

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

# *Upcoming Travel & Meetings*

## May 2017

- 16 – NRCS State Technical Committee Meeting, Fort Pierre 10 AM
- 17 – SDACD Meeting, Pierre 9 AM
- 18 – State Conservation Commission Meeting, Pierre 8:15 AM

## June 2017

- 5-7 – NACD Northern Plains Region Leaders Meeting, Yankton
- 12 – Vermillion-Big Sioux Area Meeting, Salem
- 13 – North Missouri Area Meeting, Lebanon
- 14 – Northwest Area Meeting, Meadow
- 15 – Hills Area Meeting, Rapid City
- 19 – NACD Forestry RPG Meeting, Deadwood
- 22 – South James-Missouri Area Meeting, Mitchell
- 22 – Conservation Partnership Leadership Development, Lincoln, NE
- 27 – Coteau Area Meeting, Webster
- 28 – Prairie Area Meeting, Presho

## July 2017

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2017 South Dakota Association of Conservation Districts area meetings will follow this order:

Registration

- Speeches of state speech contest area finalists (video)
- Supervisor recruitment and retention (presentation & discussion)
- USDA-NRCS update (written report in addition to verbal update)
- SD Dept of Ag update (written report in addition to verbal update)

Written reports with question/answer opportunity available:

- locally-led process utilizing regional blocks
- protecting conservation district interests in agreements
- non operating landowner outreach and technical assistance project
- templates for long-range and annual work plans

Northwest Area Joint Board (Northwest Area only - discussion)

Convene business meeting

Minutes of 2016 meeting

Area Endowment honoree selection

Honorees may be an individual or organization the area wishes to honor with the President's Club or Governor's Award within the Endowment Fund. President's Club requires \$1,000 in donations, Governor's Award is \$2,000. The local district of the honoree coordinates the fund raising effort.

Informational Reports (handouts without discussion):

- Reports from each conservation district
- SDACD President's report
- SDACD & NACD membership reports
- SDACD committee reports
- Conservation grants report
- Big Sioux Nursery report
- 2017 legislative session report
- SDACD FY 2018 budget
- NACD director report
- SDACDE (employees assn) report
- USDI-Partners for Fish & Wildlife report

Area treasurer or speech contest report (as applicable)

Area director & committees elections

- Area director elections: Vermillion-Big Sioux, North Missouri, Prairie, Northwest (unexpired portion)
- 3-year terms for all members of District Capacity
- Unexpired terms that may be open: Natural Resources Stewardship (2 yr), Public Relations (1 yr)

SDACD policy resolution proposals

SDACD by-law change proposals

2018 SDACD convention - host area (North Missouri)

Other issues the area wishes to address

Set date of 2018 area meeting

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
<b>JUNE 2017</b>				1	2	3	<b>JUNE 2018</b>						1	2
4	5 NACD No Plains - Yankton	6	7	8	9	10	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
11	12 VBS Salem	13 NoMo Faulkton	14 NW Meadow	15 Hills Rapid	16	17	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
18	19 NACD Forestry-Deadwood	20	21	22 SJM Mitchell	23	24	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
25	26	27 Cot Webster	28 Pra Presho	29	30		24	25	26	27	28	29	30	

## Information on each of the seven SDACD area meetings:

**General Information:** Agendas were e-mailed to all district offices in March. SDACD officers and statewide conservation partners (NRCS, FWS, DoAg, etc) were notified of the meetings. Area directors are responsible for inviting regional conservation partners (water development districts, RC&Ds, etc).

NACD Northern Plains Regional Meeting      Monday, June 5-Wednesday, June 7 at Yankton, SD.

### Vermillion-Big Sioux area

Area director election

Monday, June 12 beginning at 10:00 am CT at First Dakota National Bank basement in Salem (310 N Main St). A catered lunch (\$12.00) will be served. Please provide meal count by June 5 to Annette Steilen ([annette.steilen@sd.nacdnet.net](mailto:annette.steilen@sd.nacdnet.net) or 605-425-2473 #3).

### North Missouri

Area director election

Tuesday, June 13 beginning at 6:00 pm (CT) at Legion Hall in Lebanon, SD. Meal information will be provided later. Please provide meal count by June 6 to Mechele ([EdmundsCD@sdconservation.net](mailto:EdmundsCD@sdconservation.net) or 605-426-6701, ext. 3).

### Northwest area

Area director election (unexpired term)

Wednesday, June 14 beginning at 12:00 pm MT at Smokey's in Meadow, SD, located at 102 Main Street. Lunch meal price information to follow. Please contact Kelsie Chambers at Perkins CD ([kelsie.chambers@sd.nacdnet.net](mailto:kelsie.chambers@sd.nacdnet.net) or 605-244-7160) by June 7 with your meal count.

### Hills

Thursday, June 15 beginning at 1:00 pm (MT) in the Outdoor Campus at 4130 Adventure Trail in Rapid City. Directions: Adventure Trail is about 0.4 mile north of West Chicago St on I-90 business loop/US-79 (also known as Sturgis Road). Adventure Trail runs southwest from Sturgis Road.

NACD Forestry RPG Meeting      Monday, June 19-Wednesday, June 21 at Deadwood, SD.

### South James-Missouri

Thursday, June 22, beginning at 11:30 am with lunch at Blarney's (2160 Highland Way). Buffet lunch \$7.50, not including drink or tip. Please send Deb ([Debora.Bartscher@sd.nacdnet.net](mailto:Debora.Bartscher@sd.nacdnet.net) or 605-996-1564 ext #3) your meal count by June 15. Directions: Blarney's is in the strip mall on the east side of the highway approximately 0.3 mile south of I-90 exit #332 on Burr Avenue (past the Shell gas station).

### Coteau

Tuesday, June 27 beginning at 9:00 am CT in the Day County Courthouse basement in Webster. Registration begins at 8:40 am.

### Prairie

Area director election

Wednesday, June 28 beginning at 9:30 am MT/10:30 am CT at Hutch's Café & Lounge in Presho, SD (located on the I-90 business loop). Roast beef meal (\$12.00 including tip ) will be served. Each person or conservation district is responsible for paying Hutch's for their meals. Please contact, by June 22, Angela ([sdoffice@sdconservation.net](mailto:sdoffice@sdconservation.net) or text 605-222-4599) with your meal count.

Amendment to Grant Number: 2016-CSW-010.

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Pierre Office

This contract is between  
Deuel County Conservation District

And

Department of Agriculture  
Division of Resource Conservation & Forestry

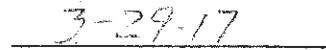
The description of the grant award will be modified as follows with the text in **bold** added to the original contract:

The State of South Dakota approves assistance to the Deuel Conservation District **and the Northwest Area Conservation Districts** in the amount of \$15,000 for the support of the approved project as described in the following section. The terms of the grant are from 1/1/2016 to 6/30/2017. This grant requires a local match of at least \$15,000. This award depends upon the continued availability of appropriated funds and expenditure authority for this purpose. This agreement will be terminated by the State if grant funds or expenditure authority are not available. Termination for this reason is not a default by the State nor does it give rise to a claim against the State.

Deuel County Conservation District

  
Signature of Designated Official

  
Title

  
Date



**JONES COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
**806 WEST FIFTH STREET - PO BOX 298**  
**MURDO, SD 57559**  
**Phone: 605-669-2404 ext. 3**

March 30, 2017

SD Department of Agriculture  
 Division Of Resource Conservation & Forestry  
 523 East Capitol Avenue  
 Pierre, SD 57501

RE: Multi Practice Grant IV

Dear Conservation Commission,

Jones County Conservation District is requesting a six-month extension for Multi Practice Grant IV.

We currently have three projects in the works, two projects in Lyman County and one in Jones County. We anticipate the projects to be done this summer. It is well known that we do have difficulty with contractors getting things done in a timely manner and we seem to see better completion on projects with a deadline and we have been implementing a deadline for these projects.

Funds remaining in grant at this time are \$16,156.85 for pipeline and tanks. Funds currently allocated for this project are as follows:

Kent Hamiel	Pipeline and Tank	9569 Feet & 2 Tanks	Grant Funds \$8,890.41
Michael Hunt	Pipeline and Tank	2640 Feet & 2 Tanks	Grant Funds \$2,624.40
Wade Hamiel	Pipeline and Tank	4120 Feet and 1 Tank	Grant Funds \$3,655.80
Total Allocated Funds			\$15,170.61
Remaining Funds			\$986.25

There is at least one EQIP application that did not get funded that would be interested in any remaining funds left on this grant and the previously awarded Multi Practice Grant V funds will pick up the rest of the project.

There are also partner funds remaining for this project in the amount of \$2,700.00.

Thank you for your consideration in the extension request.

Sincerely,

*Valerie Feddersen*

Valerie Feddersen  
 District Manager  
 Jones County Conservation District

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# Haakon County Conservation District

409 N. Wray Ave  
P O Box 130  
Philip, SD 57567

(605)859-2186 #3  
(605)859-2495 Fax  
haakon@sdconservation.org

March 23, 2017

SDACD Commission  
523 East Capitol Ave  
Pierre, SD 57501

Dear SDACD Commission

We are requesting an extension to <sup>December 31<sup>st</sup></sup> ~~October 1~~, 2017 for the Water Quality Grant 2016-CSW-030. Most of the producers should be able to have their projects completed by then. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely

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Melia Trask  
rCCD Manager

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Pierre Office





**MINER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

601 West Farmer Avenue, Suite A

Howard, South Dakota 57349

Phone: (605) 772-5642 (ext 3) Fax: (605) 772-4542

[tami.moore@sd.nacdnet.net](mailto:tami.moore@sd.nacdnet.net)

Board of Supervisors

*Dale Shumaker*

*Donald Threadgold*

*Marvin Kizer*

*Tim Clarke*

*Julie Calmus*

March 20, 2017

RE: Grant #2016-CSW-037 "Assisting Conservation District Develop Success"

South Dakota Conservation Commission  
523 East Capital  
Pierre, South Dakota 57501

South Dakota Conservation Commission:

The Miner Conservation District would like to request a six month extension for the "Assisting Conservation Districts to Develop a Customized Success Plan" Grant 2016-CSW-037.

One of the planned participating conservation districts withdrew from the project and another is being sought within that area. Edmunds and Turner Conservation Districts are participating in the project. Both have identified areas of interest and the project leadership is moving forward to provide support for their success in those areas. As of this date, we have not applied for any of the funds but expect to do so in the near future.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. The project leadership (Angela Ehlers, Jeff Zimprich and Bill Smith) would be available to answer any questions you may have.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Tami Moore, District Manager *for the*  
Miner Conservation District

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**Todd County Conservation District**

PO Box 268

Mission, S.D. 57555

Ph. 605-856-4440

White River Office 605-259-3252 ext.3

Fax. 855-254-6029

South Dakota Department of Agriculture  
Resource Conservation & Forestry  
523 East Capitol Avenue  
Pierre, SD 57501

Dear Members of the Conservation Commission,

The Todd County Conservation District would like to request the addition of Bennett County to their 2017 Tree Grant. There is a producer who has land in both Todd and Bennett County and where he will be planting trees is actually in Bennett County. Bennett County did receive a grant for trees but the amount they received was reduced and all of their funds are committed to other tree plantings.

Todd County had a producer that was approved for the NRCS EQIP program so funds that would have been used for his two projects are now available for other producers.

Todd County will encourage the producer to purchase trees from Bennett County. Bennett County CD does not have a fabric machine so the producer would need to hire someone else for fabric.

Todd County CD will enter a Joint Powers Agreement with Bennett County CD for this grant if this request is approved

Thank you,

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Laurie Chauncey  
District Manager

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Department of Agriculture
Division of Resource Conservation & Forestry
Grant Application Form

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Pierre Office

Applicant Information:

Organization: Custer County Conservation District
Telephone: (605) 673-4971
Tax Status: Government

Mailing Address: 447 Crook Street, Suite #1
City: Custer
State: SD Zip: 57730

Project Contact:

Project Officer: Angela Keierleber
Fax: (605) 673-2385

Telephone: (605) 673-4971
Email: custer.county@sdstate.edu

Project Information:

Project Name: Thinning for a Healthier Forest 2016-2017
Start Date: 07-01-2017 End Date: 06-30-2018
Legal description: County: Custer
Township: Range: Section: Qtr: Qtr:

Type of Grant:

- Conservation Grant (selected)
Community Forestry
Insect/Disease
Invasive Species
Forest Stewardship
Mountain Pine Beetle
Other (Specify)

Financial Information:

Grant Funds Requested: 24,575 Partner Contributions (total) 24,575 Total Project Cost: 49,150

Please give a brief, descriptive summary of the project (Use Section "D" to provide project detail)

The purpose of this project is to provide cost-share assistance for private landowners to protect their property and improve forest conditions. The practices used will include thinning overstocked pine trees and follow-up fuels reduction. Along with building on previous grants. Last year we were able to provide funding for over 70 acres. An inquiry last fall provided the district with a total of 12 landowners who have an interest in thinning if funds are available. Although their acreage total is not exact, estimates from the landowners ran in the 200 hundred acre range. At this time we have 3 landowners who have committed to thinning if there are available funds. These three alone have a total of 65 acres that they would thin. Several landowners who have previously utilized this program to thin would like to expand with more thinning. All landowners have been advised to have thinning prescriptions and/or forest management plans in place at the time of application for any grant funding. See Attached pages for additional information.

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, this application is true and correct. I further agree to comply with the provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and regulations issued thereunder relating to nondiscrimination in federally assisted programs.

Applicant Signature: Paul Wettinga
Authorized Signature: Chairman
Date: 3/2/17

A copy of the state required W-9 Form must be attached to this application.

For Division Use Only:

Reviewed by: Signature Title Date
Approved by: Signature Title Date

## BUDGET SHEET

The total for each of these three sections should equal the "Total Project Costs" on page 1

### A. OPERATING BUDGET

1. Salary/Benefits			
2. Travel			
3. Contractual Services	49,150		
4. Supplies			
5. Equipment (list major equip.)			
6. Consultant Services			
<b>Total Projects Costs</b>	<b>49,150</b>	This total must equal	<b>49,150</b>

### B. ACTIVITY BUDGET

Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
1. Forest Stand improvement	24,375	24,375			48,750
2. Ads and administrative costs	200	200			400
3.					0
4.					0
5.					0
6.					0
7.					0
8.					0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>24,575</b>	<b>24,575</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>49,150</b>
			This total must equal		<b>49,150</b>

### C. PROJECT PARTNERS: Please list the names of ALL project partner organizations, the value of their contribution, and indicate whether the contribution is cash or in-kind.

