



Hamlin County Conservation District  
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September 1, 2016

SD Dept of Agriculture  
Division of Resource Conservation & Forestry  
4305 S Louise Ave. Suite #107  
Sioux Falls, SD 57106-3115

Dear State Conservation Commission Members,

I am writing this letter on behalf of the SD Conservation Districts and the South Dakota Employees Association. The Big Sioux Nursery has made the decision to increase their tree prices for 2017. The Conservation Districts will need to make adjustments as well. We are careful not to increase ourselves out of business; however, in order for us to remain profitable, this is a measure most districts will need to take.

The Conservation Districts are requesting the Conservation Commission to increase the prices for Tree/Shrub Planting and Fabric Installation on the 2017 Docket.

After compiling information from the districts, the average prices of trees, shrubs and fabric were used for this request. Not all districts have set their rates for next year services. Some of the figures are taken from the districts 2016 rates, and some from the new 2017 rates.

Other items to consider; the districts charge varying rates for their services.

- Trees are charged from \$3.75 up to \$6.60.
- Shrubs are charged from \$4.00 up to \$6.93.
- Fabric is charged from \$8.55 up to \$11.55
- Some districts charge a fuel or stop charge with each site.

The docket does not cost share fuel or stop charges.

For those reasons, the cost share amounts to 33 – 44%. We would like the cost share to be increased to higher percentage.

The attached page shows the figures for the 2017 Docket Increase Request. On the left are the current charges. The first one shows how much the current docket cost shares. Below that are the average prices the districts are charging. On the right side of the page are the requested changes. With these proposed rates, the cost share would increase by 11% for Trees, 10.5% on Shrubs, and 1% for the Fabric.

The Conservation Districts would appreciate the Commission to consider all three items for an increase.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

*Peggy Loomis, Hamlin County Conservation District Manager, for the South Dakota Conservation Districts and the Conservation District Employees Association*

**2017 Docket Increase Request**

**Current Docket**

| Commission | Trees                | Shrubs               | Fabric                   | Handplants        |
|------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| 2016       | \$4.50<br>50% \$2.25 | \$5.00<br>50% \$2.50 | \$9.90 .60<br>50% \$4.95 | \$1.80<br>50% .90 |

| District Averages | Trees                | Shrubs               | Fabric                    | Handplants           |
|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| 2016              | \$5.00<br>50% \$2.50 | \$5.76<br>50% \$2.88 | \$10.32 .63<br>50% \$5.16 | \$2.00<br>50% \$1.00 |

The districts charge the following rates:

**Trees:** from \$3.75 up to \$6.60

**Shrubs:** from \$4.00 up to \$6.93

**Fabric:** from \$8.55 up to \$13.20

**Proposed Docket**

| Commission | Trees                | Shrubs               | Fabric                    | Handplants           |
|------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| 2017       | \$5.00<br>50% \$2.50 | \$5.50<br>50% \$2.75 | \$10.00 .61<br>50% \$5.00 | \$2.00<br>50% \$1.00 |

| District | Trees | Shrubs | Fabric | Handplants |
|----------|-------|--------|--------|------------|
| 2017     |       |        |        |            |

With these changes in the docket prices,  
the cost share results in the following:

**Trees** would increase 11%

**Shrubs** would increase 10.5%

**Fabric** would increase 4%

State Conservation Commission Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
July 18, 2016  
Teleconference Call

**Members Present:** Wayne Bunge, David Fischbach, Doug Hansen, Aaron Kiesz, Charlie Moe, Gerald Thaden and Alan Vedvei.

**Absent:** Tom Glover and Tom Wolles

**Others Present:** Tina DeHaai – Brule-Buffalo Conservation District, Eric Weeman – Brule-Buffalo Conservation District, Brian Scott-RC&F, Matt Stoltenberg – Belle Fourche Watershed Partnership, Tim Reich- Butte Conservation District, Bob Mercer – Pierre Capital Journal, Bill Smith – RC&F and Marjy Gregg – RC&F.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman David Fischbach at 1:02 PM

Doug Hansen made a request to place a report, with the input received at the area meetings regarding the Conservation Commission Priorities, on the agenda under New Business.

Motion by Doug Hansen and seconded to approve the May 5, 2016 Minutes as submitted. Motion carried. Roll call: Wayne Bunge – Aye, David Fischbach – Aye, Doug Hansen – Aye, Aaron Kiesz – Aye, Charlie Moe – Aye, Gerald Thaden – Aye, Alan Vedvei – Aye.

**Correspondence:**

After discussion a motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to approve a clarification change to the docket for Brush Management. The change is to read as: \$150.00 per hour not to exceed 30 hours worked per landowner at 50% cost-share. Motion Carried. Roll Call: Alan Vedvei – Nay, Gerald Thaden – Aye, Charlie Moe – Aye, Aaron Keisz – Aye, Doug Hansen – Aye, Wayne Bunge – Aye, David Fischbach – Nay.

**Revolving Loan Report:**

A report was presented by division staff.

**Grant Report:**

A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to deny the Butte Conservation District request to transfer \$4,000.00 from travel expenses to wages for contracting an employee for Grant #2015-CSW-005 (Environthon Pilot Project). Motion failed: Roll call: Wayne Bunge – Aye, Doug Hansen – Nay, Gerald Thaden – Nay, Charlie Moe – Aye, Alan Vedvei – Nay, Aaron Kiesz – Nay, David Fischbach – Nay.

A motion was made by Doug Hansen and seconded to approve the Butte Conservation District request as submitted. Motion failed for lack of a majority. Roll call: Aaron Kiesz – Aye, Doug Hansen – Aye, Wayne Bunge – Nay, Gerald Thaden – Aye, Charlie Moe – Nay, David Fischbach – Aye. Abstained – Alan Vedvei.

The commission decided to wait until the September meeting to act on an extension request submitted by Miner Conservation District and a budget amendment submitted by Yankton Conservation District.

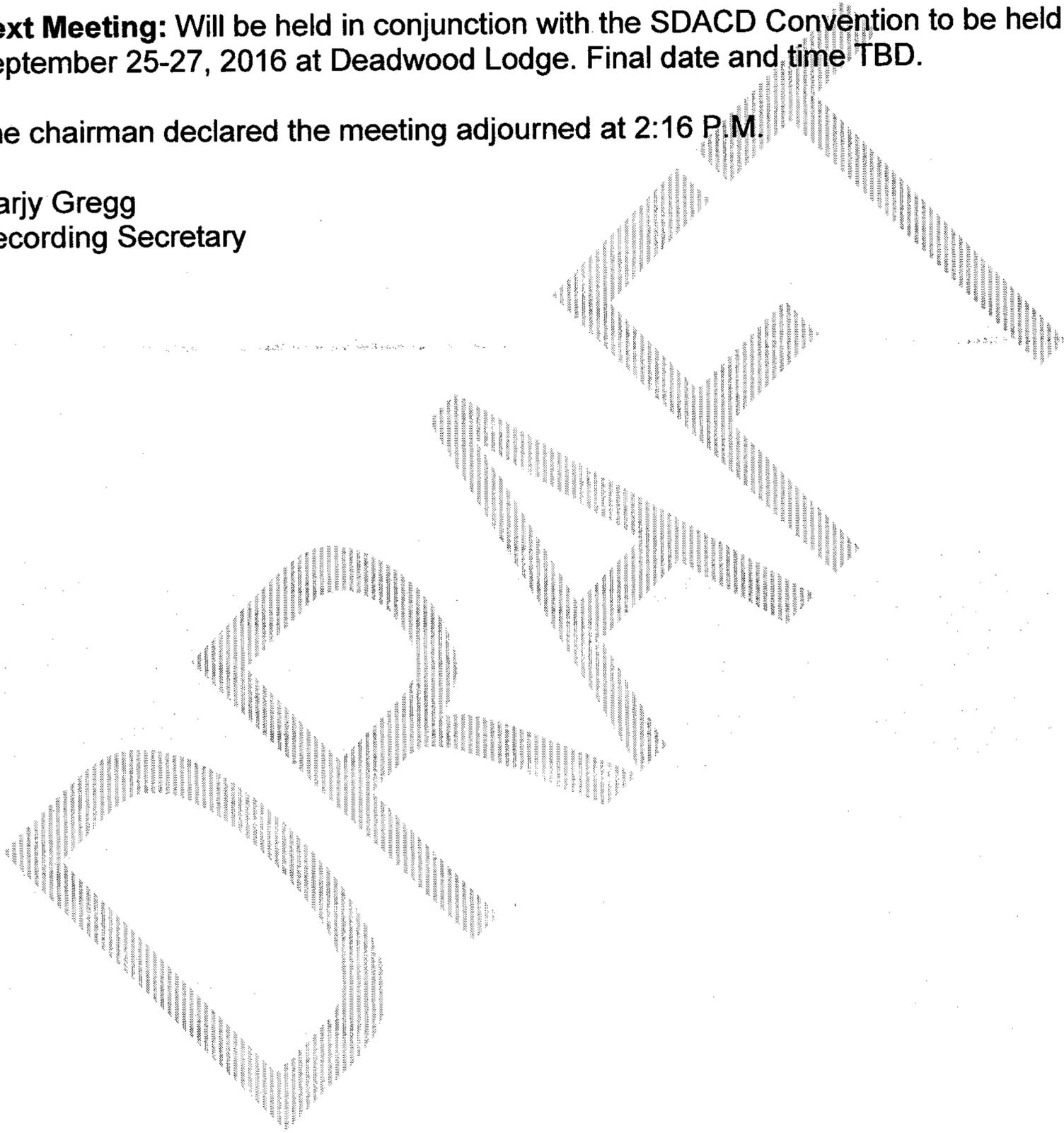
**New Business:**

Doug Hansen presented a report on input of the Conservation Commission Priorities collected at the area meetings.

