – Aye, Alan Vedvei – Aye, Gerald Thaden – Aye, Tom Wolles – Aye.

A motion was made by Tom Glover and seconded to approve the Aurora Conservation District grant application (Shelterbelt) in the amount of \$27,000 for 1 year with the conditions 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 funds from the Commission. **Motion carried.** Roll call vote: Alan Vedvei – Aye, Doug Hansen – Aye, Aaron Kiesz – Aye, Tom Glover – Aye, Gerald Thaden – Aye, Tom Wolles – Aye.

A motion was made by Doug Hansen and seconded to defer until a later time the Bon Homme Conservation District grant application (BHCD Conservation Enhancement). **Motion failed** for lack of a majority vote. Roll call vote: Tom Wolles – Nay, Gerald Thaden – Nay, Alan Vedvei – Aye, Doug Hansen – Aye, Aaron Kiesz – Aye, Tom Glover – Nay.

A motion was made by Tom Glover and seconded to approve the Bon Homme Conservation District grant application (BHCD Conservation Enhancement) in the amount of \$15,000 with the conditions the cover crop portion is not funded. 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 funds from the Commission. The district provide timesheets or other documentation that demonstrates the actual time spent on salary/administration of the grant. **Motion carried.** Roll call vote: Gerald Thaden – Aye, Tom Wolles – Aye, Alan Vedvei – Nay, Doug Hansen – Aye, Aaron Kiesz – Aye, Tom Glover – Aye.

A motion was made by Tom Wolles and seconded to defer until later the Mellette Conservation District grant application (2016 Technician grant). **Motion carried,** Roll call vote: Aaron Kiesz – Nay, Tom Glover – Aye, Doug Hansen – Aye, Alan Vedvei – Nay, Gerald Thaden – Aye, Tom Wolles – Aye, David Fischbach – Aye.

A motion was made by Alan Vedvei and seconded to defer until later the Roberts Conservation District grant application (Technical Assistance). **Motion carried.** Roll call vote: Aaron Kiesz – Aye, Tom Glover – Aye, Doug Hansen – Aye, Alan Vedvei – Aye, Gerald Thaden – Aye, Tom Wolles – Aye.

A motion was made by Alan Vedvei and seconded to approve the Mellette Conservation District grant application (2016 Tree Grant Healthy Soils) in the amount of \$10,000 for 18 months with the condition the cover crop portion is not funded. All tree and shrub plantings be reviewed and approved by one of the SDDA RC&F forester prior to planting. Stand-alone farmstead/homestead plantings do not qualify for cost-share funds from the Commission. **Motion carried.** Roll call vote: Tom Wolles – Aye, Gerald Thaden – Aye, Alan Vedvei – Aye, Doug Hansen – Aye, Tom Glover – Aye, Aaron Kiesz – Aye.

A motion was made by Aaron Kiesz and seconded to approve the Sanborn Conservation District grant application (Shelter-belt Program) in the amount of \$10,000 for 6 months with the conditions all tree and shrub plantings be reviewed and approved by one of the SDDA RC&F foresters prior to the planting. Stand-alone farmstead/homestead windbreaks do not qualify for cost-share funds from the Commission. The district provide a copy of the Joint Powers Agreement with all the conservation districts involved. **Motion carried.** Roll call vote: Aaron Kiesz – Aye, Tom Glover – Aye, Doug Hansen – Aye, Alan Vedvei – Aye, Gerald Thaden – Aye, Tom Wolles – Aye.

A motion was made by Doug Hansen and seconded to deny the Beadle Conservation District grant application (Soil Health) as the commission has not approved the other soil health/cover crop grant applications. **Motion carried.** Roll call vote: Aaron Kiesz – Aye, Tom Glover – Aye, Tom Wolles – Aye, Gerald Thaden – Aye, Alan Vedvei – Aye, Doug Hansen – Aye.

A motion was made by Aaron Kiesz and seconded to approve the Hamlin Conservation District grant application (Hamlin/Codington Tree Program #3) in the amount of \$12,000 for 6 months with the conditions all tree and shrub plantings plans be reviewed and approved by one of the SDDA RC&F forester prior to planting. Stand-alone farmstead/homestead windbreaks do not qualify for cost-share funds from the Commission. **Motion carried.** Roll call vote: Doug Hansen – Aye, Alan Vedvei – Aye, Gerald Thaden – Aye, Tom Wolles – Aye, Tom Glover – Aye, Aaron Kiesz – Aye.

A motion was made by Tom Glover and seconded to deny the following grant applications due to lack of funding: Mellette Conservation District (2016 Technician grant); Roberts Conservation District (Technical Assistance); Beadle Conservation District (Lake Bryon Shoreline Stabilization); Custer Conservation District (Thinning for a Healthier Forest Phase 3); Day Conservation District (District Technician); Miner Conservation District (Conservation Practices); Todd Conservation District (2016 Ranchers Workshop), Todd Conservation District (2016 TC Tree Grant). **Motion carried.** Roll call vote: Aaron Kiesz – Aye, Tom Glover- Aye, Doug Hansen – Aye, Alan Vedvei – Aye, Gerald Thaden – Aye, Tom Wolles – Aye.

A motion was made by Gerald Thaden and seconded to approve Perkins Conservation District request for a 1 year extension for grant 2015-CSW-023 (Northwest Area Tree Planting). **Motion carried.** Roll call vote: Aaron Kiesz – Aye, Tom Glover – Aye, Doug Hansen – Aye, Alan Vedvei – Aye, Gerald Thaden – Aye, Tom Wolles – Aye.

The Perkins Conservation District withdrew the request for a 1 year extension for grant #2013-CSW-019 (Northwest Area Tree Planting).

Tom Glover and Aaron Kiesz left the meeting at 3:25 PM.

Advisory Reports:

Kurt Foreman gave an oral report for USFWS.

Division Report was presented by division staff.

Next meeting: To be determined.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:25 pm.

Marjorie Gregg
Recording Secretary