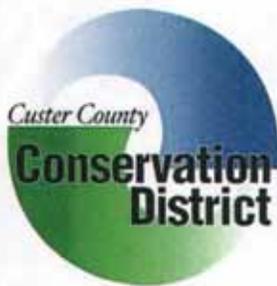
Partner	Amount Cash	Amount In-Kind	Total	
1.			0	
2. Landowners	24,375		24,375	
3. Commission Grant	24,575		24,575	
4. Custer County Conservation	200		200	
5.			0	
6.			0	
7.			0	
8.			0	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>49,150</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>49,150</b>	
			This total must equal	<b>49,150</b>

### SUBMISSION:

Please mail one complete application, including any attachments, to:

**SD Department of Agriculture  
Resource Conservation & Forestry  
523 E. Capitol Avenue  
Pierre, SD 57501-3182**

Print



**Grant Application Narrative**  
**Custer County Conservation District**  
***"Thinning for Forest Health"***  
**Coordinated Soil & Water Conservation Grant 2017-2018**

## **D. Project Description and Need**

**The project, purpose and location** – The purpose of this project is to provide cost-share assistance for private landowners to protect their property and improve forest conditions. The practices used will include thinning overstocked pine trees and follow-up fuels reduction. This project builds on thinning grants received in 2014, 2015, and the current grant that runs from 7/01/2016 thru 6/30/2017. These cost-share grants (50%) have assisted 12 private landowners protect 210 acres via thinning.

The project is located in the Custer County Conservation District. The project area will encompass the headwaters of twelve major drainages that make up the middle Cheyenne-Spring watershed as identified in the *1998 South Dakota Unified Watershed Assessment*. The project focuses on the ponderosa pine forest type identified as a "high priority" landscape in the *South Dakota Statewide Forest Resource Strategy (2010)* and addresses the "forest health" threat and the strategies to provide forest management technical and financial assistance and improve diversity among others.

**Primary beneficiaries** – The primary beneficiaries of this project includes the enrolled property owners, adjacent landowners, watershed residents dependent on quality water, firefighting agencies, and the tax payers shouldering the costs of firefighting, clearing roads and general maintenance.

**Implementation, maintenance and follow-up** – The Custer County CD partners with SDDA-Division of Resource Conservation and Forestry (Dave Hettick, District Forester), who provides technical assistance in identifying areas, a project plan ("prescription"), contract administration, and certifying completed thinning projects. The project will target those landowners who do not qualify for the USDA-NRCS's Environmental Quality Incentives Program, or the joint USFS/NRCS "Vestal Project". Private contractors will be hired by landowners to complete the thinning projects.

Pine stands to be thinned will have an average diameter of six inches breast height or less and conifers will be removed from hardwood stands to improve forest health and increase species diversity. Lower density pine forests are more resistant to insects, disease and fire; and hardwood species diversity also decreases fire intensity. All thinning slash will be treated to meet the minimum SD Logging Slash Abandonment and Treatment Standards.

Participating landowners must have a minimum of five contiguous acres to thin. Fewer acres would be considered dependent on availability of funds, and need. Landowners will pay a minimum of 50% of the cost of completing the work on their property.

**Permit Requirements** - The only permits required to complete the project are to dispose of piled thinning slash when burning is the preferred method of disposal. Those permits are available free of charge from the SDDA – Division of Wildland Fire as long as conditions are satisfactory for safe open burning.

**Environmental, natural resource, ecological, educational and/or socio-economic need/s -**

Thinning boosts resistance to insect and disease attack, reduces severe wildfire, protects watersheds, improves tree, grass and shrub growth, and improves carbon sequestration. Mountain pine beetle (*Dendroctonus ponderosae*) populations reached epidemic levels across the Black Hills over the last 15-20 years. Although populations have returned to endemic (natural) levels, there are still some “beetle hot spots” in the Custer area. Thinning will improve pheromone dispersal in pine stands susceptible to mountain pine beetle attack, and also provide for increased nutrient and water uptake to help the residual stand resist the pine engraver beetle (*Ips pini*). Overstocked pine stands reduce aesthetics, property values, and wildlife habitat, while increasing fire hazard, and renders trees worthless for wood recovery and utilization.

**Larger regional, watershed and landscape levels -** This project will encourage private landowners to treat their property at the same time federal and state agencies are treating public lands. Specifically the CCCD is working with other partners (“Conservation Leaders”) in the *Black Hills Resilient Forest Partnership* of 15 or so entities that seek to improve forest resiliency across all lands in the Black Hills regardless of ownership.

**Long-term management and protection of the project –**

Landowners will be required to maintain project areas for ten years following completion of the project including the control of invasive species. Landowners with a Forest Stewardship Plan containing the elements endorsed by the SDDA, NRCS, USFS and the private American Forest Foundation (Tree Farm) are given priority in the cost-share grants due to their demonstrated commitment to long-term management.

**E. Final Products**

Approximately 75 acres thinned and with reduced wildland fuels for approximately 6-10 private land parcels. Ideally the project will complement treatment on adjacent public and private lands (depending on scheduling and engagement of those owners).

**F. Partner Justification**

The Custer County Conservation District facilitates landowner education in partnership with the SDDA Division of Wildland Fire, SDDA Division of Resource Conservation & Forestry, the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, the USDA Forest Service, and Custer County Weed & Pest. This project intends to incentivize private landowners to do work on their property located in the broad vicinity of projects done by the NRCS (on private lands) and USFS (on National Forest lands).

The CCCD seeks interested landowners, and provides administrative support, book keeping, and records maintenance as required by the Conservation Commission and the Division of Resource Conservation and Forestry (RC&F), and reimbursement to landowners for completing thinning and fuel reduction practices.

**G. Identify how you will measure the success of the project**

This project will directly protect property and improve forest health and resiliency on approximately 75 acres, added to the 210 acres from past years, in addition to the indirect benefits described above including watershed protection, habitat diversity, aesthetic quality, and forest products economy. This project has potential to expand the landscape-level benefits of tree thinning and fuel treatment onto private lands thus reducing insect and fire problems and retaining aesthetic and economic resources now and in the future.



# Department of Agriculture

## Division of Resource Conservation & Forestry

### Grant Application Form

**Applicant Information:**

Organization:   
 Telephone:   
 Tax Status:

Mailing Address:   
 City:   
 State:  Zip:

**Project Contact:**

Project Officer:   
 Fax:

Telephone:   
 Email:

**Project Information:**

Project Name:   
 Start Date:  End Date:   
 Legal description: County:   
 Township:  Range:  Section:  Qtr:  Qtr:

**Type of Grant:**

Conservation Grant  Community Forestry  
 Insect/Disease  Invasive Species  
 Forest Stewardship  Mountain Pine Beetle  
 Other (Specify)

**Financial Information:**

Grant Funds Requested:  Partner Contributions (total)  Total Project Cost:

Please give a brief, descriptive summary of the project (Use Section "D" to provide project detail)

The multi-county brush management project will be completed in Davison, Aurora, Hanson, Sanborn, and Hutchinson Conservation Districts. Results from this conservation practice can be seen instantly while the forestry cutter is working. The invasive plant species are not a new problem but a problem that is expensive, ongoing, and finally getting addressed. Our goal is to restore these invaded areas back to grasslands making them productive again for livestock and / or wildlife.

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, this application is true and correct. I further agree to comply with the provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and regulations issued thereunder relating to nondiscrimination in federally assisted programs.

Applicant Signature *Jim Lehi* Authorized Signature DISTRICT MANAGER Title 3/30/17 Date

A copy of the state required W-9 Form must be attached to this application.

**For Division Use Only:**

Reviewed by: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature Title Date

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature Title Date

## BUDGET SHEET

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### A. OPERATING BUDGET

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2. Travel		
3. Contractual Services	20,000	
4. Supplies		
5. Equipment (list major equip.)		
6. Consultant Services		
<b>Total Projects Costs</b>	<b>21,500</b>	This total must equal <b>21,500</b>

### B. ACTIVITY BUDGET

Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
1. Brush Management	10,000	10,000			20,000
2. Admin Salary/Benefits	1,500				1,500
3.					0
4.					0
5.					0
6.					0
7.					0
8.					0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>11,500</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>21,500</b>
					This total must equal <b>21,500</b>

### C. PROJECT PARTNERS: Please list the names of ALL project partner organizations, the value of their contribution, and indicate whether the contribution is cash or in-kind.

Partner	Amount Cash	Amount In-Kind	Total
1. RC&F	11,500		11,500
2. Landowners	10,000		10,000
3.			0
4.			0
5.			0
6.			0
7.			0
8.			0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>21,500</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>21,500</b>
			This total must equal <b>21,500</b>

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**Davison Conservation District**  
**Brush Management Project**  
**Project Narrative**

**Project Description and Need:**

There is a need for financial assistance to implement conservation practices that are not eligible for any other cost share programs either because of lack of funding or eligibility requirements. Due to the high cost often associated with installing conservation practices, many land owners and operators will be unable to install practices needed unless alternative funding is available. Cost share will be based on the 2017 Conservation Commission approved cost share percentages. The invasive species of trees and shrubs is an ongoing problem that is expensive to address and is needed to help landowners and operators reclaim grass that is essential for their operations. The installation of this practice will help with improving grassland management and wildlife habitat.

**Final Products:**

The completion of these projects will provide additional grass for livestock to each operation so that they can utilize the full potential of each site.

**Partner Justification:**

Davison Conservation District has an excellent working relationship with Pheasants Forever, GFP, NRCS, and USFWS. We will put articles in our newsletter to inform and educate the public of conservation programs that are available to them.



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**Division of Resource Conservation & Forestry**  
**Grant Application Form**

**Applicant Information:**

Organization: Gregory County Conservation District  
Telephone: (605) 775-2770  
Tax Status: Government

Mailing Address: PO Box 339  
City: Burke  
State: SD Zip: 57523

**Project Contact:**

Project Officer: Ken Steele  
Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (605) 830-0678  
Email: gregorycd@sdconservation.net

**Project Information:**

Project Name: Shelterbelt Renovation  
Start Date: 7/1/2017 End Date: 7/1/2019  
Legal description: County: Gregory  
Township: \_\_\_\_\_ Range: \_\_\_\_\_ Section: \_\_\_\_\_ Qtr: \_\_\_\_\_ Qtr: \_\_\_\_\_

**Type of Grant:**

- Conservation Grant  Community Forestry  
 Insect/Disease  Invasive Species  
 Forest Stewardship  Mountain Pine Beetle  
 Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**Financial Information:**

Grant Funds Requested: 22,500 Partner Contributions (total) 22,500 Total Project Cost: 45,000

Please give a brief, descriptive summary of the project (Use Section "D" to provide project detail)

We have a total of five producers wanting to mechanically remove old shelterbelts (trees are dead) and turn around and put new trees in in the spring.

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, this application is true and correct. I further agree to comply with the provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and regulations issued thereunder relating to nondiscrimination in federally assisted programs.

Applicant Signature [Signature] Authorized Signature Chairperson Title 4-3-17 Date

A copy of the state required W-9 Form must be attached to this application.

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Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## BUDGET SHEET

The total for each of these three sections should equal the "Total Project Costs" on page 1

### A. OPERATING BUDGET

1. Salary/Benefits
2. Travel
3. Contractual Services
4. Supplies
5. Equipment (list major equip.)
6. Consultant Services
- Total Projects Costs**

0	This total must equal <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 10px;">45,000</span>

### B. ACTIVITY BUDGET

Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
1.					0
2.					0
3.					0
4.					0
5.					0
6.					0
7.					0
8.					0
<b>TOTALS</b>	0	0	0	0	0
	This total must equal				45,000

### C. PROJECT PARTNERS: Please list the names of ALL project partner organizations, the value of their contribution, and indicate whether the contribution is cash or in-kind.

Partner	Amount Cash	Amount In-Kind	Total
1. RC&F	22,500		22,500
2. Landowner	22,500		22,500
3.			0
4.			0
5.			0
6.			0
7.			0
8.			0
<b>TOTALS</b>	45,000	0	45,000
	This total must equal		45,000

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### Division of Resource Conservation & Forestry

### Grant Application Form

**Applicant Information:**

Organization: Hamlin County Conservation District  
 Telephone: (605) 783-3642  
 Tax Status: Government

Mailing Address: PO Box 165  
 City: Hayti  
 State: SD Zip: 57241

**Project Contact:**

Project Officer: Peggy Loomis  
 Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (605) 783-3642  
 Email: hamlincd@sdconservation.net

**Project Information:**

Project Name: Outreach & Promotion of the S.D. Districts  
 Start Date: 07/01/2017 End Date: 12/31/2017  
 Legal description: County: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Township: \_\_\_\_\_ Range: \_\_\_\_\_ Section: \_\_\_\_\_ Qtr: \_\_\_\_\_ Qtr: \_\_\_\_\_

**Type of Grant:**

- Conservation Grant     Community Forestry  
 Insect/Disease     Invasive Species  
 Forest Stewardship     Mountain Pine Beetle  
 Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**Financial Information:**

Grant Funds Requested: 6200 Partner Contributions (total) 6200 Total Project Cost: 12400 - 0

Please give a brief, descriptive summary of the project (Use Section "D" to provide project detail)

The Hamlin Conservation District is requesting cost share assistance on behalf of the SDACDE, to aid in outreach and the promotion of all SD Conservation Districts. The outreach and promotion activities could include, but are not limited to: Area Farm Shows, State Fair Booths, Local Workshops and Seminars. Conservation outreach is also achieved through education. Those activities have included; participation in Soil Stewardship Week involving area churches, opportunities through local district scholarships to attend camps, and soil health seminars or tours. A great way to reach the public has been through the involvement with the state fair, and the recently created websites. The districts also publish articles capturing events, awards dinners, and activities involving conservation. Some of these avenues come with a cost. Outreach and promotion of the districts is vital to each districts success. This funding will enable the S.D. districts to make conservation more visible to the public. It will aid in continued and additional public awareness about the importance of conservation in our local and surrounding areas. The Hamlin Conservation District will take full financial responsibility of all funding and reimbursement requests. The participating districts will match funding with wages and benefits.

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, this application is true and correct. I further agree to comply with the provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and regulations issued thereunder relating to nondiscrimination in federally assisted programs.

Applicant Signature Peggy Loomis *Peggy Loomis* District Manager 03/22/2017  
 Authorized Signature Title Date

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 Signature Title Date

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## BUDGET SHEET

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### A. OPERATING BUDGET

1. Salary/Benefits	5,800	
2. Travel	800	
3. Contractual Services	200	
4. Supplies	5,600	
5. Equipment (list major equip.)		
6. Consultant Services		
<b>Total Projects Costs</b>	<b>12,400</b>	This total must equal <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 20px;">0</span>

### B. ACTIVITY BUDGET

Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
1. Salary / Benefits		3,000	2,800		5,800
2. Travel	400	400			800
3. Administration	200				200
4. Supplies	5,600				5,600
5.					0
6.					0
7.					0
8.					0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>6,200</b>	<b>3,400</b>	<b>2,800</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12,400</b>
					This total must equal <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 20px;">0</span>

### C. PROJECT PARTNERS: Please list the names of ALL project partner organizations, the value of their contribution, and indicate whether the contribution is cash or in-kind.