**Next Meeting:** Will be held in conjunction with the SDACD Convention to be held September 25-27, 2016 at Deadwood Lodge. Final date and time TBD.

The chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 2:16 P.M.

Marjy Gregg  
Recording Secretary



# *Upcoming Travel & Meetings*

## September 2016

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## October 2016

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## November 2016

- November 10 - NRCS State Technical Committee Meeting, Drifters Event Center, Fort Pierre, 10 AM Central
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SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS, CONSERVATION DISTRICT REVOLVING LOAN FUND

(The Fund has a total capitalization of \$ 196,181.07

Accumulated loans, since 1965 \$ 2,268,965.54

| DATE:  | 09/22/16  |           | PURPOSE       |                     | AMT.ORIG.    | AMOUNT       | PAYMENTS    | MONTH   | MONTH   | PRINCIPLE    | INTEREST  | EXTRA       | TOTAL        |
|--|-----------|-----------|---------------|---------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|---------|---------|--------------|-----------|-------------|--------------|
| LOAN   | AgDev     | DATE LOAN | CONSERVATION  | OF                  | LOAN         | OUTSTAND.    | DUE THIS    | DUE     | PAID    | PAID         | PAID      | THIS        | CURRENTLY    |
| NUMBER   | Loan #    | APPROVED  | DISTRICT      | LOAN                |              | JULY 1       | FIS.YEAR    |         |         | THIS FY      | THIS FY   | F.Y.        | OUTSTAND.    |
| -  | -         | -         | -             | -                   | -            | -            | -           | -       | -       | -            | -         | -           | -            |
| Fiscal Year 2016<br>(07/01/2015 to 06/30/2016) |           |           |               |                     |              |              |             |         |         |              |           |             |              |
| 1078   | 136-01-01 | 05/05/16  | Bennett       | No-Till Drill Parts | \$ 3,500.00  | \$ 3,500.00  | \$ 683.62   | 3/2017  |         |              |           |             | \$ 3,500.00  |
| 1077   | 38-03-01  | 02/18/16  | Deuel         | Grass drill         | \$ 17,000.00 | \$ 17,000.00 | \$ 3,301.83 | 1/2017  |         |              |           |             | \$ 17,000.00 |
| 1076   | 36-05-01  | 02/18/16  | Jackson       | Fabric              | \$ 4,954.00  | \$ 4,954.00  | \$ 2,589.01 | 9/2016  | 08/2016 | \$ 2,525.87  | \$ 63.14  |             | \$ 2,428.13  |
| 1075   | 130-01-01 | 09/17/15  | Day           | Tree spade          | \$ 20,000.00 | \$ 20,000.00 | \$ 5,601.88 | 10/2016 | 08/2016 | \$ 5,000.00  | \$ 601.88 |             | \$ 15,000.00 |
| 1074   | 37-02-01  | 07/15/15  | Grant         | Grass drill         | \$ 13,431.00 | \$ 13,431.00 | \$ 2,686.00 | 11/2016 |         |              |           |             | \$ 13,431.00 |
| 1073   | 74-03-01  | 01/29/14  | Hamlin        | Land Roller         | \$ 27,000.00 | \$ 21,600.00 | \$ 5,400.00 | 11/2016 | 09/2016 | \$ 5,400.00  | \$ 651.48 | \$ 5,885.45 | \$ 10,314.55 |
| 1072   | 80-02-01  | 09/22/14  | Jones         | No-till drill       | \$ 40,000.00 | \$ 32,000.00 | \$ 8,000.00 | 10/2016 | 08/2016 | \$ 8,000.00  | \$ 962.58 |             | \$ 24,000.00 |
| 1071   | 39-02-01  | 09/22/14  | Clark         | Grass drill         | \$ 15,000.00 | \$ 12,000.00 | \$ 3,000.00 | 12/2016 |         |              |           |             | \$ 12,000.00 |
| 1070   | 40-02-01  | 09/16/13  | Butte         | No-till drill       | \$ 28,299.39 | \$ 16,914.91 | \$ 5,659.88 | 9/2016  | 08/2016 | \$ 16,580.52 | \$ 843.60 |             | \$ 334.39    |
| 1069   | 80-01-01  | 05/14/13  | Jones         | Tiller              | \$ 9,000.00  | \$ 3,600.00  | \$ 1,800.00 | 10/2016 | 08/2016 | \$ 1,800.00  | \$ 109.80 |             | \$ 1,800.00  |
| 1067   | 36-04-01  | 11/15/12  | Jackson       | Grass drill         | \$ 27,586.00 | \$ 11,021.93 | \$ 5,517.20 | 12/2016 | 09/2016 | \$ 1,666.94  | \$ 333.06 |             | \$ 9,354.99  |
| 1066   | 77-01-01  | 09/18/12  | Brule-Buffalo | Bobcat & grinder    | \$ 35,000.00 | \$ 6,972.43  | \$ 7,000.00 | 4/2016  |         |              |           |             | \$ 6,972.43  |
| 1064   | 34-01-01  | 03/22/12  | McPherson     | Pickup              | \$ 17,050.00 | \$ 3,428.76  | \$ 3,410.00 | 9/2016  | 08/2016 | \$ 3,416.16  | \$ 96.32  | \$ 12.60    | \$ 0.00      |

COLUMN TOTALS \$ 257,820.39 \$ 166,423.03 \$ 54,649.42 \$ 44,389.49 \$ 3,661.86 \$ 5,898.05 \$ 116,135.49

|                                 |              |
|---------------------------------|--------------|
| CURRENT CASH BALANCE            | \$ 79,000.90 |
| \$55,385.00 --NEW LOANS THIS FY |              |
|                                 | \$ 12.60     |

|                                      |              |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| PAYMENTS DUE<br>REMAINDER OF<br>YEAR | \$ 10,259.93 |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|

Revolving Loan #  
Tillage Program #

### APPLICATION FOR REVOLVING LOAN and CONSERVATION TILLAGE LOAN

Legal authority: SDCL 38-8-53, 53.1 and 54; and 38-6-8.1, and the Administrative Rules Chapter 12:03:03, and 12:07:01.  
The Butte Conservation District, with headquarters at Belle Fourche South Dakota,  
does hereby apply for a loan of \$ 22,500 from the (check all that apply)

- Conservation District Revolving Loan Fund
- Conservation Tillage Equipment Program

in the State of South Dakota, in accordance with the above stated legal authorities.

Purpose of loan: No-Till Drill

Payments to begin on: 09/01/2017 Length of Loan: Years, 5 months

The district understands that the repayment will include principal plus interest at the rate of 3.0% Annual Percentage Rate (APR) for Revolving Loans; and 5.0% Annual Percentage Rate (APR) for Conservation Tillage Equipment Loans, on the unpaid principal balance. There is no penalty for early repayment.

| REVOLVING LOAN FUND |                   | Proposed  | Principal    |
|---------------------|-------------------|-----------|--------------|
| Repayment Schedule: |                   |           |              |
| Date                | <u>09/01/2017</u> | Amount \$ | <u>4,500</u> |
| Date                | <u>09/01/2018</u> | Amount \$ | <u>4,500</u> |
| Date                | <u>09/01/2019</u> | Amount \$ | <u>4,500</u> |
| Date                | <u>09/01/2020</u> | Amount \$ | <u>4,500</u> |
| Date                | <u>09/01/2021</u> | Amount \$ | <u>4,500</u> |

| CONSERVATION TILLAGE LOAN     |  | Proposed  |
|-------------------------------|--|-----------|
| Principal Repayment Schedule: |  |           |
| Date                          |  | Amount \$ |

#### INFORMATION ON EQUIPMENT TO BE PURCHASED WITH LOAN FUNDS (if applicable)

Make of Machine: John Deere Total Cost: 66,996  
 Model #: 1590 Serial #: 1N01590XCG0765355  
 Anticipated Charge: \$30/DAY + \$13/ACRE Anticipated use of machine: Acres: 2500/yr

#### EQUIPMENT INSURANCE:

Insurance Company: First Western Insurance Amount of comprehensive coverage: 44,500

**NOTE:** ARSD 12:03:03:02(9) requires that insurance be carried to cover loss of equipment purchased with loan funds.

**PLEASE CHECK THE APPROPRIATE ANSWER:**

YES  NO  Will this loan be used to pay off or refinance another loan?

YES  NO  Is existing equipment being used as a trade-in?

