

State Conservation Commission Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
Teleconference  
February 22, 2017

**Members Present:** Wayne Bunge, Tom Glover, Doug Hansen, Aaron Keisz, Charlie Moe, Alan Vedvei, and Tom Wolles.

**Absent:** David Fischbach and Gerald Thaden

**Others Present:** Angela Ehlers-SDACD, Annette Steilen –McCook CD, Ken Bolzer – Bennett CD, Barry McLaury –DENR

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Tom Glover at 1:00 PM.

**Election of Officers:**

Motion by Alan Vedvei and seconded to nominate and cast a unanimous vote for David Fischbach as Chairman. Roll call vote: Wayne Bunge –Aye, Tom Glover – Aye, Doug Hansen – Aye, Aaron Kiesz – Aye, Charlie Moe – Aye, Alan Vedvei- Aye, Tom Wolles – Aye. **Motion carried.**

Motion by Doug Hansen and seconded to nominate Tom Glover for Vice Chairman. Roll call vote: Wayne Bunge – Aye, Doug Hansen – Aye, Aaron Kiesz – Aye, Charlie Moe – Aye, Alan Vedvei – Aye, Tom Wolles – Aye. **Motion carried.**

**December 15 Minutes:**

It was noted that the vote to deny the Perkins Conservation District grant application was recorded incorrectly. The draft minutes has Tom Glover voting Aye and Charlie Moe voting No. The minutes should have Tom voting no and Charlie voting aye. This will be corrected in the approved minutes. Doug Hansen made a motion and was seconded to approve the December 15, 2016 minutes as amended. Roll call vote: Wayne Bunge – Aye, Doug Hansen – Aye, Aaron Kiesz – Aye, Charlie Moe – Aye, Alan Vedvei – Aye, Tom Wolles – Aye. **Motion carried.**

**Nutrient Research and Education Council Nomination:**

Vice Chairman Tom Glover appointed Tom Wolles to be a representative for the Nutrient Research and Education Council.

**2017 Goals and Priorities:**

Doug Hansen gave a report on the progress the Goals and Priorities Committee has accomplished. The committee should have draft guidelines ready for review by the May 2017 meeting with an approval date for the August 2017 meeting. They would like to have any additional suggestions sent to them by March 1, 2017.

**Revolving Loan Report** was given by Division staff.

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

A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to deny Bennett Conservation District request for additional funds for grant #2017-CSW-004 (Bennett/Badlands Tree Planting) grant. Roll call vote: Tom Wolles – Aye, Alan Vedvei – Aye, Charlie Moe – Aye, Aaron Kiesz – Aye, Doug Hansen – Aye, Wayne Bunge – Aye, Tom Glover – Aye. Reason for denying was the State Conservation Commission has limited funds and most applications are reduced from the requested funds. Bennett Conservation District was encouraged to put in a new grant application for the May meeting.

**2017 Docket:**

A motion was made by Tom Wolles and seconded to leave the language of \$45.00 per acre not to exceed 80 acres per landowner and for one time per land unit for cover crops as per the current docket. After discussion Tom Wolles amended his motion and it was seconded to change the term “landowner” to “land operator” for a first time user. Roll call vote: Wayne Bunge – Aye, Tom Glover – Aye, Doug Hansen – Aye, Aaron Kiesz – Aye, Charlie Moe – Aye, Alan Vedvei – Aye, Tom Wolles – Aye. **Motion carried.**

**Division Report** was given by Division staff.

**Advisory Board Reports:**

Barry McLaury, DENR gave an oral report. Angela Ehlers, SDACD gave an oral report.

**Next Meeting:** TBD

Meeting adjourned by Vice Chairman at 2:17 PM.

Marjy Gregg  
Recording Secretary