Partner	Amount Cash	Amount In-Kind	Total
1. RC&F	6,200		6,200
2. SD Conservation Districts	6,200		6,200
3.			0
4.			0
5.			0
6.			0
7.			0
8.			0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>12,400</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12,400</b>
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## **Project Description and Need**

### **1. Primary Beneficiaries of this Project -**

The state of South Dakota will be the beneficiary of this project. Conservation efforts in South Dakota need to be made a priority for this generation and the future generations. Conservation awareness needs to come first. The conservation districts need to continue to raise awareness of the services and conservation practices offered. These events are key parts of keeping our districts visible.

### **Responsible for implementation, maintenance and follow-up -**

Hamlin Conservation District will be responsible for all funding and reimbursement requests. The Hamlin County Conservation District Board of Supervisors has voted to be the main sponsor of this grant.

### **Indicate where this project is to be located -**

This project will take place in the whole state of South Dakota. The main event has been the SD State Fair, which has been a very successful event for outreach and awareness. This funding will allow the districts to continue with the fair, however, it will also be available for additional events, workshops or items that will continue on with the outreach / promotion agenda.

### **2. Describe the specific environmental, natural resource, ecological, educational needs the project will address –**

This funding will help educate the public about the importance of conservation and continued conservation efforts in our future. It will raise awareness in the public that careful management of our environment and our natural resources are what conservation is about. It will bring visibility to the districts in our state and the services that are available to the public.

### **3. Federal, State, or Local permits required to complete this project**

No permits will be required for these projects. If permits are required, they will be obtained. Cultural Resources are considered for all conservation activities.

## **Final Products –**

With the reduction of county funding given to many of the conservation districts, districts are losing the ability to participate in outreach or promotional activities. The state of South Dakota needs to have a vision which includes the conservation districts and the services we offer. The ultimate goal is that the conservation districts are more visible to the public. The end result is; as the public learns more about the conservation opportunities, the public will be more willing to be involved in conservation.

**Outreach and Promotion of the S.D. Conservation Districts**  
*sponsored by Hamlin Conservation District*  
 Approved Practices and Cost-Share Percentages

<i>Practice</i>	<i>Maximum Cost</i>	<i>Estimated Units</i>	<i>Total Cost</i>	<i>Cost-Share %</i>	<i>CC Grant \$</i>	<i>CD \$</i>
Travel	\$800		\$800	50%	\$400	\$400
Supplies	\$5,600		\$5,600	100%	\$5,600	\$0
Administrative	\$200		\$200	100%	\$200	\$0
Wages	\$22.78	hour	\$5,800	0%		\$5,800
<b>Totals</b>			<b>\$12,400</b>		<b>\$6,200</b>	<b>\$6,200</b>

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### Applicant Information:

Organization: Hamlin Conservation District

Telephone: (605) 783-3642

Tax Status: Government

Mailing Address: PO Box 165

City: Hayti

State: SD Zip: 57241

### Project Contact:

Project Officer: Peggy Loomis

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (605) 783-3642

Email: hamlincd@sdconservation.net

### Project Information:

Project Name: Pasture Pipe for Water Quality 2

Start Date: 07/01/2017 End Date: 06/30/2018

Legal description: County: \_\_\_\_\_

Township: \_\_\_\_\_ Range: \_\_\_\_\_ Section: \_\_\_\_\_ Qtr: \_\_\_\_\_ Qtr: \_\_\_\_\_

### Type of Grant:

- Conservation Grant
- Community Forestry
- Insect/Disease
- Invasive Species
- Forest Stewardship
- Mountain Pine Beetle
- Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

### Financial Information:

Grant Funds Requested: 12,846 Partner Contributions (total) 29,951 Total Project Cost: 42,797

Please give a brief, descriptive summary of the project (Use Section "D" to provide project detail)

The Pasture Pipe for Water Quality Project 2 is a continued effort\*\* of the Hamlin Conservation District to assist Coteau Area producers in providing clean water to their livestock. As a district located in an agricultural setting, we are continuously searching for ways to support healthy and sustainable livestock production. There continues to be a need for financial assistance to implement the conservation practices that are not eligible for any other cost share programs, either due to lack of funding or eligibility requirements. Due to high costs, many producers are unable to install practices needed. This project will ensure the cattle get to the much needed water resource, especially in the anticipated drought conditions.

The goal of this project is to help cost share up to 3 miles of pasture pipe and fittings, 8 water tanks, and 3 rural water hookups. This grant will also contribute to the cost of advertising and outreach to area producers to the availability of this project.

The Hamlin Conservation District will use the 2017 Conservation Commission approved practices and percentages as the guide to the cost share funding. A report will be prepared for the Commission stating the project results, upon completion.

\*\*The initial awarded grant for this project was a six month project. Due to insufficient advertising and a timing situation, only one producer had benefit from the grant. There are currently five producers seeking assistance on projects like these.

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, this application is true and correct. I further agree to comply with the provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and regulations issued thereunder relating to nondiscrimination in federally assisted programs.

Applicant Signature Peggy Loomis District Manager 02/01/2017

Authorized Signature Title Date

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Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Title Date

**BUDGET SHEET**

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**A. OPERATING BUDGET**

1. Salary/Benefits	135	
2. Travel		
3. Contractual Services	42,562	
4. Supplies	100	
5. Equipment (list major equip.)		
6. Consultant Services		
<b>Total Projects Costs</b>	<b>42,797</b>	This total must equal <b>42,797</b>

**B. ACTIVITY BUDGET**

Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
1. Pipeline & Fittings	8,554	19,958			28,512
2. Tanks	1,920	4,480			6,400
3. Rural Water Hookups	2,295	5,355			7,650
4. Public Outreach/Ads	50	50			100
5. Administrative	27		108		135
6.					0
7.					0
8.					0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>12,846</b>	<b>29,843</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>42,797</b>
					This total must equal <b>42,797</b>

**C. PROJECT PARTNERS:** Please list the names of ALL project partner organizations, the value of their contribution, and indicate whether the contribution is cash or in-kind.

Partner	Amount Cash	Amount In-Kind	Total
1. RC&F	12,846		12,846
2. Hamlin Conservation District	50	108	158
3. Producers requesting cost share	29,793		29,793
4.			0
5.			0
6.			0
7.			0
8.			0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>42,689</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>42,797</b>
			This total must equal <b>42,797</b>

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## **D. Project Description and Need**

### **Primary Beneficiaries of this Project**

Providing clean water to our livestock is imperative to livestock health. As a district located in an agricultural setting, we are continuously searching for ways to support healthy and sustainable livestock production. Due to the high cost often associated with installing beneficial conservation practices, many producers are unable to do so unless alternative funding is available.

### **Responsible for implementation, maintenance, and follow-up**

Hamlin Conservation District – the district will be responsible for the implementation, maintenance, and follow-up of this project. Hamlin Conservation District will be responsible for submitting the information to the Division of Conservation & Forestry for Reimbursement and Reporting. Practices will meet NRCS standards.

### **Indicate where this project will be located**

The funding for these projects will be available to the producers in the Coteau area of South Dakota.

### **Describe the specific environmental, natural resource, ecological, educational needs the project will address**

The purpose of this grant is to provide good, clean drinking water to the livestock. Water is an important, but often overlooked nutrient for livestock. Providing clean water improves reproduction, and weight gain, as well as growth. There will no longer be the need for the livestock to drink from a dugout, which is often an algae, bacteria ridden pond. This project will also enhance the riparian areas often damaged by cattle heading to their water source. With this requested funding, the Hamlin Conservation District plans to fund up to three miles pasture pipe and fittings, up to 8 tanks, and three rural water hookups. This District will also use minimal funding to help with the cost of the advertising and public outreach to inform area producers of the availability, as well as record keeping for reporting purposes. Local zoning permits will be obtained if required. Cultural Resources are considered for all conservation activities

## **E. Final Products**

The primary benefits of this project would be improved livestock health, and improved water quality. As stated in the Primary Beneficiaries section, good water quality has proven to improve livestock health and productivity. This leads to a direct economic benefit to the producer.

## **F. Partner Justification**

The Hamlin County Conservation District is very aware of the needs in the Coteau Area. Our District has been selling pasture pipe and fittings for several years, however, the number of producers able to fund such projects is continually decreasing. The demand for providing clean water to livestock is rising. Due to recent drought years, and the forecast of possibly having those conditions continue, our District would like to be able to help the livestock producers in the Coteau Area with these costs. This initial Water Quality Grant may be an example of what great resources can do for our livestock, the stream banks and our other natural resources.

The 2017 Conservation Commission Approved Practices Costs and the Approved Cost-Share Percentages will be followed. The South Dakota Coordinated Soil and Water Conservation Plan will be followed. The district will conform to the goals and objectives of

this plan. The district will be responsible for the project management, technical assistance, and evaluation of the project.

The Conservation Commission Grant will be responsible for approximately 30% of the cost of the pipe, the tanks and the rural water hookups.

The Landowner will have the most to gain from this project. He will provide at least 70% of the cost of all services/supplies. The producer will be responsible for all maintenance of the project.

#### **G. Success of the Project**

Project success will be measured by the number of new water resources installed. The improvement of water quality, reduction of soil erosion, the protection of ground water, and the improvement of range and pastureland will be the true measures of success.

**Hamlin/Codington Tree Shrub Program**  
 Approved Practices and Cost-Share Percentages

<i>Practice</i>	<i>Maximum Cost</i>	<i>Estimated Units</i>	<i>Cost Share %</i>	<i>CC Grant \$</i>	<i>Producer Costs \$</i>
Pasture Pipe/Fittings	\$1.80/L.F.	15840 L.F.	30%	\$8,554	\$19,958
Tanks - standard	\$1.60/gal	4000 gal.	30%	\$1,920	\$4,480
Rural Water Hookups	\$2550/ea	3 each	30%	\$2,295	\$5,355
Outreach - Advertising	each		50%	\$50	\$50
Administration - Records	\$22.38/hour	6	20%	\$27	\$108
<b>Totals</b>				<b>\$12,846</b>	<b>\$29,951</b>
<b>Total Cost of Project</b>	<b>\$42,797</b>				
All project items are 30% Conservation Commissions Grant Funds and 70% Conservation District/Landowner Funds					



# Department of Agriculture Division of Resource Conservation & Forestry Grant Application Form

### Applicant Information:

Organization: Kingsbury Conservation District  
 Telephone: (605) 854-3183  
 Tax Status: Government

Mailing Address: Po Box 85  
 City: Desmet  
 State: SD Zip: 57231

### Project Contact:

Project Officer: Tanya Flegel  
 Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (605) 854-3183  
 Email: kingsburycd@sdconservation.net

### Project Information:

Project Name: Conservation Education  
 Start Date: 7-1-16 End Date: 6-30-18  
 Legal description: County: Kingsbury  
 Township: \_\_\_\_\_ Range: \_\_\_\_\_ Section: \_\_\_\_\_ Qtr. \_\_\_\_\_ Qtr. \_\_\_\_\_

### Type of Grant:

- Conservation Grant
- Community Forestry
- Insect/Disease
- Invasive Species
- Forest Stewardship
- Mountain Pine Beetle
- Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

### Financial Information:

Grant Funds Requested: 1,170 Partner Contributions (total) 2,610 Total Project Cost: 3,780

Please give a brief, descriptive summary of the project (Use Section "D" to provide project detail)

This grant is for Conservation Education. We feel the best way to promote conservation in our county is through conservation education. Activities through this grant may include land judging, Arbor day activities, soil and water stewardship, parades, web design, conservation speech contest, and any other education activities that may arise. Our land judging helps prepare our kids for the state and national contest. This will help us to introduce the younger generation to the importance of trees and protecting the soil.

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I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, this application is true and correct. I further agree to comply with the provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and regulations issued thereunder relating to nondiscrimination in federally assisted programs.

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Authorized Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date 3-15-2016

A copy of the state required W-9 Form must be attached to this application.

### For Division Use Only:

Reviewed by: Bill Wilkinson Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Title Chairman Date 2/9/17  
 Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## BUDGET SHEET

The total for each of these three sections should equal the "Total Project Costs" on page 1

### A. OPERATING BUDGET

1. Salary/Benefits	1,920	
2. Travel		
3. Contractual Services		
4. Supplies	900	
5. Equipment (list major equip.)		
6. Consultant Services	960	
<b>Total Projects Costs</b>	<b>3,780</b>	This total must equal <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">3,780</span>

### B. ACTIVITY BUDGET

Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
1. Supplies	750	150			900
2. Wages & Benefits	320	1,400		960	2,680
3. Administration	100	100			200
4.					0
5.					0
6.					0
7.					0
8.					0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1,170</b>	<b>1,650</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>960</b>	<b>3,780</b>
					This total must equal <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">3,780</span>

### C. PROJECT PARTNERS: Please list the names of ALL project partner organizations, the value of their contribution, and indicate whether the contribution is cash or in-kind.

Partner	Amount Cash	Amount In-Kind	Total
1. RC&F	1,170		1,170
2. Area teachers	1,400		1,400
3. Kingsbury Conservation District	250		250
4. NRCS field office Personnel	960		960
5.			0
6.			0
7.			0
8.			0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>3,780</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,780</b>
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## SECTION D. – C. PROJECT PARTNERS:

**Project Narrative Instructions:** (Total narrative should not exceed three pages of single-spaced text. Please attach any maps, figures and photographs you feel are valuable in explaining the project.)

### INSTRUCTIONS

Complete the following section for Coordinated Natural Resources Conservation Grants

**NOTE: Any practice funded by the Coordinated Natural Resources Conservation Grant funds must meet one or more goals of the Coordinated Soil & Water Conservation Plan.**

D. Project Description and Need - Educate our young and older society in Kingsbury County

- Explain who will be the primary beneficiaries of this project (who will receive the benefits when this project is complete): Our kids in our District and landowners that are open to conservation and new practices
- Define who will be responsible for the implementation, maintenance and follow-up stages of the project: Kingsbury conservation District
- Indicate where this project will be located (district, watershed, community, etc. Attach maps as relevant) Kingsbury County
- Describe the specific environmental, natural resource, ecological, educational and/or socio-economic need(s) the Projects will address. Prevent soil erosion, teaching our next generation about conservation, improving wildlife habitat, educate on Arbor Day. Educate about wind water erosion. Teach soil conservation, soil testing, and rebuilding soil for the future.
- Briefly describe the specific on-the-ground restoration activities to be undertaken on-site to achieve the project objectives, and why it is needed? The District will guide producers and students how and where to plant a tree. For example, the 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will be planting a tree by the school and going back each year to measure growth until they graduate.
- Explain if this project is part of a larger regional and/or local watershed effort. Our District schools participate in The Arbor day poster contest and speech contest; these both go to state levels. We have been educating our District for years in hopes that the students take their knowledge to college and future destinations.
- Describe provisions to ensure long-term management and protection of the project (e.g., conservation easements on private land, long-term monitoring program) The conservation District will monitor the trees growth through the years with the school's students and help from the Ag programs in the schools. The Kingsbury District has a lot of young landowners taking over their farms it is our hope and belief that they take this home and encourage their friends and family members about conservation.
- Please indicate if any federal, state or local permits are required to complete the project and the status of efforts to secure necessary authorization. N/A

### E. Final Products

- Describe the anticipated benefits of the project from an ecological, educational, and/or socio-economic perspective (e.g., number of acres of wetlands or stream miles restored, target audience and how they will benefit)  
Most of our landowner will be starting to hand down their lands to their children; this is a great way to start teaching the next generation about conservation practices. By putting up new shelterbelts this will create a chain reaction. As landowners talk to each other, and like the results of the planting Kingsbury district is hoping this will get more landowners interested in revitalizing the conservation practice.