YES  NO  If yes, is there a current loan on that equipment? Where: \_\_\_\_\_

YES  NO  Are other lending institutions involved in the acquisition of this equipment?

YES  NO  Has the district already purchased the equipment? If yes, When: \_\_\_\_\_

This application for a loan from the (check all that apply)

- Conservation District Revolving Loan fund
- Conservation Tillage Equipment Loan Program

was approved by the Board of Supervisors of the Butte Conservation District at a meeting held on 9/8/2016 and is so recorded in the official minutes of the meeting.

ATTEST:

Gretti Kerkman Dist/11/11

SECRETARY

[Signature]  
CHAIRMAN  
12 Sept 16

Date of Application

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**LOAN FINDINGS (DEPARTMENT USE ONLY):**

| QUESTIONS   | COMMENTS |    |    |
|---|----------|----|----|
| 1. Was the application received by the deadline? Date Received:   | Yes      | No |    |
| 2. Is the application signed by appropriate persons?  | Yes      | No |    |
| 3. Is the loan for the appropriate reason (not real estate, computers, etc.)?                                       | Yes      | No |    |
| 4. If applicable, is insurance being acquired?  | Yes      | No | NA |
| 5. Are minutes attached with applicable motion(s)?  | Yes      | No |    |
| 6. If no minutes are attached, are they coming? When?   | Yes      | No | NA |
| 7. Are minutes official (quorum, no advisors involved in action on motions)?  | Yes      | No |    |
| 8. Are conservation tillage loan funds being requested?   | Yes      | No |    |
| 9. Are present loans current?   | Yes      | No | NA |
| 10. Were past loans paid off on time?   | Yes      | No | NA |
| 11. Is the financial information in the application consistent with that in the district's annual financial report? | Yes      | No |    |
| 12. Additional comments   |          |    |    |

\_\_\_\_\_  
Division Staff

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AS OF 09/12/2016 . (Or attach current Balance Sheet)

**ASSETS:**

**LIABILITIES/EQUITY:**

|                                      |    |                                   |
|--------------------------------------|----|-----------------------------------|
| Cash (deposits, savings, petty cash) | \$ | <input type="text"/>              |
| Accounts Receivable (list below)     | \$ | <input type="text"/>              |
| Equipment (inventory value)          | \$ | <input type="text"/>              |
| Land & Buildings                     | \$ | <input type="text"/>              |
| Other Assets                         | \$ | <input type="text"/>              |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                         | \$ | <input type="text" value="0.00"/> |

|  |    |                                   |
|--|----|-----------------------------------|
| Vehicle notes payable                          | \$ | <input type="text"/>              |
| Other Accounts Payable (list on separate page) | \$ | <input type="text"/>              |
| Equipment notes payable                        | \$ | <input type="text"/>              |
| Land/Building notes payable                    | \$ | <input type="text"/>              |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>                       | \$ | <input type="text" value="0.00"/> |
| Retained Earnings (equity)                     | \$ | <input type="text"/>              |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES+ EQUITY</b>               | \$ | <input type="text" value="0.00"/> |

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE RECORD AS OF 09/12/2016

| DEBTOR | AMOUNT OF DEBT | DATE DEBT INCURRED | REASON FOR DEBT NOT PAID |
|--------|----------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| Carter | 756.00         | 08/05/2016         | undetermined             |
| Snyder | 264.00         | 08/12/2016         | w/in 30 day              |
| Sleep  | 731.00         | 08/30/2016         | w/in 30 day              |
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**PROJECTED FINANCIAL STATEMENT (note unusual income or expenditure changes anticipated during the term of the loan):**

**NOTE:**

1. Please attach a copy of the meeting minutes at which the loan application was authorized. These minutes **MUST BE SIGNED** by the District Administrative Secretary.
2. The district agrees to maintain financial records as required by the Conservation Commission and will make those records available to the Commission or Department of Agriculture staff for inspection upon request.
3. The district agrees to submit a statement of usage to the Commission at the time of each payment according to Administration of Revolving Fund Rules - chapter 12:03:03:08.
4. The district must attach a W-9 form to this application.

**THIS PAGE FOR DEPARTMENT USE ONLY**

**CERTIFICATION OF COMMISSION ACTION ON LOAN:**

Approved Revolving Loan

Approved Conservation Tillage

\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Disapproved Revolving Loan

\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Disapproved Conserv. Tillage

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Conservation Commission Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**CERTIFICATION OF DEPARTMENT ACTION ON CONSERVATION TILLAGE LOAN:**

Approved Conservation Tillage

\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Disapproved Conservation Tillage

\_\_\_\_\_  
Administrator

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

BUTTE CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2016  
MINUTES

Call meeting to order: Tim Reich @ 6pm

Present: Cliff Conry, Justin Boerboom-DC, Jeff Smeenk, Joe Nichols-USFWS,  
David Winkler, Tim Reich and Yvette Kirkman

Absent: Melanie Williamson

Approval of Agenda: Jeff moved to approve the agenda, David seconded, all in favor, motion carried

Approval of Minutes: Jeff moved to approve the minutes of the August meeting, Cliff seconded, all in favor, motion carried

Approval of Treasurer's Report: Dave moved to approve the treasurer's report and pay bills as presented, Cliff seconded, all in favor, motion carried

Old Business

Warehouse Roof (CBH) – Cliff, Melanie and Yvette met with refrigeration, electric, roofing, mechanical and crane/deck contractors and have come up with a couple of options and several bids to consider. Following discussion, Yvette will go back to the roofing contractor with a different option and request a new quote, due to board member absences next week, the board agreed to communicate via email once the new quote was presented.

Drill – following discussion on the drill, Jeff made a motion to pay off the current drill and apply for new drill thru CC, David seconded, all in favor, motion carried, Tim will get an updated equipment trade document from Bentz.

New Business

USFWS – Joe Nichols presented some photos of some final projects that he has finished up and said he is working on some projects for next year.

Tree/Drill – discussion was held on pricing for the 2017 season, Cliff moved to approve the increases to the tree season items and drill rates recommended with an additional increase to the planting minimum, Jeff seconded, all in favor, motion carried. The drill was used for 324 acres in Aug. and to date 171.5 acres in Sept.

Grant Review – Yvette is waiting on final docs for the Weed Rehab grant, finished the large West River grant and is working on the next round of applications.

BFRWP – next meeting is Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> @ 1pm, First Interstate Bank, this meeting will be held following all of the grant applications to see what was funded

Field Report – see attached

Other

Yvette shared photos from the Beef Bowl, Melanie was on hand to re-present Lindsey Ranches with their award during the game.

Surface Water Discharge Permit Notification – no action required/information noted

Adopt-A-Hwy – Yvette and Zindie have been working with the State Hwy Dept. to adopt a section of highway and will begin this project in 2017

Convention – Yvette updated the group on the final aspects and updates for the convention.

Upcoming Events

Sept. 25-27 – SDACD Convention @ Deadwood Lodge

Oct. 7 – Cover Crop Tour

Oct. 10 – Columbus Day/Native American Day – OFFICE CLOSED

Oct. 12 – Next regularly scheduled board meeting

Adjourned: 7:45pm      Next mtg: Oct. 12 @ 6pm

\*Note – see attached email regarding motions

Melanie Williamson via phone call on Sept. 12 @ 9am, confirmed approval of motion made by Jeff and seconded by Cliff

Tim Reich verbally confirmed approval of the motion and second by Jeff and Cliff in the Butte CD office @ 11:30am

*Submitted by Yvette Kirkman*



## Kirkman, Yvette - NRCS-CD, Belle Fourche, SD

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**From:** Cliff and Cheyenne CONRY <cconry4@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 12, 2016 7:26 AM  
**To:** Jeff Smeenk; Kirkman, Yvette - NRCS-CD, Belle Fourche, SD; timreich@rushmore.com  
**Cc:** 'MELANIE M WILLIAMSON'; 'Dave and Bev Winkler'  
**Subject:** Re: Motions

I would like to second Jeff's motion to pay off the drill and his motion to accept the bids for approximately \$16,000 to remove the units from the building.

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**From:** Jeff Smeenk <cn\_ranch@sdplains.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 11, 2016 7:01 AM  
**To:** 'Kirkman, Yvette - NRCS-CD, Belle Fourche, SD'; timreich@rushmore.com  
**Cc:** cconry4@msn.com; 'MELANIE M WILLIAMSON'; 'Dave and Bev Winkler'  
**Subject:** RE: Motions

I would like to make those two motions. Even though we owe a little more on the drill than what we had thought I think paying it off should be no problem. Thanks Yvette! JS

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**From:** Kirkman, Yvette - NRCS-CD, Belle Fourche, SD [mailto:Yvette.Kirkman@sd.nacdnet.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 09, 2016 5:07 PM  
**To:** timreich@rushmore.com  
**Cc:** cconry4@msn.com; CENTER OF NATION CATTLE COMPANY INC (cn\_ranch@sdplains.com); MELANIE M WILLIAMSON (wcf@sdplains.com); Dave and Bev Winkler (dbwinkler@sdplains.com)  
**Subject:** Motions

Requesting the following motions from the board:

Motion to proceed with paying off the current drill at the approximately \$11,403 and sending in loan application for new drill  
(Note-the drill trade came in at \$22,500)

Motion to make contact with contractors to proceed with the removal of A/C units as soon as scheduling allows  
(Precision Mechanical @ \$2727 – Black Hills Roofing @ \$5380 – CVD Construction (Donovan) @ between \$1k - \$2k)

Please Reply All regarding this email by Monday if possible

Thank You and Have a Great Weekend!

