

THE ENDOWMENT FUND

The Endowment Fund provides a foundation of support for natural resource conservation in South Dakota. Contributions to the fund are held in trust and invested in government-backed securities. The interest from the investments is utilized by the Association of Conservation Districts to further the goals and mission of South Dakota's conservation districts-sensible, voluntary, self-governed conservation management and development of South Dakota's natural resources for ourselves and our posterity. As an IRS recognized 501(c)(3) nonprofit, all contributions to the Endowment Fund are tax deductible.

Who may contribute to the SDACD Endowment Fund?

Contributions to the Endowment Fund can be made in honor or recognition of an individual or organization. Some contribute as a memorial or for a special remembrance such as an anniversary or birth. Conservation districts and others use the Fund to recognize individuals who have made significant contributions to the conservation district movement. Recognitions for contributions to the Endowment Fund occur on three levels: The Governor's Award, the President's Club and the Century Club. The Governor's Award is presented when \$2,000 is contributed by or in a person's or non-district organization's honor. The President's Club is presented for contributions of \$1,000. Conservation districts achieving additional levels of \$1,000 receive special recognition. The Century Club certificate is awarded for contributions of \$100.

If someone wants to contribute, ask them to write a check to the SDACD Endowment Fund and mail it to the SDACD office with a note indicating who is to be honored. Offer to send the check for them or provide them with the address. The SDACD will send the contributor a letter/receipt thanking them for their contribution and noting it is a tax-deductible contribution.

At their annual area meeting, each SDACD area selects an honoree to focus their fundraising on. Their goal is to raise at least \$1,000 so that the honoree receives the President's Club or Governor's award at the SDACD annual conference.

What do you do if your area's honoree is from your conservation district? Begin by preparing a short write up about the honoree outlining his/her conservation and community activities that earned the honoree the area's recognition. Develop a letter for potential contributors. Include a brief explanation of the Endowment Fund, your short write-up about the honoree and specific instructions on how to contribute. The instructions should include whom they make the check payable to (SDACD Endowment Fund), where they mail contributions and any deadlines for making contributions. You may want to include a return envelope stamped with the address of your district along with a return form.

Compile a list of potential contributors complete with addresses. Include local businesses and friends and family members of the honoree. Conservation districts within your area should be included as an email contact. Anyone that you think might like to honor the honoree with a contribution should be contacted. For example, if the honoree is/was an active member of the school, board, Chamber of Commerce, City Council, etc., include them.

As contributions start to come in, write them down and keep the contributions in a secure place. The contribution list should include the name of the contributor, amount of the check and check number. Once the deadline for contributions has expired, send the checks and a copy of the contributions list to the SDACD office.

For more information about the Endowment Fund, call, email, or write to the SDACD executive director. SDACD can also provide you with a list of past contributions from your district.

July 17, 2012

Dear Friends of Conservation,

The Hills Area Conservation Districts have chosen Tim Reich as their 2012 South Dakota Association of Conservation Districts Endowment Fund honoree.

Tim Reich has spent a lifetime in conservation, whether putting it on the ground or the voice behind the promotion of good stewardship. He has been on the Butte Conservation District board since 1979 and in those 33 years has a list of accomplishments a mile long! He has served as the Hills Area Director, Vice-President and President of SDACD and Secretary/Treasurer and First VP and Second VP with NACD. Tim is also the Chairman of the Belle Fourche River Watershed Partnership, which has been instrumental in the implementation of best management practices for area producers.

Tim runs a Purebred Charolais Cattle Operation and a hunting/guide service. He and his wife Ree are involved in church and community activities and local organizations. They have 4 children, Mark, Heather, Angela and Holly.

If contributions reach \$1000 or more, the honoree becomes a member of the President's Club of the South Dakota Association of Conservation District's Endowment Program. If contributions reach \$2000 or more, the honoree becomes a member of the Governor's Club.

Contributions can be made to SDACD Endowment Fund, designating Tim Reich as the honoree in the memo and mailed to Butte Conservation District, 1837 5th Ave., Belle Fourche, SD 57717, Attention: Yvette Kirkman. Recognition will be made at the SDACD Convention in September if one of the above levels is attained.

We encourage you to contribute to the endowment in Tim's name so that he can be recognized as an outstanding leader and advocate for Clean. Clear. Conservation.

**Hills Area Conservation Districts: Butte, Custer, East Pennington, Elk Creek,
Fall River, Lawrence and Pennington**



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June 26, 2017

Dear Vermillion / Big Sioux Area Friends of Conservation:

Nancy Barrick was nominated as the Vermillion/Big Sioux Area 2017 SDACD Endowment Fund Honoree at the area meeting this June.

Nancy Barrick was the District Manager for the Douglas County Conservation District for 27 years. She served as the President of the South Dakota Association of Conservation District Employees from 2007 through 2011. She served as a director for the South James / Missouri Area. Nancy has always shared her experiences with other districts across the state. There probably isn't a district in the state that hasn't had Nancy assist them with an issue in their district. New employees, as well as old employees, have contacted Nancy for help and knowledge. She has worked closely with NRCS, FSA, and other local and state agencies for issues addressing the Conservation Districts. Nancy passed away on May 26, 2017 at the age of 58 after a bravely fought battle against lung cancer.

Our goal is to reach the \$1,000 level President's Club Award.

Please send your donations, made out to SDACD Endowment Fund, to the Miner Conservation District by August 1, 2017. We would like to recommend a \$100 donation to achieve the President's Club Award – but any donation would be appreciated.

Thank you. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Tami Moore, District Manager

NANCY BARRICK

SDACD VERMILLION / BIG SIOUX ENDOWMENT FUND HONOREE

Contributor's Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Enclosed Gift of:

_____ \$100 _____ \$75 _____ \$50 _____ \$25

Please make checks payable to : **SDACD Endowment Fund**

Send contributions to:

Miner Conservation District
601 West Farmer Avenue, Suite A
Howard, SD 57349

Please send contributions to our office by August 1, 2017. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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South Dakota Association of Conservation District Employees

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