### F. Partner Justification

- Describe the strengths, qualifications and nature of the contribution of your organization and other collaborating Organizations.. The Kingsbury Conservation district cares very much on how we leave our environment for future landowners and just people in general. We strive to find ways to help not only farmland owners but the people that own homes in towns. Providing assistance on how to use conservation practices the best way possible. We work close with the FSA, NRCS and GF&P to come up with the best plan for tree survival.

G. Identify how you will measure the success of the project. By how many more landowners we can get reinterested in Conservation. It may take the next 20 years to calculate our success from today, but if we can get 100 students and landowners involved, that is 100 more people encouraging others to learn and educate conservation practices. That is the success we will see now!



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### Project Contact:

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Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

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Email: kingsburycd@sdconservation.net

### Project Information:

Project Name: Shelter-belt Renovation  
Start Date: July 1, 2017 End Date: June 30, 2018  
Legal description: County: Kingsbury  
Township: \_\_\_\_\_ Range: \_\_\_\_\_ Section: \_\_\_\_\_ Qtr. \_\_\_\_\_ Qtr. \_\_\_\_\_

### Type of Grant:

- Conservation Grant  Community Forestry
- Insect/Disease  Invasive Species
- Forest Stewardship  Mountain Pine Beetle
- Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

### Financial Information:

Grant Funds Requested: 43,964 Partner Contributions (total) 78,334 Total Project Cost: 122,298

Please give a brief, descriptive summary of the project (Use Section "D" to provide project detail)

Kingsbury Conservation District proposes replacing Shelterbelts in Kingsbury County locations where the current shelterbelts are no longer providing shelter for wild life and are no longer saving the soil from wind and erosion.

Shelterbelts are generally established to protect or shelter nearby areas from troublesome winds. Such plantings are used to reduce wind erosion, protect growing plants (crops and forage), alter microenvironment to enhance plant growth, manage snow, improve irrigation efficiency and delineate field boundaries. Windbreaks also protect structures and livestock, provide wildlife habitat and travel corridors, enhance aesthetics and increase carbon storage. Also, when used as a living screen, windbreaks control views, reduce noise and intercept chemical drift.

For plantings to function properly, access by livestock and certain wildlife must be managed year-round (use exclusion and fencing). Connecting shelterbelts with existing or planned perennial vegetation, such as woodlots and woody draws (tree/shrub establishment) or riparian areas provides additional benefits for wildlife and aesthetics.

Most of the trees Kingsbury Conservation District will be replacing are 30-40 year old trees that are now dead. We will be guiding landowners on the best ways to revitalize and still use the old shelter belt by taking only the necessary rows and replacing dead trees with new trees. Trees and shrubs in a windbreak or shelterbelt need periodic maintenance and, later on, possible renovation. The Conservation District will monitor the trees growth throughout the years and send out letters to the landowners with the status of the reworked shelterbelt, and how to make improvements if necessary.

It is vitally important for Kingsbury Conservation District to continue teaching and stressing the importance of conserving our lands, our soil and our wildlife habitat to the new generation of landowners and farmers. It is our desire to encourage more landowners in revitalizing this conservation practice to revitalize our soils and to keep our soils from becoming overworked and exhausted. Our hope is to revitalize at least 30 acres of land.

Kingsbury conservation Districts cares very much how we leave our environment for future landowners and future generations. We strive to find ways to help not only farmland owners, but the land owners in our communities. We provide assistance in learning and implementing best conservation practices possible, working closely with the FSA, NRCS and GF& P to execute the best procedures for tree survival.

Thank you,  
Tanya Flegel

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, this application is true and correct. I further agree to comply with the provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and regulations issued thereunder relating to nondiscrimination in federally assisted programs.

Applicant Signature *Daniel Williams* *Bond member* *1-25-17*  
Authorized Signature Title Date

A copy of the state required Form 7-3 must be attached to this application.

### For Division Use Only:

Reviewed by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Title Date

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Title Date

## BUDGET SHEET

The total for each of these three sections should equal the "Total Project Costs" on page 1

### A. OPERATING BUDGET

1. Salary/Benefits	1,472	
2. Travel		
3. Contractual Services	80,350	
4. Supplies	13,062	
5. Equipment (list major equip.)		
6. Consultant Services		
<b>Total Projects Costs</b>	<b>94,884</b>	This total must equal <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">122,298</span>

### B. ACTIVITY BUDGET

Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
1. Site Prep	220	330			550
2. Shrubs & Planting	2,500	2,500			5,000
3. Trees & Planting	2,700	2,700			5,400
4. Fabric & Installation	10,500	10,500			21,000
5. Removal	26,508	60,368			86,876
6. Sod Control	800	1,200			2,000
7. Wages	736	736			1,472
8.					0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>43,964</b>	<b>78,334</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>122,298</b>
			This total must equal		<u>122,298</u>

### C. PROJECT PARTNERS: Please list the names of ALL project partner organizations, the value of their contribution, and indicate whether the contribution is cash or in-kind.

Partner	Amount Cash	Amount In-Kind	Total
1. RC&F	43,964		43,964
2. Producers	77,598		77,598
3. Kingsbury Conservation District	736		736
4.			0
5.			0
6.			0
7.			0
8.			0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>122,298</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>122,298</b>
			This total must equal <u>122,298</u>

### SUBMISSION:

Please mail one complete application, including any attachments, to:

**SD Department of Agriculture  
Resource Conservation & Forestry  
523 E. Capitol Avenue  
Pierre, SD 57501-3182**

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## SECTION D. – C. PROJECT PARTNERS:

**Project Narrative Instructions:** (Total narrative should not exceed three pages of single-spaced text. Please attach any maps, figures and photographs you feel are valuable in explaining the project.)

### INSTRUCTIONS

**Complete the following section for Coordinated Natural Resources Conservation Grants**

**NOTE: Any practice funded by the Coordinated Natural Resources Conservation Grant funds must meet one or more goals of the Coordinated Soil & Water Conservation Plan.**

#### D. Project Description and Need

- Explain who will be the primary beneficiaries of this project (who will receive the benefits when this project is complete)
- Define who will be responsible for the implementation, maintenance and follow-up stages of the project
- Indicate where this project will be located (district, watershed, community, etc. Attach maps as relevant)
- Describe the specific environmental, natural resource, ecological, educational and/or socio-economic need(s) the projects will address
- Briefly describe the specific on-the-ground restoration activities to be undertaken on-site to achieve the project objectives, and why it is needed
- Explain if this project is part of a larger regional and/or local watershed effort
- Describe provisions to ensure long-term management and protection of the project (e.g., conservation easements on private land, long-term monitoring program)
- Please indicate if any federal, state or local permits are required to complete the project and the status of efforts to secure necessary authorization

#### E. Final Products

- Describe the anticipated benefits of the project from an ecological, educational, and/or socio-economic perspective (e.g., number of acres of wetlands or stream miles restored, target audience and how they will benefit)

#### F. Partner Justification

- Describe the strengths, qualifications and nature of the contribution of your organization and other collaborating Organizations

#### G. Identify how you will measure the success of the project.

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**Complete the following section for Urban and Community Forestry Challenge Grants**

#### General Grant Requirements

- Complete a sub-grant questionnaire and submit with grant application. The Supplemental questionnaire for UCF Subgrants is required as part of the application.
- Tree species selected must be at least 1¼ inch caliper and at least 10 feet tall in accordance with the American Standard for Nursery Stock (ANSI Z60.1 – 2006).
- Submit a work plan outlining the activities you wish to accomplish through this grant
- Submit a completed Substitute W-9 Taxpayer Identification Number Verification form
- Complete a Department of Agriculture, Division of Resource, Conservation and Forestry grant application form.
- Review and follow the guidelines outlined in the "Urban and Community Forestry Program Challenge Grant" document.
- Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

**The following are requirements for the Insect/Disease Program**

- Project must be completed by the expiration date as set forth in the award approval or all cost-share funds shall be forfeited.
- By completing this application, I understand that I am not guaranteed cost-share.
- Upon completion of the project I agree to provide the Division of Resource Conservation and Forestry with proof of my expenses by submitting a copy of a receipt, invoice or other written document itemizing costs incurred.
- I understand that I will not receive payment until such proof along with a signed "Grant Completion and Reimbursement Form" has been received and approved by the Division.
- If the project is started prior to receiving written approval, funding may be denied.

## SECTION D. – C. PROJECT PARTNERS:

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### INSTRUCTIONS

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D. Project Description and Need - Kingsbury Conservation District proposes replacing Shelterbelts in Kingsbury County locations where the current shelterbelts are no longer providing shelter for wild life and are no longer saving the soil from wind and erosion.

- Explain who will be the primary beneficiaries of this project (who will receive the benefits when this project is complete) Land owners

- Define who will be responsible for the implementation, maintenance and follow-up stages of the project Kingsbury conservation District and Landowners

- Indicate where this project will be located (district, watershed, community, etc. Attach maps as relevant) Kingsbury County

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- Please indicate if any federal, state or local permits are required to complete the project and the status of efforts to

secure necessary authorization. N/A

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G. Identify how you will measure the success of the project. By how many more landowners we can get reinterested in Conservation! Making this conservation project among other like this assessable to the younger generation. It takes our generation to teach the next, by showing that we care now will further their interest and enthusiasm for conservation.

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Practice	Maximum Cost	Estimated Units	Cost-Share %
Shrubs & Planting	\$ 6.50	1000 Row rods	50%
Trees & Planting	\$ 5.50	1200 Row rods	50%
Fabric & Insallation	\$ 0.60	35000 Row rods	50%
Tree Protestors	\$ 5.50	1650 Trees	50%

Site Prep - Tilled	\$25.00/acre	10 acres	25%
Site Prep - Non Tilled	\$50.00/acre	6 acres	25%
Removal - above ground	\$2800/acre	6 acres	25%
Removal - Includes roots	\$6100/acre	10 acres	25%
Sod Controll	\$200/acre	10 acres	25%

Technical Assistance	\$14.00/hr	64hrs	50%
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Totals			
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Total Project cost	\$ 122,298.00		
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John Blachford

Shane Odengard

Luke Poppen

Jesse Hall

Rhonda/Mike Siefker

in Project for Kingsbury Conservation District

Costs and Cost - Share Percentages

CC Grant \$	Producer Cost	CD Costs	Totals
\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00		\$ 5,000.00
\$ 2,700.00	\$ 2,700.00		\$ 5,400.00
\$ 10,500.50	\$ 10,500.50		\$ 21,001.00
\$ 4,537.50	\$ 4,537.50		\$ 9,075.00
\$ 20,238.00	\$ 20,238.00		\$ 40,476.00

\$ 100.00	\$ 150.00		\$ 250.00
\$ 120.00	\$ 180.00		\$ 300.00
\$ 6,720.00	\$ 10,080.00		\$ 16,800.00
\$ 15,250.00	\$ 45,750.00		\$ 61,000.00
\$ 800.00	\$ 1,200.00		\$ 2,000.00
\$ 22,990.00	\$ 57,360.00		\$ 80,350.00

\$ 736.00		\$ 736.00	\$ 1,472.00
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\$ 43,964.00	\$ 77,598.00	\$ 736.00	\$ 122,298.00
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# Department of Agriculture

## Division of Resource Conservation & Forestry

### Grant Application Form

#### Applicant Information:

Organization: McCook Conservation District  
 Telephone: (605) 425-2483  
 Tax Status: Government

Mailing Address: PO Box 121  
 City: Salem  
 State: SD Zip: 57058

#### Project Contact:

Project Officer: Annette Steilen  
 Fax: (605) 425-2908

Telephone: (605) 425-2483  
 Email: Annette.Steilen@sd.nacdnet.net

#### Project Information:

Project Name: McCook County Shelterbelt Project  
 Start Date: 1/1/2017 End Date: 6/30/18  
 Legal description: County: McCook  
 Township: \_\_\_\_\_ Range: \_\_\_\_\_ Section: \_\_\_\_\_ Qtr: \_\_\_\_\_ Qtr: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Type of Grant:

- Conservation Grant
- Community Forestry
- Insect/Disease
- Invasive Species
- Forest Stewardship
- Mountain Pine Beetle
- Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

#### Financial Information:

Grant Funds Requested: 10,000 Partner Contributions (total) 10,000 Total Project Cost: 20,000

Please give a brief, descriptive summary of the project (Use Section "D" to provide project detail)

The McCook Conservation District Shelter-belt Project is an effort to provide Financial Assistance to area Producers who are willing to put Conservation practices to use. This opportunity will be made available to producers who do not qualify for other Government Assistance. The project is designed to provide field windbreaks, provide shelter to livestock and wildlife habitat and help to improve air quality, all of which address the goals identified by the SD Soil and Water Conservation Plan. The 2015 Conservation Commission approved practice costs and percentage will be followed. Eighteen months is a practical amount of time to be best able to assist the amount of producers targeted with this project. Participating in the project will be the McCook Conservation District and USDA/NRCS.

*Need signature  
 is late for Fall Rd  
 hold off for Spring Rd  
 WJH 3/23/17 email*

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and regulations issued thereunder are being observed.

I further agree to comply with the regulations in federally assisted programs.

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Authorized Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date 11/14/16

A copy of the state required W-9 Form must be attached to this application.

#### For Division Use Only:

Reviewed by: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## BUDGET SHEET

The total for each of these three sections should equal the "Total Project Costs" on page 1

### A. OPERATING BUDGET

1. Salary/Benefits	1,120	
2. Travel	0	
3. Contractual Services	18,380	
4. Supplies	300	
5. Equipment (list major equip.)	0	
6. Consultant Services	200	
<b>Total Projects Costs</b>	<b>20,000</b>	This total must equal <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">20,000</span>

### B. ACTIVITY BUDGET

Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
1. Management	560	560			1,120
2. Info & Education	500	300	200		1,000
3. Technical Assistance	200	200			400
4. Trees & Shrubs	2,609	2,609			5,218
5. Fabric	4,725	4,725			9,450
6. Tree Tubes	1,406	1,406			2,812
7.					0
8.					0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>9,800</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20,000</b>
					This total must equal <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">20,000</span>

### C. PROJECT PARTNERS: Please list the names of ALL project partner organizations, the value of their contribution, and indicate whether the contribution is cash or in-kind.