Yvette M. Kirkman – District Mgr.  
Butte Conservation District  
1837 5<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Belle Fourche, SD 57717  
PH - (605)892-3368 x3  
FAX - 855-254-6028

Tim Reich verbally approved of the motions second by Jeff & Cliff in the Butte CD office @ 11:30 AM  
Melanie Williamson via phone call 9 AM in favor of both motions 9/12/16 JJS



**JOHN DEERE**

**Quote Summary**

**Prepared For:**

Butte County Soil Conservation  
1837 5th Ave  
Belle Fourche, SD 57717  
Business: 605-892-4315

**Prepared By:**

William Huston  
Bentz Equipment  
11090 Us Hwy 212 Bus  
Belle Fourche, SD 57717  
Phone: 605-892-2621  
Mobile: 605-391-5690  
bentzeq@rapidnet.com

**Quote Id:** 14007984

**Created On:** 09 September 2016

**Last Modified On:** 09 September 2016

**Expiration Date:** 30 September 2016

| Equipment Summary  | Suggested List | Selling Price  | Qty | Extended     |
|--|----------------|----------------|-----|--------------|
| JOHN DEERE 1590 No-Till Drill - 15 Ft. (Model Year 2016) - 1N01590XCG0765355 | \$ 66,996.21   | \$ 66,996.21 X | 1 = | \$ 66,996.21 |

**Equipment Total** **\$ 66,996.21**

| Trade In Summary                     | Qty | Each         | Extended            |
|--------------------------------------|-----|--------------|---------------------|
| 2013 JOHN DEERE 1590 - N01590X750816 | 1   | \$ 44,496.21 | \$ 44,496.21        |
| PayOff                               |     |              | \$ 0.00             |
| Total Trade Allowance                |     |              | \$ 44,496.21        |
| <b>Trade In Total</b>                |     |              | <b>\$ 44,496.21</b> |

**Quote Summary**

|                    |                     |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| Equipment Total    | \$ 66,996.21        |
| Trade In           | \$ (44,496.21)      |
| SubTotal           | \$ 22,500.00        |
| Total              | \$ 22,500.00        |
| Down Payment       | (0.00)              |
| Rental Applied     | (0.00)              |
| <b>Balance Due</b> | <b>\$ 22,500.00</b> |

*Price includes changing to 1/2 speed drive*

Salesperson : X \_\_\_\_\_

Accepted By : X \_\_\_\_\_



**JOHN DEERE**

# Selling Equipment

Quote Id: 14007984

Customer: BUTTE COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION

## JOHN DEERE 1590 No-Till Drill - 15 Ft. (Model Year 2016) - 1N01590XCG0765355

Hours: 0000

Suggested List

Stock Number:

\$ 66,996.21

Selling Price

\$ 66,996.21

| Description    | Qty | Unit         | Extended     |
|----------------|-----|--------------|--------------|
| 1590 15' DRILL | 1   | \$ 46,255.00 | \$ 46,255.00 |

### Standard Options - Per Unit

|                               |   |              |                     |
|-------------------------------|---|--------------|---------------------|
| DESTINATION UNITED STATES     | 1 | \$ 0.00      | \$ 0.00             |
| ENGLISH OM & DECALS           | 1 | \$ 0.00      | \$ 0.00             |
| COMBO BOX 7.5"                | 1 | \$ 10,418.00 | \$ 10,418.00        |
| BOOTS-EXTD-7.5" W/PLSTC WHLS  | 1 | \$ 0.00      | \$ 0.00             |
| LESS MARKERS                  | 1 | \$ 0.00      | \$ 0.00             |
| MECHANICAL SEED RATE ADJ      | 1 | \$ -837.00   | \$ -837.00          |
| HITCH & WHEEL SUPT 15' MODEL  | 1 | \$ 3,758.00  | \$ 3,758.00         |
| FRONT RANK LOCK-UP            | 1 | \$ 328.00    | \$ 328.00           |
| OPEN CENTER KIT W/CHG VALVE   | 1 | \$ 350.00    | \$ 350.00           |
| 15FT AGITATOR PARTS           | 1 | \$ 486.00    | \$ 486.00           |
| GRASS SEED BOX- 7.5" SPACING  | 1 | \$ 3,126.00  | \$ 3,126.00         |
| <b>Standard Options Total</b> |   |              | <b>\$ 17,629.00</b> |

### Other Charges

|                            |   |             |                    |
|----------------------------|---|-------------|--------------------|
| Freight                    | 1 | \$ 1,029.39 | \$ 1,029.39        |
| EnviroCrate                | 1 | \$ 33.57    | \$ 33.57           |
| Setup                      | 1 | \$ 2,049.25 | \$ 2,049.25        |
| <b>Other Charges Total</b> |   |             | <b>\$ 3,112.21</b> |

**Suggested Price** \$ 66,996.21

### Customer Discounts

**Customer Discounts Total** \$ 0.00 \$ 0.00

**Total Selling Price** \$ 66,996.21

### Original Factory Build Codes

| Code | Description                  |
|------|------------------------------|
| 0202 | DESTINATION UNITED STATES    |
| 0409 | ENGLISH OM & DECALS          |
| 1060 | COMBO BOX 7.5"               |
| 1126 | BOOTS-EXTD-7.5" W/PLSTC WHLS |
| 1295 | LESS MARKERS                 |
| 1405 | MECHANICAL SEED RATE ADJ     |
| 2304 | HITCH & WHEEL SUPT 15' MODEL |
| 4106 | FRONT RANK LOCK-UP           |
| 4205 | OPEN CENTER KIT W/CHG VALVE  |



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September 9, 2016

SD Department of Ag  
Division of RC&F  
Bill Smith  
523 East Capitol Ave  
Pierre, SD 57501

Dear Bill,

Enclosed you will find our application for the revolving loan. I have included the application, a W-9, signed board meeting minutes, and a copy of the balance sheet as of 9/08/2016.

I have also enclosed our annual report, which contains the accomplishments and practices applied, profit and loss statement, balance sheet, and annual plan of work.

Our District is looking at purchasing a more versatile, reliable drill as a source of income. This drill would be able to seed grass, as well as cover crops, which have proven to be a potential source of income in our area. With our current drill, we are missing out on a number of opportunities due to the drill's unreliability and inability to plant anything other than grass.

This should be all the reports required and if there are any questions, please let me know.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kelsie Chambers".

Kelsie Chambers  
District Manager  
(605) 244-5222 ext. 3

Revolving Loan #  
Tillage Program #

### APPLICATION FOR REVOLVING LOAN and CONSERVATION TILLAGE LOAN

Legal authority: SDCL 38-8-53, 53.1 and 54; and 38-6-8.1, and the Administrative Rules Chapter 12:03:03, and 12:07:01.  
The Perkins County Conservation District, with headquarters at Bison South Dakota,  
does hereby apply for a loan of \$ 53,500 from the (check all that apply)

- Conservation District Revolving Loan Fund
- Conservation Tillage Equipment Program

in the State of South Dakota, in accordance with the above stated legal authorities.

Purpose of loan: Purchase a John Deere 1590 No-Till Drill-15 ft.

Payments to begin on: 05/01/2017 Length of Loan: Years, 5 months

**The district understands that the repayment will include principal plus interest at the rate of 3.0% Annual Percentage Rate (APR) for Revolving Loans; and 5.0% Annual Percentage Rate (APR) for Conservation Tillage Equipment Loans, on the unpaid principal balance. There is no penalty for early repayment.**

| REVOLVING LOAN FUND |                   | Proposed  | Principal     |
|---------------------|-------------------|-----------|---------------|
| Repayment Schedule: |                   |           |               |
| Date                | <u>05/01/2017</u> | Amount \$ | <u>10,700</u> |
| Date                | <u>05/01/2018</u> | Amount \$ | <u>10,700</u> |
| Date                | <u>05/01/2019</u> | Amount \$ | <u>10,700</u> |
| Date                | <u>05/01/2020</u> | Amount \$ | <u>10,700</u> |
| Date                | <u>05/01/2021</u> | Amount \$ | <u>10,700</u> |

| CONSERVATION TILLAGE LOAN     |  | Proposed  |
|-------------------------------|--|-----------|
| Principal Repayment Schedule: |  |           |
| Date                          |  | Amount \$ |

#### INFORMATION ON EQUIPMENT TO BE PURCHASED WITH LOAN FUNDS (if applicable)

Make of Machine: John Deere Total Cost: 53,500  
 Model #: 1590 No-Till Drill Serial #: 972EN  
 Anticipated Charge: 10.00/acre Anticipated use of machine: Acres: 600/yr