Partner	Amount Cash	Amount In-Kind	Total
1. RC&F	10,000		10,000
2. McCook Conservation District	860		860
3. McCook County Producers	8,740		8,740
4. McCook County NRCS		200	200
5. Forester	200		200
6.			0
7.			0
8.			0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>19,800</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>20,000</b>
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### SUBMISSION:

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 Pierre, SD 57501-3182

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## *McCook Conservation District*

### **Shelterbelt Project**

#### **Project Narrative**

##### **Project Description and Need**

McCook Conservation District has observed a need for financial assistance to implement conservation practices that are not eligible for any other cost share because of lack of funding and eligibility requirements. Due to the costs associated with installing conservation practices many operators and land owners are unable to install practices needed to address air quality, livestock protection, wildlife protection, and other resource concerns unless alternative funding is available.

The McCook Conservation District Shelterbelt Project will provide cost share for the information/education, trees, shrubs, fabric & tree tubes for installation of shelterbelts. . McCook County producers would greatly benefit from assistance with cost shares to add shelterbelts to their land.

If awarded funding for the McCook Shelterbelt Project, the McCook Conservation District will be able to accept applications for shelterbelts to be seeded in years 2017 and 2018. Allowing the grant to cover two planting periods during years 2017 and 2018 will allow utilization of grant funds without requiring a request of grant extension or return of funds.

The Shelterbelt Project will be available to all of McCook County. Availability of the grant will be publicized to landowners and operators in McCook County by McCook Conservation District with assistance from Natural Resource Conservation Service.

The Shelterbelt Project will comply with the South Dakota Coordinated Soil and Water Conservation Plan by addressing identified needs addressed in goals 4 (air quality),<sup>5</sup> (enhance wildlife habitat), 6 awareness and understanding of benefits of natural resource management) and 7 (funding for natural resource management) of the plan.

Beneficiaries in McCook County of the Shelterbelt Project will be assisted in determining the appropriate trees and shrubs to plant. The assistance will be provided by the McCook Conservation District and Natural Resource Conservation Service.

Cost share will be based on the 2017 Conservation Commission Approved Practices Costs. The practice offered will be the installation of shelterbelts.

The goal of the project is to conserve, develop, and enhance natural resources and environment for the benefit of all in McCook County by improving management of air quality, reducing wind erosion, providing energy conservation and providing wildlife habitat. The installation of shelterbelts will help with all of these.

#### **Final Products**

The completion of the Shelterbelt Project for conservation practices will provide for and include as many as 10-15 land owners or operators who are able to install windbreaks, living snow fences or provide shelter for livestock and wildlife on 12 acres with the Shelterbelt Project.

#### **Partner Justification**

McCook Conservation District has formed strong bonds with local land owners and operators with a guided assistance from Natural Resource Conservation Service, Game Fish and Parks, State Forestry Department and Pheasants Forever.

#### **Identify how you will measure the success of the project**

The success of Shelterbelt Project will be measured by the number of acres that benefit from the practice of planting trees and shrubs to provide coverage for crops, livestock and wildlife conservation practices and by the number of land owners and operators assisted.



Mellette County Conservation District

PO Box I

White River, SD 57579

605-259-3252 ext. 3

March 15, 2017

South Dakota Conservation Commission  
523 East Capitol Avenue  
Pierre, SD 57501-3182

Dear South Dakota Conservation Commission:

The Mellette County Conservation District is proud to submit a grant application for the 2017 Spring Grant Round. The following application is for our Summer 2017 Multi-Practice Grant that will start July 1, 2017 and end December 31, 2018. This grant will be a continuation of the grant that was reduced at the fall grant round. We hope to serve as many producers as possible and this grant will assist us in doing that.

Along with our application, you will find a copy of the minutes from our board meeting, spreadsheets to explain how we came up with our figures, and the narrative that goes with our application.

Thank you for your assistance and for considering our grant. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Mellette County Conservation District at 605-259-3252 ext. 3.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laurie M. Chauncey".

Laurie Chauncey  
District Manager  
Todd & Mellette County Conservation Districts

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Pierre Office



## Department of Agriculture

### Division of Resource Conservation & Forestry

### Grant Application Form

**Applicant Information:**

Organization:

Telephone:

Tax Status:

Mailing Address:

City:

State:  Zip:

**Project Contact:**

Project Officer:

Fax:

Telephone:

Email:

**Project Information:**

Project Name:

Start Date:  End Date:

Legal description: County:

Township:  Range:  Section:  Qtr:  Qtr:

**Type of Grant:**

Conservation Grant  Community Forestry

Insect/Disease  Invasive Species

Forest Stewardship  Mountain Pine Beetle

Other (Specify)

**Financial Information:**

Grant Funds Requested:  Partner Contributions (total)  Total Project Cost:

Please give a brief, descriptive summary of the project (Use Section "D" to provide project detail)

This grant will be a continuation of the Multi-Practice Grant that was funded in the Fall 2016 which was reduced by \$39,000. This Grant will give all interested producers the opportunity to complete their conservation practices in 2017. Attached documentation will show intended producers for completion of this project.

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Pierre Office

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, this application is true and correct. I further agree to comply with the provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and regulations issued thereunder relating to nondiscrimination in federally assisted programs.

Applicant Signature: Laurie Chauncey District Manager   
Authorized Signature Title Date

A copy of the state required W-9 Form must be attached to this application.

**For Division Use Only:**

Reviewed by: \_\_\_\_\_    
Signature Title Date

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_    
Signature Title Date

## BUDGET SHEET

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3. Contractual Services	91,500	
4. Supplies		
5. Equipment (list major equip.)		
6. Consultant Services		
<b>Total Projects Costs</b>	<b>102,000</b>	This total must equal <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">102,000</span>

### B. ACTIVITY BUDGET

Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
1. Water Development					0
2. <small>Pipeline, Tanks, local water hookup, all energy wells</small>	15,000	25,000		10,000	50,000
3. Fence	5,000	7,500		2,500	15,000
4. Pond Clean-out	5,000	10,000			15,000
5. Fabricated Windbreak	5,000	7,500			12,500
6. Technical Assistance	6,000	0			6,000
7. Administration	3,000	0	500		3,500
8.					0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>39,000</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>12,500</b>	<b>102,000</b>
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### C. PROJECT PARTNERS: Please list the names of ALL project partner organizations, the value of their contribution, and indicate whether the contribution is cash or in-kind.

Partner	Amount Cash	Amount In-Kind	Total
1. RC&F	39,000		39,000
2. Mellette and Todd County Producer	50,000		50,000
3. Lewis and Clark Watershed Project	12,500		12,500
4. Mellette & Todd Conservation District		500	500
5.			0
6.			0
7.			0
8.			0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>101,500</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>102,000</b>
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## Summer 2017 Multi-Practice Grant

### D - Project Description and Need

The agricultural producers that own or operate land within the boundaries of the Mellette and Todd County Conservation Districts will be the primary beneficiaries of the grant. Projects completed under this grant would most certainly help future generations as well.

The Mellette and Todd County Conservation Districts will be responsible for providing leadership, technical assistance, and educational/financial assistance opportunities to producers to help them utilize and manage their natural resources. The producer will be responsible for the implementation and maintenance of the conservation practices installed. Producers need to ensure that the practice functions as intended for the designated life span of the practice and thereafter. The districts will complete the construction check, making sure that specifications and standards were followed. Administrative duties will be handled by the Todd and Mellette County Conservation Districts.

All installed conservation practices under this grant will be within the boundaries of the Mellette and Todd Conservation District boundaries. There will be some projects that are installed in the Lewis and Clark Watershed Implementation Project Area. Other watersheds that may benefit from installed practices are Cottonwood Creek, Pine Creek, Niobrara, Little White River, Porcupine Creek, and White River.

Mellette and Todd County producers who want to ensure the long-term use of their natural resources in an economically, socially, and environmentally sustainable manner will use this grant opportunity to do just that. All conservation practices installed through this grant will address natural resource concerns. Pipelines will provide a dependable water system with adequate water supply for livestock and serve the conservation needs of the grazing land for many years. Pipelines can provide water even during drought years when surface water may be non-existent. Tanks will provide a dependable water supply source to distribute grazing, allowing proper grazing. The proper placement of several tanks will prevent overgrazing due to lack of water source distribution on the grazing land. This will improve plant growth and cover, preventing erosion. The alternative energy pumps (solar panels) are an energy source option that can be used to pump water for livestock watering systems. Using an alternative energy pump can give a producer more flexibility and increase the utilization of the grazing land even more than first planned. Rural water hook-ups are essential for getting pipeline and tanks on the land. In a lot of cases, if you don't get a hook-up there won't be a reliable water source. Wells generally provide a stable, consistent water source that at times creeks, ponds, and dams can't compete with. Wells can assist with improving pasture utilization and can provide an alternative winter water supply in which a producer can keep his livestock away from the farmyard. With the portable fabricated windbreak demonstration project we have found that they work well and being portable will reduce manure buildup in calving areas and other associated animal health problems. A proper fencing layout is a powerful management tool in efficient grazing systems. A well planned grazing system will address natural resource concerns by increasing plant health, controlling invasive weed species, and enhancing soil health. An effective grazing system can also be an affordable way to provide extra forage to livestock and reduce herd costs year round.

When planning a conservation practice, the first thing that needs to be done is a site visit. A site visit is necessary for two reasons: to make sure the practice will be addressing a resource concern and to document the current condition of the land. Documentation gives the district something to look back on and gives us a better idea on whether or not the land has benefited from the installed practice.

Along with planning there also will be a design completed for every conservation practice. Practices must be well planned and designed to ensure that the proper conservation practice is placed on the land and that the practice will function as intended. We have included technical assistance as part of this grant to help with cost incurred from time and traveling to sites to complete conservation planning.

The districts have practices planned that will be part of a watershed effort. Preliminary assessments completed previously on the White River, show the river as being a major contributor to the Missouri River Sediment problems. The conservation practices installed through this grant can provide resources to producers so they may not have to rely on a creek, river, or other waterways. If these resources are utilized they will decrease livestock pressure in these areas therefor reducing grazing pressure on riparian areas. Decreasing grazing pressure will decrease erosion and lessen the amount of sediment moving downstream. The Lewis and Clark 319 Watershed Project focuses on reducing sediment and pollution of all lakes and streams in the watershed. The grant covers some of the Lewis and Clark Watershed Implementation Area and the practices planned that are in the watershed will help with the Project's Focus on impaired Water Bodies.

When a construction check is completed the districts find out if specifications and standards have been followed or if changes are needed. The construction check is necessary to confirm that the conservation practice was installed properly and functions as planned. The producer will sign a Conservation Practice Agreement with the districts, which signifies that the producer understands his/her obligation of long-term management and protection of the practices installed. By signing the agreement, the producer also permits the districts to enter the land where practices are installed, within at reasonable times, for planning, managing, and inspecting purposes. The technical assistance in this grant will assist with ensuring projects are completed and function as intended.

With guidance from the project partners, the producer will fulfill his/her responsibility of obtaining all required permits prior to any construction being completed.

#### E - Final Products

Producers within the boundaries of Mellette and Todd County that have planned projects in this grant will benefit by receiving technical and funding assistance with implementing conservation practices on the land that they manage. Through the Summer 2017 Multi-Practice Grant we plan to install 18,500 feet of pipeline, 6 livestock tanks, 1 alternative energy pump, 2 rural water hook-ups, a well, two portable fabricated windbreaks, and 15,840 feet of fence. We also intend to complete two pond cleanouts with funds from this grant. Note: Please see the attached spreadsheet for more detail on the planned conservation practices.

#### F - Partner Justification

Project partners will include:

- Mellette County Conservation District
- Todd County Conservation District
- SD Dept. of Ag (RC&F Division)
- Lewis & Clark Watershed Implementation Project
- Natural Resource Conservation Service
- Producers from Mellette and Todd County

The above project partners have experience working together and form an excellent partnership that will increase project delivery effectiveness so that producers will have technical and financial resources available in timely manner. All project partners have a common goal of having conservation practices being implemented on the land. Both the Mellette and Todd County Conservation Districts have been the lead organization for several past Conservation Commission Grants. The districts and their staff are experienced in providing technical and financial assistance for the conservation practices planned through this grant. The two districts and the local NRCS staff have a great working relationship; NRCS staff will continue to refer conservation practices that fit well within this grant to the district. Also, when needed the NRCS is also a great source for technical assistance. With the current vacancy in our office and multiple NRCS contracts being funded the technical assistance in this grant will ensure that we are able to serve the producers. Another partnership already developed is with the Lewis and Clark 319 Watershed Project and the district plans to maintain this partnership with this great resource agency. The Lewis and Clark 319 Watershed Project assists with meeting resource objectives.

#### G - Identify How You Will Measure the Success of the Project

Success will be measured by how effectively the land manager can be assisted in addressing his natural resource conservation concerns. If all projects are installed in a manner where they are environmentally sound conservation practices the grant will be a success. This is why proper planning and designing is important; both help guarantee the grant's success. We will also determine the number of acres that benefit from improved conservation practices. We will focus on timely construction of good conservation practices that will benefit natural resources in Mellette and Todd County.





PO Box 189 – Bison, South Dakota 57620-0189 – Phone (605) 244-7160

March 30, 2017

South Dakota Conservation Commission  
C/o Bill Smith, Department of Agriculture  
523 E Capitol Avenue  
Pierre, South Dakota 57501

Dear South Dakota Conservation Commission,

The Perkins County Conservation District is proud to submit a grant application for the 2017 Spring Grant Round. The following application is for the Northwest Area Natural Resource Specialist that will start July 1, 2017 and end June 30, 2018.

Along with our application you will find a copy of the minutes from our board meeting, the budget to explain how we came up with our figures, tree plans for 2018 that the current Northwest Area Natural Resource Specialist has planned, and the narratives that goes with our application. The Northwest Area Conservation Districts have agreed to contribute \$4,000 of in-kind funds to this project.

Thank you for your assistance. If you have questions or concerns, please call the Perkins County Conservation District's District Manager, Kelsie Chambers, at (604) 244-7160.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lyndel Johnson".

Lyndel Johnson  
Chairman

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# Department of Agriculture Division of Resource Conservation & Forestry Grant Application Form

### Applicant Information:

Organization: Perkins County Conservation District  
 Telephone: (605) 244-7160  
 Tax Status: Government

Mailing Address: PO Box 189  
 City: Bison  
 State: SD Zip: 57620-0189

### Project Contact:

Project Officer: Kelsie Chambers  
 Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (605) 244-7160  
 Email: kelsie.chambers@sd.nacdnet.net

### Project Information:

Project Name: NW Area Natural Resource Specialist  
 Start Date: 07/01/2017 End Date: 6/30/2018  
 Legal description: County: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Township: \_\_\_\_\_ Range: \_\_\_\_\_ Section: \_\_\_\_\_ Qtr: \_\_\_\_\_ Qtr: \_\_\_\_\_

### Type of Grant:

- Conservation Grant
- Community Forestry
- Insect/Disease
- Invasive Species
- Forest Stewardship
- Mountain Pine Beetle
- Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

### Financial Information:

Grant Funds Requested: 34,888 Partner Contributions (total) 38,888 Total Project Cost: 73,777

Please give a brief, descriptive summary of the project (Use Section "D" to provide project detail)

This project is a continuation of the Northwest Area Forester position which was started in July of 2003. This project will serve to support a six county area (Corson, Dewey, Harding, Perkins, Tri, and Ziebach) in the expertise of forestry for a one year period. The position would function as a natural resource specialist which will strengthen the conservation districts ability to provide leadership, planning, and implementation of needed projects. This position will also provide technical evaluations and consultations to private landowners, area producers, state and federal agencies and the general public in the area of wind and water erosion, water quality, control of disease and pests, design and planning, among other duties. The overall goal of the project complies with the South Dakota Coordinated Soil and Water Conservation Plan and the long range plans of the six conservation districts.

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, this application is true and correct. I further agree to comply with the provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and regulations issued thereunder relating to nondiscrimination in federally assisted programs.

Applicant Signature *Lyndel Johnson* Chairman 3/30/17  
 Authorized Signature Title Date

A copy of the state required W-9 Form must be attached to this application.

### For Division Use Only:

Reviewed by: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature Title  
 Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature Title

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## BUDGET SHEET

The total for each of these three sections should equal the "Total Project Costs" on page 1

### A. OPERATING BUDGET

1. Salary/Benefits	47,360	
2. Travel	9,254	
3. Contractual Services	17,164	
4. Supplies		
5. Equipment (list major equip.)		
6. Consultant Services		
<b>Total Projects Costs</b>	<b>73,777</b>	This total must equal <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">73,777</span>

### B. ACTIVITY BUDGET

Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
1. Salary	23,680			23,680	47,360
2. Benefits	2,902			2,902	5,803
3. Office Space and IT	3,680			3,680	7,360
4. Travel	4,627			4,627	9,254
5. 6 Cons. Districts			4,000		4,000
6.					0
7.					0
8.					0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>34,888</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>34,889</b>	<b>73,777</b>
				This total must equal	<span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">73,777</span>

### C. PROJECT PARTNERS: Please list the names of ALL project partner organizations, the value of their contribution, and indicate whether the contribution is cash or in-kind.

Partner	Amount Cash	Amount In-Kind	Total
1. SD Conservation Commission	34,888		34,888
2. Conservation Districts		4,000	4,000
3. NRCS	34,888		34,888
4.			0
5.			0
6.			0
7.			0
8.			0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>69,777</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>73,777</b>
			This total must equal <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">73,777</span>

**SUBMISSION:**  
 Please mail one complete application, including any attachments, to:  
**SD Department of Agriculture**  
**Resource Conservation & Forestry**  
**523 E. Capitol Avenue**  
**Pierre, SD 57501-3182**

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## SECTION D. – C. PROJECT PARTNERS:

**Project Narrative Instructions:** (Total narrative should not exceed three pages of single-spaced text. Please attach any maps, figures and photographs you feel are valuable in explaining the project.)

### INSTRUCTIONS

Complete the following section for Coordinated Natural Resources Conservation Grants

**NOTE:** Any practice funded by the Coordinated Natural Resources Conservation Grant funds must meet one or more goals of the Coordinated Soil & Water Conservation Plan.

#### D. Project Description and Need

- Explain who will be the primary beneficiaries of this project (who will receive the benefits when this project is complete)
- Define who will be responsible for the implementation, maintenance and follow-up stages of the project
- Indicate where this project will be located (district, watershed, community, etc. Attach maps as relevant)
- Describe the specific environmental, natural resource, ecological, educational and/or socio-economic need(s) the projects will address
- Briefly describe the specific on-the-ground restoration activities to be undertaken on-site to achieve the project objectives, and why it is needed
- Explain if this project is part of a larger regional and/or local watershed effort
- Describe provisions to ensure long-term management and protection of the project (e.g., conservation easements on private land, long-term monitoring program)
- Please indicate if any federal, state or local permits are required to complete the project and the status of efforts to secure necessary authorization

#### E. Final Products

- Describe the anticipated benefits of the project from an ecological, educational, and/or socio-economic perspective (e.g., number of acres of wetlands or stream miles restored, target audience and how they will benefit)

#### F. Partner Justification

- Describe the strengths, qualifications and nature of the contribution of your organization and other collaborating Organizations

#### G. Identify how you will measure the success of the project.

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### Complete the following section for Urban and Community Forestry Challenge Grants

#### General Grant Requirements

- Complete a sub-grant questionnaire and submit with grant application. The **Supplemental questionnaire for UCF Subgrants is required as part of the application.**
- Tree species selected must be at least 1¼ inch caliper and at least 10 feet tall in accordance with the American Standard for Nursery Stock (ANSI Z60.1 – 2006).
- Submit a work plan outlining the activities you wish to accomplish through this grant
- Submit a completed Substitute W-9 Taxpayer Identification Number Verification form
- Complete a Department of Agriculture, Division of Resource, Conservation and Forestry grant application form.
- Review and follow the guidelines outlined in the "Urban and Community Forestry Program Challenge Grant" document.
- Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

**The following are requirements for the Insect/Disease Program**

- Project must be completed by the expiration date as set forth in the award approval or all cost-share funds shall be forfeited.
- By completing this application, I understand that I am not guaranteed cost-share.
- Upon completion of the project I agree to provide the Division of Resource Conservation and Forestry with proof of my expenses by submitting a copy of a receipt, invoice or other written document itemizing costs incurred.
- I understand that I will not receive payment until such proof along with a signed "Grant Completion and Reimbursement Form" has been received and approved by the Division.
- If the project is started prior to receiving written approval, funding may be denied.

Section D. - C. Project Partners: Narrative  
Northwest Area Natural Resource Specialist Project

**D. Project Description and Need**

The Northwest Area Natural Resource Specialist (NRS) serves a variety of clientele in the Northwest Area of South Dakota to address natural resource conservation issues. The main goal of the Northwest Area Natural Resource Specialist Project is to ensure livestock protection, wind erosion control, snow management, woody vegetation reestablishment, wildlife habitat development, aesthetics, and tree disease/insect problems. This project is a continuation of the Northwest Area Forester position which was started in July of 2003. In 2016 alone, the NRS has assisted with protecting livestock on 50 farms and ranches by planting 43,242 trees, 59 miles of rows covering 158.5 acres of land. The NRS responded to over 50 sick tree calls with recommendations for control of pests or diseases. This project has been vital to conservation education and information to the Northwest area. Newspapers across northwestern South Dakota were provided 24 Tree Facts news releases, and radio stations were provided with 9 Tree Facts radio spots. This has, and will continue to strengthen Conservation District leadership, planning, implementation capabilities, operations, and programs.

The NRS will be located in the Natural Resources Conservation Service's office in Bison, SD. The NRS is responsible for working with six counties in the Northwest Area: Corson County, Dewey County, Harding County, Perkins County, Tri-County, and Ziebach County Conservation Districts. Watersheds included totally or partly in this area are Lake Oahe, Grand River, Moreau River, Cheyenne River, Belle Fourche River, Little Missouri River, and Cedar River. Communities in this area are diverse ethnically, including American Indian and non-Indian people. Two American Indian Reservations are served as Corson County lies on half of the Standing Rock Reservation, and Dewey and Ziebach counties lie on the Cheyenne River Reservation. Municipalities in this area include Bison, Buffalo, Camp Crook, Dupree, Eagle Butte, Faith, Isabel, Lemmon, McIntosh, McLaughlin, Morristown, and Timber Lake. This position works closely with the following: farmers, ranchers, homeowners, businesses, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Farm Service Agency, Forest Service, Division of Resource Conservation and Forestry, Game Fish and Parks, Department of Transportation, Cooperative Extension Service, American Indian Tribes, Conservation Districts, and Counties and Municipalities. The NRS partners with the above clientele to accomplish conservation goals.

The NRS works especially close to the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). For fiscal year 2017, the NRS position has a contribution agreement, wherein the NRS works specifically on the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), Conservation Stewardship Program (CStP), and the Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP). For these programs, the NRS completes consultations, promotes the program and eligibility of producers, and discusses resource concerns and conservation practice applicability, as well as site visits to ensure practice feasibility, which in turn determines the location and amount needed to treat the resource concerns, and completes practice implementations. Additionally, the NRS assists NRCS with administrative plans and contract management. The total amount contracted to the NRS position by NRCS is \$34,220.00.

The NRS uses cost share programs whenever possible to accomplish project objectives. The NRS has assisted producers with EQIP, CRP and State Conservation Commission grants to plant, implement, and renovate shelterbelts and windbreaks to protect livestock, improve water quality, and increase wildlife habits. The NRS utilizes Northwest Area Conservation District Project Agreements for their grant

projects. Project participants enter into project agreements for cost share with their respective conservation districts and they agree to implement, protect, and maintain the cost shared conservation practice(s) implemented through the project. Other state and federal programs implemented have their respective provisions for long-term management and protection.

#### **E. Final Product**

The Northwest Area Natural Resource Specialist position will increase the awareness of the importance of shelterbelts and windbreaks to protect livestock, farmsteads, feedlots, roads, soil and wildlife. Information and educational efforts will be made on a regular basis through newspapers and radio stations across the Northwest Area to assist farmers, ranchers and homeowners with establishment and maintenance of shelterbelts/windbreaks, yard trees, and shrubs.

#### **F. Partner Justification**

The Perkins County Conservation District will be the lead project sponsor. Project management will be provided as an in-kind match from the Northwest Area Conservation Districts. The Northwest Area Conservation Districts will be responsible for all phases of project implementation and administration.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has recognized the value and benefits of the NRS position. The NRS serves as an integral part of the conservation team throughout the Northwest Area for implementing federal, state, and conservation district programs that assist farmers and ranchers with projects that conserve natural resources. Therefore, the NRCS has approved a contribution agreement that funds half of the proposed NRS position budget. NRCS has agreed to provide funding to this position for fiscal year 2018 as well.

#### **G. Project Success**

The Perkins County Conservation District is well qualified in implementing and managing projects, as it has served as the lead project sponsor for numerous State Conservation Commission Grants, as well as other partner projects and grants. The Perkins County Conservation District has successfully implemented over \$1,000,000.00 worth of grant projects since 1993. The success of this proposed project will be measured by keeping track of and reporting sequestration, energy savings, and economic benefits to livestock and grazing enterprises.

NORTHWEST AREA NATURAL RESOURCE SPECIALIST  
 DETAILED BUDGET (JULY 1, 2017- JUNE 30, 2018)

Budget	Grant (\$)	Local (\$)	NRCS (\$)	Total (\$)
Category	Request	Match		
<b>PERSONNEL</b>				
Salary	\$ 23,679.91		\$ 23,679.91	\$ 41,556.37
Benefits	\$ 2,901.72		\$ 2,901.72	\$ 5,803.44
<b>TRAVEL</b>				
Pickup Lease & Insurance	\$ 2,541.50		\$ 2,541.50	\$ 5,083.00
Fuel	\$ 1,085.34		\$ 1,085.34	\$ 2,170.68
Maintenance	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
<b>OTHER</b>				
***Office Space & IT	\$ 3,680.00		\$ 3,680.00	\$ 7,360.00
Perkins in-kind		\$ 1,500.00		\$ 1,500.00
Corson in-kind		\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00
Dewey in-kind		\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00
Harding in-kind		\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00
Tri-Co. in-kind		\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00
Ziebach in-kind		\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 34,888.47</b>	<b>\$ 4,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 34,888.47</b>	<b>\$ 67,973.49</b>
*** Figures Received from Sue Jones, NRCS State Office for office equipment and supplies				
Phone - \$1,000.00/yr				
Color Printer- \$1,200.00/yr				
Printer- \$520.00/yr				
Copier- \$2,400.00/yr				
Supplies- \$840.00/yr				
Computer- \$1,400.00/yr				
<b>TOTAL- \$7,360.00</b>				

District	Part.	Acres	Site Prep.	Row Ft	Tree RR	Trees	Shrub RR	Shrubs	Fabric Ft	Fabric	Fence Ft	Fence	Total C/S \$
Corson	7	11.7	\$ 234.00	24333	1090.60	\$ 2,181.20	384.20	\$ 864.45	24333	\$ 7,009.50	7356	\$ 1,559.47	\$ 11,848.62
Dewey	0	0.0	\$ -	0	0.00	\$ -	0.00	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	\$ -
Harding	0	0.0	\$ -	0	0.00	\$ -	0.00	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	\$ -
Perkins	7	19.9	\$ 358.00	40658	1918.90	\$ 3,417.00	532.90	\$ 1,265.55	40658	\$ 11,984.40	1320	\$ 279.84	\$ 17,304.79
Tri-County	8	19.4	\$ 388.00	36028	2071.00	\$ 4,142.00	112.70	\$ 253.58	32428	\$ 9,728.40	8308	\$ 1,761.30	\$ 16,273.27
Ziebach	2	6.9	\$ 138.00	12764	743.40	\$ 1,486.80	18.20	\$ 40.95	12764	\$ 3,829.20	4179	\$ 885.95	\$ 6,380.90
Totals:	24	57.9	\$ 1,118.00	113783	5823.90	\$ 11,227.00	1048.00	\$ 2,424.53	110183	\$ 32,551.50	21163	\$ 4,486.56	\$ 51,807.58

District	Last Name	F Name	Acres	Site Prep.	Row Ft	Tree RR	Trees	Shrubs RR	Shrubs	Fabric Ft	Fabric	Fence Ft	Fence	Program
Corson	Barnes	Mike	1.1	\$ 22.00	2775.0	135.6	\$ 271.20	32.5	\$ 73.13	2775.0	\$ 832.50	0.0	\$ -	TPG
Corson	Brownotte	Ronald	0.9	\$ 18.00	2290.0	113.3	\$ 226.60	25.3	\$ 56.93	2290.0	\$ 687.00	0.0	\$ -	TPG
Corson	Dix	Roger	0.9	\$ 18.00	2605.0	130.7	\$ 261.40	27.3	\$ 61.43	2605.0	\$ 781.50	0.0	\$ -	TPG
Corson	Bohlander	Chris	0.6	\$ 12.00	968.0	58.6	\$ 117.20	0.0	\$ -	968.0	\$ -	0.0	\$ -	TPG
Corson	Maier	Dennis	1.8	\$ 36.00	3220.0	117.0	\$ 234.00	78.0	\$ 175.50	3220.0	\$ 966.00	1680.0	\$ 356.16	TPG-Site1
Corson	Maier	Dennis	2.6	\$ 52.00	4750.0	172.8	\$ 345.60	115.2	\$ 259.20	4750.0	\$ 1,425.00	2220.0	\$ 470.64	TPG-Site2
Corson	Maier	Dennis	1.7	\$ 34.00	3000.0	109.2	\$ 218.40	72.8	\$ 163.80	3000.0	\$ 900.00	1520.0	\$ 322.24	TPG-Site3
Corson	Kraft	Tim	0.9	\$ 18.00	2000.0	121.0	\$ 242.00	0.0	\$ -	2000.0	\$ 600.00	1056.0	\$ 223.87	TPG
Corson	Schoett	Jared	1.2	\$ 24.00	2725.0	132.4	\$ 264.80	33.1	\$ 74.48	2725.0	\$ 817.50	880.0	\$ 186.56	TPG
	<b>TOTALS for Corson</b>				24333	1090.6	\$ 2,181.20	384.2	\$ 864.45	24333	\$ 7,009.50	7356	\$ 1,559.47	\$ 11,848.62