#### EQUIPMENT INSURANCE:

Insurance Company: SDPAA Liability Pool Amount of comprehensive coverage: 74,492

**NOTE: ARSD 12:03:03:02(9) requires that insurance be carried to cover loss of equipment purchased with loan funds.**

| PLEASE CHECK THE APPROPRIATE ANSWER: |   |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| YES <input type="radio"/>            | NO <input checked="" type="radio"/> Will this loan be used to pay off or refinance another loan?                  |
| YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> | NO <input type="radio"/> Is existing equipment being used as a trade-in?  |
| YES <input type="radio"/>            | NO <input checked="" type="radio"/> If yes, is there a current loan on that equipment? Where: _____               |
| YES <input type="radio"/>            | NO <input checked="" type="radio"/> Are other lending institutions involved in the acquisition of this equipment? |
| YES <input type="radio"/>            | NO <input checked="" type="radio"/> Has the district already purchased the equipment? If yes, When: _____         |

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AS OF 09/08/2016 . (Or attach current Balance Sheet)

**ASSETS:**

|                                      |    |                                   |
|--------------------------------------|----|-----------------------------------|
| Cash (deposits, savings, petty cash) | \$ | <input type="text"/>              |
| Accounts Receivable (list below)     | \$ | <input type="text"/>              |
| Equipment (inventory value)          | \$ | <input type="text"/>              |
| Land & Buildings                     | \$ | <input type="text"/>              |
| Other Assets                         | \$ | <input type="text"/>              |
| <br>TOTAL                            | \$ | <input type="text" value="0.00"/> |

**LIABILITIES/EQUITY:**

|  |    |                                   |
|--|----|-----------------------------------|
| Vehicle notes payable                          | \$ | <input type="text"/>              |
| Other Accounts Payable (list on separate page) | \$ | <input type="text"/>              |
| Equipment notes payable                        | \$ | <input type="text"/>              |
| Land/Building notes payable                    | \$ | <input type="text"/>              |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES                              | \$ | <input type="text" value="0.00"/> |
| Retained Earnings (equity)                     | \$ | <input type="text"/>              |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES+ EQUITY</b>               | \$ | <input type="text" value="0.00"/> |

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE RECORD AS OF 09/08/2016

| DEBTOR | AMOUNT OF DEBT | DATE DEBT INCURRED | REASON FOR DEBT NOT PAID |
|--------|----------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
|        |                |                    |                          |
|        |                |                    |                          |
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**PROJECTED FINANCIAL STATEMENT** (note unusual income or expenditure changes anticipated during the term of the loan):

No unusual expenses or income are anticipated.

**NOTE:**

1. Please attach a copy of the meeting minutes at which the loan application was authorized. These minutes **MUST BE SIGNED** by the District Administrative Secretary.
2. The district agrees to maintain financial records as required by the Conservation Commission and will make those records available to the Commission or Department of Agriculture staff for inspection upon request.
3. The district agrees to submit a statement of usage to the Commission at the time of each payment according to Administration of Revolving Fund Rules - chapter 12:03:03:08.
4. The district must attach a W-9 form to this application.

This application for a loan from the (check all that apply)

- Conservation District Revolving Loan fund
- Conservation Tillage Equipment Loan Program

was approved by the Board of Supervisors of the Perkins County Conservation District at a meeting held on 9/1/2016 and is so recorded in the official minutes of the meeting.

ATTEST:

Kelsi Chambers

SECRETARY

Lynell Johnson

CHAIRMAN

9-9-16

Date of Application

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**LOAN FINDINGS (DEPARTMENT USE ONLY):**

| QUESTIONS   | COMMENTS  |
|---|-----------|
| 1. Was the application received by the deadline? Date Received:   | Yes No    |
| 2. Is the application signed by appropriate persons?  | Yes No    |
| 3. Is the loan for the appropriate reason (not real estate, computers, etc.)?                                       | Yes No    |
| 4. If applicable, is insurance being acquired?  | Yes No NA |
| 5. Are minutes attached with applicable motion(s)?  | Yes No    |
| 6. If no minutes are attached, are they coming? When?   | Yes No NA |
| 7. Are minutes official (quorum, no advisors involved in action on motions)?  | Yes No    |
| 8. Are conservation tillage loan funds being requested?   | Yes No    |
| 9. Are present loans current?   | Yes No NA |
| 10. Were past loans paid off on time?   | Yes No NA |
| 11. Is the financial information in the application consistent with that in the district's annual financial report? | Yes No    |
| 12. Additional comments   |           |

\_\_\_\_\_  
Division Staff

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**THIS PAGE FOR DEPARTMENT USE ONLY**

**CERTIFICATION OF COMMISSION ACTION ON LOAN:**

|                            |                               |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Approved Revolving Loan    | Approved Conservation Tillage |
| \$ _____                   | \$ _____                      |
| Disapproved Revolving Loan | Disapproved Conserv. Tillage  |

\_\_\_\_\_  
Conservation Commission Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**CERTIFICATION OF DEPARTMENT ACTION ON CONSERVATION TILLAGE LOAN:**

|                                  |
|----------------------------------|
| Approved Conservation Tillage    |
| \$ _____                         |
| Disapproved Conservation Tillage |

\_\_\_\_\_  
Administrator

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



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### **2016 September MEETING**

*The monthly meeting of the Perkins County Conservation District was called to order on Thursday, September 1, 2016 at 1:10 PM. Supervisors present were Drew Anderson, Ron Harris, Lyndel Johnson, Veronica Kari, and Willard Ottman. NRCS personnel present was Shane Yalowizer with office personnel, Kelsie Chambers. All motions were passed with unanimous vote unless otherwise noted. The July 2016 minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Willard and seconded by Veronica to approve the minutes from last month.*

*The August and September treasurer's report was reviewed. A motion was made by Ron and seconded by Veronica to accept the treasurer's report.*

**Fall Tree Checks:** *Fall tree checks were discussed, and this month, Kelsie/Natalie will be completing tree checks on the trees that were planted this spring. Letters will also go out to those who are planning to have trees planted in 2017.*

**SD Ag in the Classroom:** *A discussion was held regarding donating to SD Ag in the Classroom. It was decided that the District would not be donating at this time.*

**Endowment Honoree Donation:** *Ron made a motion, seconded by Drew, to contribute \$100.00 to the Endowment Fund in Susan Anderson's name.*

**Cover Crop Tour Sponsor:** *Drew made a motion, seconded by Willard, to donate \$50 to NRCS to sponsor the lunch for the Cover Crop Tour occurring on September 7, 2016.*

**Drill:** *Drew gave an update on the John Deer Drill. A discussion was held regarding whether or not to sell the District's current Truax Drill outright, or trade with a new drill purchase. Funding options were discussed. Kelsie will apply for the Revolving Loan through SDACD for \$53,500.*

**2017 Tree order form and descriptions:** *Kelsie supplied the board with Big Sioux Nursery's updated costs. It was determined that Kelsie would work with Susan to create the tree order form for the District before the next meeting.*

**Millborn Seed-** *Kelsie provided the board with information regarding Millborn Seed. The District decided to go forward with working with Millborn. Producers ordering cover crop seed will be able to order through the district. Millborn will provide the District with a wholesale*

cost, including freight, and ship directly to the producer. The District will charge an additional 15% on top of the wholesale cost and bill the producer.

**SDACD Convention:** The convention was discussed. Kelsie provided the Supervisors with information regarding room reservations.

**Vouchers:** A discussion was held regarding whether or not to continue having the Supervisors sign the vouchers monthly. It was determined that signatures were not needed, however, that Kelsie would continue doing them as it is beneficial for organization of bills paid.

**NWA Resource Specialist Grant:** Ron motioned, and Veronica seconded, that Kelsie send in the grant application to continue with the NWA Resource Specialist position/grant.

**New Business:** There was no new business to discuss.

**NRCS Report:** Shane gave an oral report.

**NW Area Natural Resource Specialist Update:** Kelsie gave an oral report.

The next meeting was scheduled for October 6, 2016, at 1:00 PM. The meeting was adjourned at 2:38 PM.

Kelsie Chambers

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## ANNUAL PLAN OF WORK

### Perkins County Conservation District

January 01, 2016 – December 31, 2016

**PURPOSE:** The Purpose of the annual work plan is to spell out the District's most pressing problems in the fields of soil, water, wildlife conservation, and air and water pollution. It sets objectives for the year, and outlines specific actions to accomplish the objectives.

**OBJECTIVE I: Accelerate the conservation and environmental improvement of the resources within the Perkins County Conservation District**

1. Assist landowners and operators on maintaining their Conservation Compliance plans and complying with Sodbuster, Swampbuster and Conservation Reserve.
2. Promote rangeland conservation. Emphasize the use of range practices such as grazing systems, fencing, and water development.
3. Review and approve conservation plans for the following programs:
  - a. Continuous Sign-up CRP
  - b. Sodbuster
  - c. CSP
  - c. Environmental Quality Incentive Program
  - d. General CRP
4. Promote needed conservation practices through local media, newspaper, radio, etc. and promote and assist with conservation education activities in the district.
5. Manage and carry out a tree planting program to provide quality trees and planting for new farmstead, feedlot, field windbreaks and Living Snow Fences.

**OBJECTIVE II: Manage District operations for improved efficiency and effectiveness**

1. Provide an informational and educational program to the people in the District to strengthen their awareness to the proper management and conservation of our soil and water resources.
  - a. Publish Annual Report
  - b. Promote Soil Stewardship Week
  - c. Sponsor Soil & Moisture Achievement Program
  - d. Izaak Walton League Award for Wildlife Habitat
  - e. Promote Arbor Day Observance/Sponsor Arbor Day Essay and Poster Contest
  - f. Sponsor Perkins County Photo Contest
2. Continue to support needed staffing requirements for efficient field office operations.
3. Obtain photos needed to show the public examples of good conservation.
4. Develop Annual Plan of Work.

**OBJECTIVE III: District Policies, Procedures and Operations**

1. Hold regular monthly meetings on the first Thursday of each month and attend other special meetings as may be called.
2. Attend local, area, state and national meetings/conferences as authorized by the Board.
3. Establish policies and procedures for handling District Activities.
4. The Board will serve on committees for such District Operations as tours, demonstrations, finance, education and equipment.
5. The district is participating with Corson, Dewey, Harding, Tri-County and Ziebach County in the Northwest Area Natural Resource Specialist project.
6. The district is participating with Corson, Dewey, Harding, Tri-County and Ziebach County in the Northwest Area Tree Planting Project.

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Ron Harris, Chairman  
Lyndel Johnson, Vice Chairman  
Veronica Kari, Treasurer  
Willard Ottman, Supervisor  
Drew Anderson, Supervisor  
Brooke Scheider, District Manager  
Robert Drown, NIV Area, Natural Resource Specialist

**OFFICE HOURS:**  
8:00AM to 4:30PM, Monday—Friday  
Telephone (605) 244-5222—Bison, SD  
Fax: 855-24-6028  
Monthly meetings, first Thursday of each month

**NRCS PERSONNEL ASSISTING THE DISTRICT:**

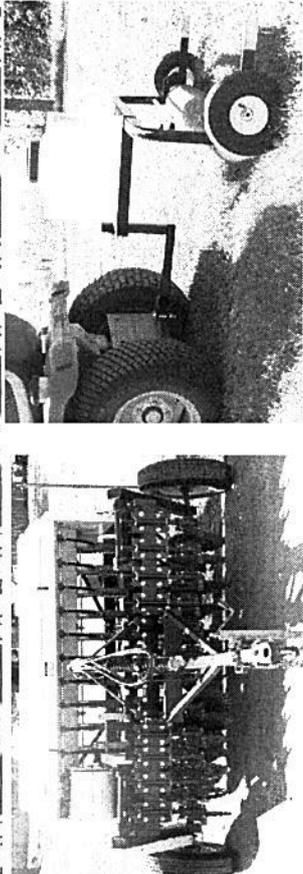
Sarah Eggelbo, District Conservationist  
Shane Yalowitz, Rangeland Management Specialist  
Ryan Beer, Area Rangeland Management Specialist  
Meko Alley, Soil Conservation Technician  
Cindy Hulm, Program Support Assistant  
Laure Zoller, Program Support Specialist



# 2015 Annual Report

**THANK YOU**

The District wishes to thank the following for cooperating and helping carry out the conservation activities in Perkins County this year: Perkins County Commissioners, Natural Resources Conservation Service, SD Division of Resource Conservation & Forestry, Farm Service Agency, SD Department of Environment & Natural Resources, SDSU Cooperative Extension Service, U.S. Forest Service, newspapers, radio stations, farmers & ranchers and all other cooperating state and federal agencies. A strong conservation program is a result of cooperation of many individuals and organizations.



The Perkins County Conservation District has a 12' Innox Flex II no-till grass drill and a weed roller "Dandy-lion Killer" for rent. The grass drill has double disc furrow openers and depth bands optimizing seed placement and seed to soil contact. Multiple seed boxes give you the flexibility to seed native fluffy seeds, cool season species, small grains, legumes, and wildflowers. Planting can be accomplished as no-till and interseeding in most conditions such as, hard pastures and roadsides to crop residue and cover crops, as well as on a prepared seedbed.

The weed roller is a no drift, wide-type roller that can be pulled behind a lawn mower or ATV and can be used in windy conditions. For more information contact the office at (605)244-5222, ext. 3.

## PERKINS COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT ACTIVITIES



Arv and Lori Lachowitzer were presented with the 2015 Soil and Moisture Award for their contribution to conserving the land that they run cattle and farm on.



Ken and Mary Wilson were presented with the Leank Walton League of America Wildlife Habitat Award for their work converting their land into a wildlife safe haven.

## WELCOME! New Employees at the Bison Office

### Brooke Schecher-Perkins County Conservation District Manager

Hi Everyone! I in Brooke Schecher I started as the Perkins County Conservation District Manager in January 2015. I took over for Susan Anderson, and boy, did I have big shoes to fill! I graduated from Black Hills State University in December of 2014 with a double major in Psychology and Sociology. I truly enjoy working with the people in this area. It makes coming to work very enjoyable, so THANK YOU! This past July, I married Brad Schecher, the one who introduced me to this beautiful area.

We are in the Registered Red Angus Cattle Business and he also does some farming in the Bison Area. I'm so excited to be part of this wonderful community. Stop in sometime and say Hi, I'd love to meet you!



### Sarah Eggebo- NRCS District Conservationist

Sarah Eggebo started as the District Conservationist on November 2nd for the Bison NRCS Field Office. Sarah comes to the Bison office after serving as the District Conservationist in the Belle Fourche and Highmore NRCS Field Offices for the past 11 plus years. Prior to working in Belle Fourche and Highmore, Sarah was the Soil Conservationist in the Pierre and Wall NRCS Field Offices. Sarah received her undergraduate and master's degree in Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences from South Dakota State University.

Sarah and her son, Greyson, have made their home at the family ranch near Prairie City. In her spare time, Sarah enjoys hunting, fishing, and spending time with her family and friends.



### Laurie Zaker-NRCS Program Support Specialist

I was born in California, but being an Air Force brat, my family moved back and forth between the West coast and the Gulf coast. I moved to Bison from Mississippi Gulf Coast. Although it has been somewhat of a culture-shock, I have been enjoying life in an even smaller town than the one I came from. The people here have been so nice and I really appreciate all the help to get accustomed to my new environment. I look forward to having a long and mutually rewarding experience with NRCS.



## Arbor Day Essay Contest

"Why is Arbor Day Important?"

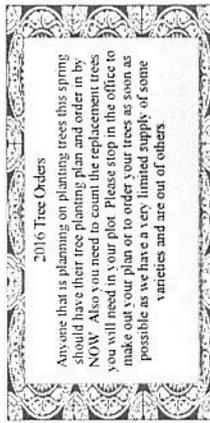
By: Taye Kolm  
6th Grade, Lemmon Elementary School  
1st Place Essay

\*Bzzzzzz!\* \*Crack!\* \*Crash!\* Today many trees are dying of diseases, worldly causes and natural causes. We celebrate Arbor Day to remind people of the importance of trees. Two main points that correspond with Arbor Day are Julius Sterling Morton introducing Arbor Day in Nebraska and why trees are important to remember. Those big hanks of trunks are helping you breathe right now!

A man named Julius Sterling Morton first proposed Arbor Day on January 4, 1872 and later they set the date for April 10, 1872. He helped numerous things and people. Each state has a national holiday and Arbor Day is Nebraska's holiday. Although the set date of 10th, each state celebrates it at a different time in April. The first Arbor Day contributed to one million new trees!

In addition to Arbor Day, trees are used for more than just looks, they produce air for us to breathe. Arbor Day essays are actually killing trees for the paper. Trees are used for building things like furniture and houses. Masked day people don't think about how many trees they are using and how it is affecting our earth. Wood that you may be sitting on is used for worldly wants and people should be more considerate.

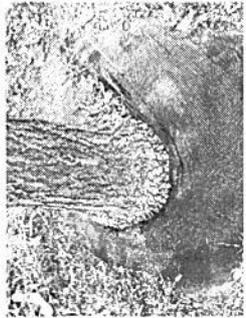
Every year on Arbor Day someone comes to our school and explains trees and Arbor Day (itself). They give certain classes little trees to plant when they go home. It gives kids a feel for nature and shows them how important trees are!



## Maintenance of Weed Barrier

Keep the edges and ends of weed barrier fabric covered with soil, as properly, it can be harmful to the tree. When fabric isn't anchored larger, if the opening is not large enough, the fabric will tighten around the trunk base and may cause damage or kill the tree or shrub. It is also recommended to remove the fabric after the trees are established.

Some weeds and grasses will emerge adjacent to trees. It is important to walk the tree rows two or three times during the growing season to pull weeds and grasses growing through the holes made for the trees.



This is an example of weed barrier not being maintained. The fabric is stuck in the trunk of the tree and the tree will slowly die because of the lack of maintenance.