District	Last Name	F Name	Acres	Site Prep.	Row Ft	Tree RR	Trees	Shrubs RR	Shrubs	Fabric Ft	Fabric	Fence Ft	Fence	Program
Perkins	Adams	John	3.9	\$ 78.00	8855	316.3	\$ 632.60	220.6	\$ 496.35	8855	\$ 2,656.50	1320	\$ 279.84	TPG-Ste1
Perkins	Adams	John	1.6	\$ 32.00	3625	131.7	\$ 263.40	87.8	\$ 263.40	3625	\$ 1,087.50	0	\$ -	TPG-Ste2
Perkins	Goddard	Jim	1.2	\$ 24.00	2500	121.2	\$ 242.40	18.2	\$ 40.95	2500	\$ 750.00	0	\$ -	TPG
Perkins	Hepper	Jamie	3.5	\$ 70.00	7850	476.0	\$ 952.00	0.0	\$ -	7850	\$ 2,355.00	0	\$ -	TPG
Perkins	Jorgensen	Chauncey	2.0	\$ 40.00	3600	174.4	\$ 348.80	43.6	\$ 98.10	3600	\$ 1,908.00	0	\$ -	TPG
Perkins	Kell	Reggie	2.0	\$ -	3470	210.4	\$ -	0.0	\$ -	3470	\$ -	0	\$ -	EQUIP
Perkins	Rusch	Tom	4.9	\$ 98.00	8758	398.0	\$ 796.00	132.7	\$ 298.58	8758	\$ 2,627.40	0	\$ -	TPG
Perkins	Dye	Logan	0.8	\$ 16.00	2000	90.9	\$ 181.80	30.0	\$ 68.18	2000	\$ 600.00	0	\$ -	TPG
	<b>TOTALS for Perkins</b>		<b>19.9</b>	<b>\$ 358.00</b>	<b>40658</b>	<b>1918.9</b>	<b>\$ 3,417.00</b>	<b>532.9</b>	<b>\$ 1,265.55</b>	<b>40658</b>	<b>\$ 11,984.40</b>	<b>1320</b>	<b>\$ 279.84</b>	<b>\$ 17,304.79</b>

District	Last Name	F Name	Acres	Site Prep.	Row Ft	Tree RR	Trees	Shrubs RR	Shrubs	Fabric Ft	Fabric	Fence Ft	Fence	P Program
Tri-County	Austin	Bradley	2.3	\$ 46.00	5250	318.20	\$ 636.40	0.00	\$ -	5250.00	\$ 1,575.00	1316.00	\$ 278.99	TPG-Site4D2
Tri-County	Bernstein	Tim	4.1	\$ 82.00	7500	363.60	\$ 727.20	90.90	\$ 204.53	7500.00	\$ 2,250.00	0.00	\$ -	TPG
Tri-County	Cobb	Delbert	1.0	\$ 20.00	1800	87.20	\$ 174.40	21.80	\$ 49.05	1800.00	\$ 540.00	1040.00	\$ 220.48	TPG
Tri-County	Dennis	Robert	1.9	\$ 38.00	3600	218.40	\$ 436.80	0.00	\$ -	0.00	\$ -	1560.00	\$ 330.72	TPG-Site2
Tri-County	Howie	Ron	1.3	\$ 26.00	3000	182.00	\$ 364.00	0.00	\$ -	3000.00	\$ 900.00	1456.00	\$ 308.67	TPG-Site2
Tri-County	Howie	Ron	0.9	\$ 18.00	2000	121.00	\$ 242.00	0.00	\$ -	2000.00	\$ 600.00	1056.00	\$ 223.87	TPG-Site3
Tri-County	Hundson	Tina	2.5	\$ 50.00	4254	257.40	\$ 514.80	0.00	\$ -	4254.00	\$ 1,276.20	1880.00	\$ 398.56	TPG
Tri-County	Long	John	0.9	\$ 18.00	1343	81.50	\$ 163.00	0.00	\$ -	1343.00	\$ 402.90	0.00	\$ -	TPG-Site6
Tri-County	Long	John	0.3	\$ 6.00	829	50.40	\$ 100.80	0.00	\$ -	829.00	\$ 248.70	0.00	\$ -	TPG-Site7
Tri-County	Long	John	1.9	\$ 38.00	3402	206.30	\$ 412.60	0.00	\$ -	3402.00	\$ 1,020.60	0.00	\$ -	TPG-Site8
Tri-County	Price	Gary	2.3	\$ 46.00	3050	185.00	\$ 370.00	0.00	\$ -	3050.00	\$ 915.00	0.00	\$ -	TPG-Site3
	TOTALS for Tri-County		19.4	\$ 388.00	36028	2071.00	\$ 4,142.00	112.70	\$ 253.58	32428.00	\$ 9,728.40	8308.00	\$ 1,761.30	\$ 16,273.27

District	Last Name	F Name	Acres	Site Prep.	Row Ft	Tree RR	Trees	Shrubs RR	Shrubs	Fabric Ft	Fabric	Fence Ft	Fence	Program
Ziebach	Wicks	Leroy	1.6	\$ 32.00	2580.00	156.30	\$ 312.60	0.00	\$ -	2580.00	\$ 774.00	1100.00	\$ 233.20	TPG-Site2
Ziebach	Wicks	Leroy	1.9	\$ 38.00	3684.00	223.40	\$ 446.80	0.00	\$ -	3684.00	\$ 1,105.20	1159.00	\$ 245.71	TPG-Site6
Ziebach	Wicks	Leroy	2.2	\$ 44.00	4000.00	242.50	\$ 485.00	0.00	\$ -	4000.00	\$ 1,200.00	1920.00	\$ 407.04	TPG-Site7
Ziebach	Hunt	John	1.2	\$ 24.00	2500.00	121.20	\$ 242.40	18.20	\$ 40.95	2500.00	\$ 750.00	0.00	\$ -	TPG
Totals for Ziebach			6.9	\$ 138.00	12764.00	743.40	\$ 1,486.80	18.20	\$ 40.95	12764.00	\$ 3,829.20	4179.00	\$ 885.95	\$ 6,380.90

# Tri-County Conservation District

March 27, 2017

South Dakota Conservation Commission  
Tiffany Shannon, Bill Smith  
523 East Capitol Avenue  
Pierre, South Dakota 57501-3182

Dear South Dakota Conservation Commission:

The Tri-County Conservation District is honored to submit a grant application for the 2017 Spring Grant Round. The following application is for Tri-County Fabricated Windbreak 2017 that will start July 1, 2017 and end June 30, 2018.

Along with our application, you will find a copy of the minutes from our board meeting, the district's W-9, and the narrative that goes with our application.

Thank you for your assistance and for considering our grant. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Tri-County Conservation District Manager at 1.605.967.2561.

Sincerely,



Harold Waterland

Tri-County Conservation District Chairman



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**Applicant Information:**

Organization:   
 Telephone:   
 Tax Status:

Mailing Address:   
 City:   
 State:  Zip:

**Project Contact:**

Project Officer:   
 Fax:

Telephone:   
 Email:

**Project Information:**

Project Name:   
 Start Date:  End Date:   
 Legal description: County:   
 Township:  Range:  Section:  Qtr:  Qtr:

**Type of Grant:**

Conservation Grant  Community Forestry  
 Insect/Disease  Invasive Species  
 Forest Stewardship  Mountain Pine Beetle  
 Other (Specify)

**Financial Information:**

Grant Funds Requested:  Partner Contributions (total)  Total Project Cost:

Please give a brief, descriptive summary of the project (Use Section "D" to provide project detail)

6 Producers within the Tri-County Conservation District boundaries would like to install 10 windbreaks for riparian protection. The total linear footage of this project is 1,488. The individual landowners will be responsible for labor, installations, permits, and long term management of these fabricated windbreaks.

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I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, this application is true and correct. I further agree to comply with the provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and regulations issued thereunder relating to nondiscrimination in federally assisted programs.

Applicant Signature *Harold E. ...* Chairman 3-27-2017  
Authorized Signature Title Date

**A copy of the state required W-9 Form must be attached to this application.**

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Signature Title Date

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Title Date

## BUDGET SHEET

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### A. OPERATING BUDGET

1.	Salary/Benefits	3,180	
2.	Travel		
3.	Contractual Services	45,588	
4.	Supplies		
5.	Equipment (list major equip.)		
6.	Consultant Services		
<b>Total Projects Costs</b>		<b>48,768</b>	This total must equal <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">48,768</span>

### B. ACTIVITY BUDGET

Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
1. Windbreaks	21,204	24,384			45,588
2. Administration	3,180				3,180
3.					0
4.					0
5.					0
6.					0
7.					0
8.					0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>24,384</b>	<b>24,384</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>48,768</b>
This total must equal					<span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">48,768</span>

### C. PROJECT PARTNERS: Please list the names of ALL project partner organizations, the value of their contribution, and indicate whether the contribution is cash or in-kind.

Partner	Amount Cash	Amount In-Kind	Total
1. RC&F	24,384		24,384
2. Landowners	24,384		24,384
3.			0
4.			0
5.			0
6.			0
7.			0
8.			0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>48,768</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>48,768</b>
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## Tri-County Conservation District Grant Application Narrative

The primary beneficiaries of this project will be the landowner/taxpayers of the Fabricated Windbreak Grant Project.

The Tri-County Conservation District will be responsible for the follow up stages to this grant.

The landowners will be responsible for the installation and maintenance of the fabricated windbreaks.

The Fabricated Windbreak Grant will be located within the boundaries of the Tri-County Conservation District.

The Fabricated Windbreaks are needed by landowners to protect riparian areas.

By building these windbreaks it will help protect sensitive riparian areas from continue use by livestock during harsh South Dakota winds.

This project is the local efforts of the Tri-County Conservation District and landowners.

Landowners re responsible for long term management of the Fabricated Windbreaks.

Landowners are responsible for any permits that may be needed.

At this time this grant will provide 6 producers with 10 windbreaks for a total of 1,488 linear feet.

Anticipated benefits of this project are riparian area protection along with livestock protection.

The Tri-County Conservation District Board has many years of combined Natural Resource Conservation experience.

The success of this project will be measured by the amount of linear feet of installed fabricated windbreak that this grant will help cost-share.



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### Applicant Information:

Organization: Union County Conservation District

Telephone: (605) 356-3308

Tax Status: Government

Mailing Address: PO Box 458

City: Elk Point

State: SD Zip: 57025

### Project Contact:

Project Officer: Sarah Wells

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (605) 356-3308

Email: Sarah.Wells@sd.nacdnet.net

### Project Information:

Project Name: Expansion of District Services-Cover Crops

Start Date: 07/01/2017 End Date: 06/30/2018

Legal description: County: Union

Township: \_\_\_\_\_ Range: \_\_\_\_\_ Section: \_\_\_\_\_ Qtr: \_\_\_\_\_ Qtr: \_\_\_\_\_

### Type of Grant:

Conservation Grant  Community Forestry

Insect/Disease  Invasive Species

Forest Stewardship  Mountain Pine Beetle

Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

### Financial Information:

Grant Funds Requested: 20,080 Partner Contributions (total) 18,000 Total Project Cost: 38,080

Please give a brief, descriptive summary of the project (Use Section "D" to provide project detail)

The Expansion of District Services-Cover Crops project is to allow the Union County Conservation District to expand conservation practice in Union County by including cover crop installation as a service. The funding extended would apply to land decision makers who would not qualify for Farm Services Agency (FSA) programs. Reduction the use of conventional tilling practices and increasing no-till practices in Union County would increase organic matter and soil health, provide wildlife forage, reduce soil erosion, and increase water quality.

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, this application is true and correct. I further agree to comply with the provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and regulations issued thereunder relating to nondiscrimination in federally assisted programs.

Applicant Signature: [Signature] Manager 03/31/2017

Authorized Signature Title Date

A copy of the state required W-9 Form must be attached to this application.

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Reviewed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature Title Date

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature Title Date

**BUDGET SHEET**

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**A. OPERATING BUDGET**

1. Salary/Benefits	
2. Travel	
3. Contractual Services	38,080
4. Supplies	
5. Equipment (list major equip.)	
6. Consultant Services	
<b>Total Projects Costs</b>	<b>38,080</b>

This total must equal 38,080

**B. ACTIVITY BUDGET**

Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
1. Cover Crop Planting	18,000	18,000			36,000
2. Administration	2,080				2,080
3.					0
4.					0
5.					0
6.					0
7.					0
8.					0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>20,080</b>	<b>18,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>38,080</b>

This total must equal 38,080

**C. PROJECT PARTNERS:** Please list the names of ALL project partner organizations, the value of their contribution, and indicate whether the contribution is cash or in-kind.

Partner	Amount Cash	Amount In-Kind	Total
1. RC&F	20,080		20,080
2. Land Decision Makers	18,000		18,000
3.			0
4.			0
5.			0
6.			0
7.			0
8.			0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>38,080</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>38,080</b>

This total must equal 38,080

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 Telephone: (605) 356-3308  
 Tax Status: Government

Mailing Address: PO Box 458  
 City: Elk Point  
 State: SD Zip: 57025

### Project Contact:

Project Officer: Sarah Wells  
 Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (605) 356-3308  
 Email: Sarah.Wells@sd.nacdnet.net

### Project Information:

Project Name: Expansion of District Services-Grass Seeding  
 Start Date: 07/01/2017 End Date: 06/30/2018  
 Legal description: County: Union  
 Township: \_\_\_\_\_ Range: \_\_\_\_\_ Section: \_\_\_\_\_ Qtr: \_\_\_\_\_ Qtr: \_\_\_\_\_

### Type of Grant:

- Conservation Grant  Community Forestry
- Insect/Disease  Invasive Species
- Forest Stewardship  Mountain Pine Beetle
- Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

### Financial Information:

Grant Funds Requested: 14,330 Partner Contributions (total) 12,250 Total Project Cost: 26,580

Please give a brief, descriptive summary of the project (Use Section "D" to provide project detail)

The Expansion of District Services-Grass Drilling project is to allow the Union County Conservation District to expand conservation practice in Union County by including grass drilling as a service. The funding extended would apply to land decision makers who would not qualify for Farm Services Agency (FSA) programs. Increasing grass (native and non-native) grasses and native forbs would provide wildlife habitat, reduce soil erosion, and increase water quality.

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, this application is true and correct. I further agree to comply with the provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and regulations issued thereunder relating to nondiscrimination in federally assisted programs.