## Susan Anderson Retires after 28 Years with the District



Congratulations on your retirement Susan! The Perkins County Conservation District would like to send you a huge THANK YOU for all of your hard work and dedication over the past 28 years. Enjoy every minute of your retirement, you deserve it!

## GROWING TREES IS NOT EASY IN SOUTH DAKOTA

By: Bob Drown, Natural Resource Specialist

South Dakota is situated on the sub-and high plains and the main native vegetation is grass and forbs. Windbreak and shelterbelt planning during the 20th century changed the landscape of the state dramatically. Several decades after early settlement, many trees were killed during the Dust Bowl.

People developed new methods to overcome the areas two main hazards for tree survival, lack of moisture and strong winds. The practice of summer fallow eliminates weeds and banks moisture for planned tree plantings. Supplemental watering helps establish new tree plantings. The use of weed control fabric has been adopted widely across the area since the 1990s. The use of it generally improves tree survival and growth rates. Another common practice used over the years by many farmers and ranchers is to put old tires around trees providing excellent protection from wind and a favorable microclimate effect. But both weed control fabric and tires can kill trees if left on too long.

Successful tree growing requires work. Timely maintenance of trees planted around homes and around farms/ranches need to be done. Control of weeds and other competitive vegetation should be done each year several times during the growing season. The holes in weed control fabric needs to be enlarged around trees or removed completely 10 years after planting. Trees placed around trees should be removed 5 years after planting.



### Weeds: Stay Away!

Weeds were suppressed in this new tree planting by planting millet between the rows. Millet works very well and takes very little moisture from the tree plot.

## Arbor Day Poster Contest

"Trees are Terrific... Inside and Out!"

By: Megan Baumeister  
5th Grade, Lemmon Elementary School  
1st Place Poster



## Northwest Area Natural Resource Specialist Report

By: Bob Drown

This past year has been a busy one for planning and implementing tree plantings in Corson, Dewey, Harding, Perkins, Tri-County and Ziebach County. Conservation Districts Programs used to assist landowners with cost share are the Northwest Area Tree Planting Grant, Continuous Sign-up Conservation Reserve Program, Environmental Quality Incentives Program and South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Woody Habitat Program. 2015 accomplishments include protecting livestock on 49 farms and ranches by planting 25,812 trees, in 36 miles of rows, covering 102 acres of land. Assistance to farmers, ranchers and homeowners is provided through the six conservation districts. There were 100+ sick tree calls responded to with recommendations provided for control of insect pests or diseases. Arbor Day presentations were made to six schools. The City of Lemmon was recognized with the Tree City USA Program. Newspapers throughout northwestern South Dakota were provided 26 TREE FACTS news releases and radio stations were provided 26 TREE FACTS radio spots.



## YUMMY: Crockpot Buffalo Chicken Dip

### Ingredients:

- 2 8-oz packages cream cheese, softened
- 2 12-oz cans of chunk chicken, drained
- 1 cup ranch dressing (liquid dressing, NOT dry mix)
- 2 cups of shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 cup Frank's Buffalo Hot Sauce--Add more for desired heat (Don't use tabasco)
- 1 bag of Frito Scoops or Tortilla Chips

**Directions:** Place the cream cheese in the crockpot on high and let soften. When soft, add the drained chicken, ranch dressing, and cheddar cheese. Stir. Let the dip melt together until creamy, stirring occasionally. It should take about 1 hour to melt, but time may differ depending on your crockpot. Serve with Frito Scoops or Tortilla Chips.

## 2015 Highlights

Trees were given to Perkins County school children in observance of Arbor Day.

The District paid 100% of their NACD, SDACD, Tree Research, Ag in the Classroom, Grassland Coalition, SDACD Auxiliary and SDACDE dues.

Susan Anderson retired from the Perkins County Conservation District after working for 28 years.

Willard Ottman, Bob Drown, and Brooke Schecher attended the SDACD Northwest Area meeting in June, in McIntosh.

Brooke Schecher attended the Big Sioux Nursery Workshop in April, in Watertown.

Brooke Schecher attended a Toolkit Training in Huron, in August.

The District sponsored the Cover Crop Tour put on by the NRCS in September.

Brooke Schecher and Bob Drown attended the Conservation Commissioners meeting in November in Pierre.

Brooke Schecher attended the Annual Convention of the South Dakota Association of Conservation Districts SDACD Conference in December, in Pierre.

A total of 7,531 trees (30.3 Acres) were planted and 7.65 miles of weed barrier was laid this spring by the district.

Bookmarks were distributed to the school libraries in observance of Soil Stewardship Week.

We provided assistance to NRCS on Conservation Compliance, Environmental Quality Incentives Program, Conservation Stewardship Program, and the Conservation Reserve Program.

Jim Anderson retired from the Board in January and Drew Anderson was appointed to take his position.

Brooke Schecher started as the Perkins County District Manager in January.

Laurie Zoller started as the NRCS Program Support Specialist in April.

Sarah Eggebo started as the NRCS District Conservationist in November.

## 2015 F.T. Conservation Accomplishments

Weed Barrier Fabric..... 40,397 Feet  
Tree Planting..... 30.3 Acres

## General Fund Operating Statement

January 1, 2015- December 31, 2015

### CASH RECEIPTS:

|   |                      |
|---|----------------------|
| Trees, Grass, and Perennial's.....          | \$ 17,502.28         |
| Tree Planting.....                          | 16,485.46            |
| Weed Barrier Labor.....                     | 17,062.37            |
| Weed Barrier.....                           | 9,235.84             |
| County Funds .....                          | 21,000.00            |
| Dividends.....                              | 118.23               |
| Interest Earned.....                        | 1,202.26             |
| No-Till Grass Drill Rental.....             | 7,683.80             |
| Tree Protector Income.....                  | 3,686.90             |
| Pickup Lease Income.....                    | 4,800.00             |
| Grant Income.....                           | 100,527.64           |
| Plantskyyd Income.....                      | 65.12                |
| Weed Roller Income.....                     | 75.00                |
| Flags.....                                  | 6.36                 |
| Maps.....                                   | 141.78               |
| Plant Books.....                            | 80.00                |
| Dakota Fed. Credit Union Account Closure... | 200.00               |
| Tatanka RC&D Disbanded.....                 | 400.00               |
| <b>TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS.....</b>             | <b>\$ 200,273.04</b> |

### CASH DISBURSEMENT:

|                                      |                   |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Wages.....                           | \$ 41,844.76      |
| Travel.....                          | 2,586.12          |
| Payroll Taxes.....                   | 3,863.28          |
| Retirement Fund.....                 | 2,335.82          |
| Dues.....                            | 1,838.60          |
| Phone.....                           | 333.50            |
| Postage.....                         | 642.93            |
| Supplies and Repairs.....            | 574.37            |
| Insurance.....                       | 5,647.20          |
| Information and Education.....       | 1,739.86          |
| Tree Expense.....                    | 19,525.80         |
| Fabric Expense.....                  | 16,633.25         |
| Grant Expense.....                   | 99,611.07         |
| Depreciation Expense.....            | 5,578.51          |
| No-Till Grass Drill Expense.....     | 640.99            |
| Administrative Expense.....          | 510.42            |
| Tree Protector Expense.....          | 2,277.62          |
| Miscellaneous Expense.....           | 286.38            |
| Interest.....                        | 3,759.81          |
| <b>TOTAL CASH DISBURSEMENTS...\$</b> | <b>210,230.29</b> |

### Investments:

**SD Public Funds Investment**

**Prepaid Workers Comp Fund**

**Rural Development Loan Escrow Account**

### Sponsored:

|                          |                                |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Arbor Day Essay Contest  | Soil Stewardship Week          |
| Arbor Day Poster Contest | Izaak Walton League Award      |
| Soil and Moisture Award  | Perkins Co. Fair Photo Contest |