Applicant Signature [Signature] Manager 03/31/2017  
 Authorized Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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 Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**BUDGET SHEET**

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**A. OPERATING BUDGET**

1. Salary/Benefits	
2. Travel	
3. Contractual Services	26,580
4. Supplies	
5. Equipment (list major equip.)	
6. Consultant Services	
<b>Total Projects Costs</b>	<b>26,580</b>

This total must equal 26,580

**B. ACTIVITY BUDGET**

Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
1. Grass Drilling	12,250	12,250			24,500
2. Administration	2,080				2,080
3.					0
4.					0
5.					0
6.					0
7.					0
8.					0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>14,330</b>	<b>12,250</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>26,580</b>

This total must equal 26,580

**C. PROJECT PARTNERS:** Please list the names of ALL project partner organizations, the value of their contribution, and indicate whether the contribution is cash or in-kind.

Partner	Amount Cash	Amount In-Kind	Total
1. RC&F	14,330		14,330
2. Land Decision Makers	12,250		12,250
3.			0
4.			0
5.			0
6.			0
7.			0
8.			0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>26,580</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>26,580</b>

This total must equal 26,580

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City: Elk Point  
State: SD Zip: 57025

#### Project Contact:

Project Officer: Sarah Wells  
Fax:

Telephone: (605) 356-3308  
Email: Sarah.Wells@sd.nacdn.net

#### Project Information:

Project Name: Outreach- Information and Education  
Start Date: 07/01/2017 End Date: 06/30/2018  
Legal description: County: Union  
Township: Range: Section: Qtr: Qtr:

#### Type of Grant:

- Conservation Grant
- Community Forestry
- Insect/Disease
- Invasive Species
- Forest Stewardship
- Mountain Pine Beetle
- Other (Specify) Information and Education

#### Financial Information:

Grant Funds Requested: 7,540 Partner Contributions (total) Total Project Cost: 7,540

Please give a brief, descriptive summary of the project (Use Section "D" to provide project detail)

The Outreach- Information and Education project is designed for community outreach and public awareness of conservation in Union County via the Union County Conservation District. Vehicles will include, but are not limited to, speaking to groups, schools, programs, and special events; attention to the District Facebook group; creating a District publication; and developing a relationship with the Union County Commissioners. The objective is to increase public knowledge and awareness of conservation issues throughout Union County and increase funding for the District from the Commissioners as well as provision of services specifically tied to the District's expansion/expansion of services as detailed in three additional grant funding requests.

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, this application is true and correct. I further agree to comply with the provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and regulations issued thereunder relating to nondiscrimination in federally assisted programs.

Applicant Signature: [Signature] Manager: 03/31/2017  
Authorized Signature Title Date

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**BUDGET SHEET**

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**A. OPERATING BUDGET**

1. Salary/Benefits	6,240
2. Travel	
3. Contractual Services	
4. Supplies	1,300
5. Equipment (list major equip.)	
6. Consultant Services	
<b>Total Projects Costs</b>	<b>7,540</b>

This total must equal 7,540

**B. ACTIVITY BUDGET**

Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
1. Administrative	6,240				6,240
2. Supplies	1,300				1,300
3.					0
4.					0
5.					0
6.					0
7.					0
8.					0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>7,540</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7,540</b>

This total must equal 7,540

**C. PROJECT PARTNERS:** Please list the names of ALL project partner organizations, the value of their contribution, and indicate whether the contribution is cash or in-kind.

Partner	Amount Cash	Amount In-Kind	Total
1. RC&F	7,540		7,540
2.			0
3.			0
4.			0
5.			0
6.			0
7.			0
8.			0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>7,540</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7,540</b>

This total must equal 7,540

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Tax Status: Government

Mailing Address: PO Box 458  
City: Elk Point  
State: SD Zip: 57025

### Project Contact:

Project Officer: Sarah Wells  
Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (605) 356-3308  
Email: Sarah.Wells@sd.nacdnet.net

### Project Information:

Project Name: Trees/Fabric Expansion  
Start Date: 07/01/2017 End Date: 06/30/2018  
Legal description: County: Union  
Township: \_\_\_\_\_ Range: \_\_\_\_\_ Section: \_\_\_\_\_ Qtr: \_\_\_\_\_ Qtr: \_\_\_\_\_

### Type of Grant:

- Conservation Grant
- Community Forestry
- Insect/Disease
- Invasive Species
- Forest Stewardship
- Mountain Pine Beetle
- Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

### Financial Information:

Grant Funds Requested: 21,155 Partner Contributions (total) 32,525 Total Project Cost: 53,680

Please give a brief, descriptive summary of the project (Use Section "D" to provide project detail)

This program is to expand windbreak tree planting and fabric weed barrier installation in Union County for the decision makers who do not qualify for cost share programs through the Farm Services Agency (FSA). Increased tree establishment and fabric weed protection are desirable to reduce soil erosion (including cropland), improve air quality, provide wildlife habitat, and contribute to overall soil health and quality of life in Union County. Requested funds include administrative cost.

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, this application is true and correct. I further agree to comply with the provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and regulations issued thereunder relating to nondiscrimination in federally assisted programs.

Applicant Signature: [Signature] Manager 03/31/2017  
Authorized Signature Title Date

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**BUDGET SHEET**

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**A. OPERATING BUDGET**

1. Salary/Benefits	
2. Travel	
3. Contractual Services	53,680
4. Supplies	
5. Equipment (list major equip.)	
6. Consultant Services	
<b>Total Projects Costs</b>	<b>53,680</b>

This total must equal 53,680

**B. ACTIVITY BUDGET**

Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
1. Tree Planting	6,875	14,725			21,600
2. Fabric and Installation	12,200	17,800			30,000
3. Administration	2,080				2,080
4.					0
5.					0
6.					0
7.					0
8.					0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>21,155</b>	<b>32,525</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>53,680</b>

This total must equal 53,680

**C. PROJECT PARTNERS:** Please list the names of ALL project partner organizations, the value of their contribution, and indicate whether the contribution is cash or in-kind.

Partner	Amount Cash	Amount In-Kind	Total
1. RC&F	21,155		21,155
2. Land Decision Makers	32,525		32,525
3.			0
4.			0
5.			0
6.			0
7.			0
8.			0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>53,680</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>53,680</b>

This total must equal 53,680

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APPENDIX A

SOUTH DAKOTA SOIL CONSERVATION AWARD

NOMINATION FORM

AWARD WINNING SOIL CONSERVATION FARM/RANCH

Name of Nominee: Currence Bros. Michael and Kenneth Currence  
Mailing Address: 12349 Whipple Rd  
City, State, Zip: Sisseton, SD 57262  
Conservation District: Roberts Conservation District

Nomination submitted by: Roberts Conservation District/NRCS  
Mailing Address: 2018 SD Hwy 10 Ste A  
City, State, Zip: Sisseton, SD 57262  
Telephone: 605-698-3923

*(Nominator's information intended only for use by the selection committee in case further clarification is needed pertaining to the nomination.)*

**Which of the following criteria/practices are used by the nominee? (Check all that apply)**

- Grassed waterways are installed and maintained properly
- Terraces are installed and maintained properly
- Proper crop rotations are utilized.
- Sufficient crop residues are left to enhance soil stability
- No till is utilized in crop production
- Grasslands are managed for sustainable productivity
- Livestock are managed to limit soil and nutrient runoff (feedlot and riparian buffers)
- Forest lands are managed according to a forest stewardship plan

**Based on the above checked items, explain why you feel this nominee is deserving of the award. Use no more than one additional sheet if necessary. Please submit two to eight photographs no larger than 5 X 7, with a brief caption (50 words or less) for each. Digital photos are acceptable.**

Currence Bros, Michael and Kenneth (Butch) have been leaders in practicing reduced tillage in the Sisseton area for many years and on some fields practice no-till. Through the years they have been active participants in many NRCS conservation programs that include CRP, CSP, EQIP and PL-566 Big Stone Lake. Through these programs they have installed grassed waterways, windbreaks, filter strips adjacent to the many watercourses that cross their property. In addition, they have utilized the saline seep CRP program to revegetate areas on limited production on the cropland. For the past several years they have planted cover crops following the wheat crop to improve soil health. Through the use of reduced and/or no tillage, a corn, bean, and wheat rotation with alfalfa, they have increased both productivity and organic matter on their cropland thus enabling the land to become much more productive. In addition they have implemented many pastureland practices to include cross fencing, water development and herbaceous weed control measures to limit noxious weeds.

The Currence's live in a very diverse part of Roberts County and have adapted well many different types of soil and farming condition. They manage each field independently with proper fertilization techniques, rotations and tillage practices. Mike said, "We are constantly looking for ways to improve the land for themselves and future generations."

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SOUTH DAKOTA SOIL CONSERVATION AWARD

NOMINATION FORM  
AWARD WINNING SOIL CONSERVATION FARM/RANCH

Name of Nominee: Davis Ranch  
Mailing Address: PO Box 95  
City, State, Zip: Woonsocket, SD 57385  
Conservation District: Sanborn County Conservation District

Nomination submitted by: Sanborn County Conservation District  
Mailing Address: 203 W 7<sup>th</sup> St  
City, State, Zip: Woonsocket, SD 57385  
Telephone: (605) 796-4476 ext. 3

*(Nominator's information intended only for use by the selection committee in case further clarification is needed pertaining to the nomination.)*

Which of the following criteria/practices are used by the nominee? (Check all that apply)

- Grassed waterways are installed and maintained properly
- Terraces are installed and maintained properly
- Proper crop rotations are utilized.
- Sufficient crop residues are left to enhance soil stability
- No till is utilized in crop production
- Grasslands are managed for sustainable productivity
- Livestock are managed to limit soil and nutrient runoff (feedlot and riparian buffers)
- Forest lands are managed according to a forest stewardship plan

Based on the above checked items, explain why you feel this nominee is deserving of the award. Use no more than one additional sheet if necessary. Please submit two to eight photographs no larger than 5 X 7, with a brief caption (50 words or less) for each. Digital photos are acceptable.

The Davis Ranch is deserving of this award because of their extensive management. Their grasslands are managed for sustainable productivity by their measures in cross fencing and the installment of solar pumps, pipes, tanks and wells. They are also taking expired CRP and turning it into grasslands for grazing. They also have a no till crop rotation and utilize cover crops to enhance soil stability. Their extensive management practices that the Davis Ranch has in place make them well deserving of the South Dakota Conservation Award.

APPENDIX A

SOUTH DAKOTA SOIL CONSERVATION AWARD

NOMINATION FORM  
AWARD WINNING SOIL CONSERVATION FARM/RANCH

Name of Nominee: David + Derick Hofer  
Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Conservation District: Beadle Conservation District

Nomination submitted by: Beadle Conservation District  
Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Nominator's information intended only for use by the selection committee in case further clarification is needed pertaining to the nomination.)*

Which of the following criteria/practices are used by the nominee? (Check all that apply)

- Grassed waterways are installed and maintained properly
- Terraces are installed and maintained properly
- Proper crop rotations are utilized.
- Sufficient crop residues are left to enhance soil stability
- No till is utilized in crop production
- Grasslands are managed for sustainable productivity
- Livestock are managed to limit soil and nutrient runoff (feedlot and riparian buffers)
- Forest lands are managed according to a forest stewardship plan

Based on the above checked items, explain why you feel this nominee is deserving of the award. Use no more than one additional sheet if necessary. Please submit two to eight photographs no larger than 5 X 7, with a brief caption (50 words or less) for each. Digital photos are acceptable.

David + Derick practice a diverse no-till crop rotation, utilizing cover crops to provide livestock forage + improve soil health. The Hofers also properly stock grazinglands so as not to overgraze, + are in the planning stages to implement further grazing management improvements. They have also planted <sup>+ maintained</sup> hundreds of acres of <sup>grassland</sup> wildlife habitat + several tree windbreaks to protect livestock.

**SOUTH DAKOTA SOIL CONSERVATION AWARD**

**NOMINATION FORM**

**AWARD WINNING SOIL CONSERVATION FARM/RANCH**

Name of Nominee: Jeff & Drew Hemmer

Mailing Address: 47408 238th St.

City, State, Zip: Dell Rapids SD 57022

Conservation District: Moody County

Nomination submitted by: Moody County Conservation District

Mailing Address: 202 East 3rd St.

City, State, Zip: Flandreau SD 57028

Telephone: 605-997-2949 #3

*(Nominator's information intended only for use by the selection committee in case further clarification is needed pertaining to the nomination.)*

**Which of the following criteria/practices are used by the nominee? (Check all that apply)**

Grassed waterways are installed and maintained properly

Terraces are installed and maintained properly

Proper crop rotations are utilized

Sufficient crop residues are left to enhance soil stability

No till is utilized in crop production

Grasslands are managed for sustainable productivity

Livestock are managed to limit soil and nutrient runoff (feedlot and riparian buffers)

Forest lands managed according to a forest stewardship plan

**Strip Till is utilized in Crop Production**

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**Jeff & Drew Hemmer currently operate 4400.24 Acres. Approximately 3800 Acres are cropped of those acres 3/4 are Strip-Till and No -Tilled. Remainder is conventional tilled due to land owner reference. Rotation is Corn, Beans, and Alfalfa. Two miles of the Big Sioux is protected with CRP and WRP easements. Three waterways are also protected with grass waterways that are in CRP.**



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523 East Capitol Ave.  
Pierre, SD 57501

The Moody County Conservation District hereby petitions the State Conservation Commission for a name change of the Moody County Conservation District to

Moody Conservation District

Thank You

Jack Majeres  
Chairman

Dean Jaycox  
Vice-Chairman

Warren Jackson  
Supervisor

Steve Doyle  
Supervisor

Brian Bergjord  
Supervisor

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March 9, 2017

State Conservation Commission  
Division of Resource Conservation & Forestry  
523 East Capitol Ave.  
Pierre, SD 57501

The Davison County Conservation District hereby petitions the State Conservation Commission for a name change of the Davison County Conservation District to **Davison Conservation District**.

Thank you.

Handwritten signature of Wade Strand.

Wade Strand  
Chairman

Handwritten signature of Bruce Haines.

Bruce Haines  
Vice-Chairman

Handwritten signature of Lewis Bainbridge.

Lewis Bainbridge  
Supervisor

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Supervisor

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Darwin Kreth  
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**To:** State Conservation Commission  
**From:** Bill Smith  
**From:** South Dakota Department of Agriculture  
**Date:** March 8, 2017  
**Re:** Revision to the District Supervisor Orientation Manual

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The South Dakota Association of Conservation Districts' (SDACD) District Capacity Committee recently completed revision to the District Supervisory Orientation Manual for your review and approval. Due to the file size of these documents, they have been placed on the internet at: <http://sdda.sd.gov/conservation-forestry/Restricted/Conservation-Manual.html>. Please let me know if you would like a printed copy. The changes to the document are in red font.

Jack Majeres said that the font and page numbers discrepancies will be corrected as final edits are made.

Please review these documents and pass along your comments to RCF staff. We will compile your comments and provide them for your review and final approval at either the March or May meeting. Please let us know if you have any questions.