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| 201312          | JONES           | SCHOOL & PUBLIC LANDS DAMS       | 12/01/2013           | 12/31/2014         | \$17,500.00         | \$22,650.00          | \$6,503.80            | \$3,382.00         | \$0.52          | \$10,996.20        |
| 201313          | MELLETTTE       | RANCHER'S WORKSHOP               | 01/01/2013           | 06/30/2013         | \$2,500.00          | \$18,620.00          | \$2,500.00            | \$15,563.54        | \$6.23          | \$0.00             |
| 201314          | MINER           | RESOURCE TECHNICIAN              | 01/01/2013           | 12/31/2013         | \$13,405.00         | \$26,810.00          | \$12,867.33           | \$13,551.56        | \$1.05          | \$537.67           |
| 201315          | MINER           | SD PUBLIC AWARENESS              | 01/01/2013           | 12/31/2013         | \$5,000.00          | \$10,000.00          | \$5,000.00            | \$3,634.72         | \$0.73          | \$0.00             |
| 201316          | MINER           | MINER SHELTERBELTS               | 01/01/2013           | 12/31/2015         | \$28,967.00         | \$59,911.00          | \$20,896.95           | \$26,057.76        | \$1.25          | \$8,070.05         |
| 201317          | MOODY           | RESOURCE TECHNICIAN              | 01/01/2013           | 12/31/2013         | \$30,383.00         | \$43,519.00          | \$12,353.60           | \$4,757.47         | \$0.39          | \$18,029.40        |
| 201318          | PERKINS         | NATURAL RESOURCE SPECIALIST      | 01/01/2013           | 12/31/2014         | \$32,010.00         | \$76,399.00          | \$26,324.89           | \$28,081.12        | \$1.07          | \$5,685.11         |
| 201319          | PERKINS         | NW AREA TREE PLANTING            | 07/01/2013           | 12/31/2015         | \$134,477.00        | \$442,622.00         | \$117,820.69          | \$214,135.65       | \$1.82          | \$16,656.31        |
| 201320          | TODD            | PIPELINE III                     | 01/01/2013           | 12/31/2014         | \$52,700.00         | \$107,400.00         | \$52,700.00           | \$82,595.37        | \$1.57          | \$0.00             |
| 201321          | Todd            | Pond Cleanout                    | 01/01/2013           | 06/30/2016         | \$33,000.00         | \$66,500.00          | \$25,615.31           | \$71,198.05        | \$2.78          | \$0.00             |
| 201322          | TURNER          | RESOURCE TECHNICIAN              | 07/01/2013           | 06/30/2014         | \$32,000.00         | \$57,666.00          | \$20,800.00           | \$27,894.07        | \$1.34          | \$11,200.00        |
| 201323          | DAY             | P. COTEAU WATER DEVEL            | 01/01/2013           | 12/31/2015         | \$65,000.00         | \$205,000.00         | \$41,591.44           | \$155,143.98       | \$3.73          | \$23,408.56        |
| 201324          | HANSON          | HANSON TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE      | 07/01/2013           | 06/30/2014         | \$15,000.00         | \$30,000.00          | \$3,881.20            | \$3,881.20         | \$1.00          | \$11,118.80        |
| 201325          | CLEARFIELD-     | PIPELINE I                       | 07/01/2013           | 06/30/2014         | \$16,514.06         | \$33,514.06          | \$0.00                |                    |                 | \$16,514.06        |
| 201326          | PENNINGTON      | THINNING FOR FOREST HEALTH       | 07/01/2013           | 06/30/2015         | \$25,000.00         | \$49,500.00          | \$16,173.75           | \$38,603.59        | \$2.39          | \$8,826.25         |
| 201327          | LAWRENCE        | LAWRENCE LIVESTOCK WATER         | 07/01/2013           | 12/31/2015         | \$33,000.00         | \$105,625.00         | \$31,623.41           | \$89,844.45        | \$2.84          | \$1,376.59         |
| 201328          | MELLETTTE       | PIPELINE IV                      | 07/01/2013           | 06/30/2015         | \$20,000.00         | \$40,300.00          | \$20,000.00           | \$42,210.23        | \$2.11          | \$0.00             |
| 201329          | MELLETTTE       | TECHNICIAN                       | 07/01/2013           | 06/30/2015         | \$25,000.00         | \$52,400.00          | \$25,000.00           | \$22,184.09        | \$0.89          | \$0.00             |
| 201330          | MINNEHAHA       | MINNEHAHA CD TECHNICIAN<br>PROG  | 07/01/2013           | 06/30/2014         | \$21,292.00         | \$43,200.00          | \$15,797.00           | \$16,876.50        | \$1.07          | \$5,495.00         |
| 201331          | YANKTON         | YANKTON CD CNRC PROJECT          | 07/01/2013           | 12/31/2014         | \$13,000.00         | \$57,033.00          | \$9,807.92            | \$32,762.78        | \$3.34          | \$3,192.08         |
| 201332          | LINCOLN         | PATTEE CREEK WATERSHED           | 07/01/2013           | 06/30/2014         | \$3,025.00          | \$6,050.00           | \$3,025.00            | \$3,146.00         | \$1.04          | \$0.00             |
| 201333          | Edmunds         | North Missouri Grassland Enhan   | 07/01/2013           | 06/30/2016         | \$25,000.00         | \$86,499.00          | \$24,748.46           | \$162,665.57       | \$6.57          | \$0.00             |
| 201334          | JONES           | MULTI-PRACTICE GRANT PHASE II    | 07/01/2013           | 06/30/2015         | \$25,000.00         | \$47,000.00          | \$25,000.00           | \$56,075.30        | \$2.24          | \$0.00             |
| 201335          | HAAKON          | MULTI-PRACTICE GRANT             | 07/01/2013           | 12/31/2015         | \$30,000.00         | \$58,000.00          | \$29,869.62           | \$72,537.25        | \$2.43          | \$130.38           |
| 201401          | BON HOMME       | BHCD CONSERVATION<br>ENHANCEMENT | 01/01/2014           | 06/30/2015         | \$24,900.00         | \$64,225.00          | \$19,575.13           | \$34,673.00        | \$1.77          | \$5,324.87         |
| 201402          | BRULE-BUFF      | MULTI-COUNTY BRUSH<br>MANAGEMENT | 01/01/2014           | 12/31/2016         | \$11,500.00         | \$21,500.00          | \$11,500.00           | \$13,426.00        | \$1.17          | \$0.00             |

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| 201403          | BUTTE           | LIVESTOCK WATER                | 01/01/2014           | 12/31/2015         | \$13,000.00         | \$41,910.00          | \$12,707.37           | \$32,420.53        | \$2.55          | \$292.63           |
| 201404          | BUTTE           | BELLE FOURCHE WEED REHABILITAT | 01/01/2014           | 12/31/2014         | \$35,000.00         | \$133,000.00         | \$34,981.50           | \$46,693.84        | \$1.33          | \$18.50            |
| 201405          | CUSTER          | THIN OUT FOR A HEALTHIER FORES | 01/01/2014           | 12/31/2014         | \$17,000.00         | \$34,500.00          | \$17,000.00           | \$67,518.50        | \$3.97          | \$0.00             |
| 201406          | DAVISON         | SHELTERBELT PLANTING           | 01/01/2014           | 12/31/2014         | \$14,500.00         | \$28,042.00          | \$14,498.75           | \$17,948.36        | \$1.24          | \$1.25             |
| 201407          | DAY             | NE GLACIAL LAKES               | 07/01/2014           | 06/30/2015         | \$40,000.00         | \$593,200.00         | \$33,816.04           | \$55,031.37        | \$1.63          | \$6,183.96         |
| 201408          | Edmunds         | Grassland Enhancement II       | 01/01/2014           | 12/31/2016         | \$25,000.00         | \$79,834.00          | \$24,865.85           | \$82,661.59        | \$3.32          | \$0.00             |
| 201409          | HAAKON          | HJEP MULTI-PRACTICE            | 01/01/2014           | 12/31/2014         | \$20,804.64         | \$43,608.64          | \$11,850.62           | \$30,772.27        | \$2.60          | \$8,954.02         |
| 201410          | HAMLIN          | HAMLIN/CODINGTON TREE SHRUBS   | 01/01/2014           | 12/31/2014         | \$17,000.00         | \$34,000.00          | \$16,564.54           | \$24,840.96        | \$1.50          | \$435.46           |
| 201411          | HAMLIN          | RESOURCE TECHNICIAN            | 01/01/2014           | 12/31/2015         | \$8,380.00          | \$16,940.00          | \$7,955.25            | \$8,209.46         | \$1.03          | \$424.75           |
| 201412          | HANSON          | HANSON CO. SHELTERBELT         | 01/01/2014           | 12/31/2015         | \$7,500.00          | \$15,875.76          | \$7,370.00            | \$7,403.26         | \$1.00          | \$130.00           |
| 201413          | JACKSON         | SHELTERBELT ESTABLISHMENT      | 01/01/2014           | 12/31/2015         | \$7,001.00          | \$16,118.00          | \$5,299.14            | \$6,491.18         | \$1.22          | \$1,701.86         |
| 201414          | MARSHALL        | TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE           | 01/01/2014           | 12/31/2015         | \$4,392.00          | \$8,784.00           | \$4,392.00            | \$4,764.85         | \$1.08          | \$0.00             |
| 201415          | MELLETTTE       | 2014 SHELTERBELT               | 01/01/2014           | 06/30/2015         | \$21,000.00         | \$42,500.00          | \$21,000.00           | \$43,624.14        | \$2.08          | \$0.00             |
| 201416          | MINER           | PUBLIC AWARENESS & EDUCATION   | 01/01/2014           | 06/30/2015         | \$10,000.00         | \$20,000.00          | \$7,992.78            | \$9,999.55         | \$1.25          | \$2,007.22         |
| 201417          | MINER           | SDACDE PUBLIC AWARENESS        | 01/01/2014           | 12/31/2015         | \$10,000.00         | \$21,000.00          | \$10,000.00           | \$10,999.79        | \$1.10          | \$0.00             |
| 201418          | Miner           | Shelterbelt Renovation         | 01/01/2014           | 12/31/2016         | \$20,000.00         | \$64,781.00          | \$2,794.14            | \$8,978.71         | \$3.21          | \$0.00             |
| 201419          | MINER           | RESOURCE TECHNICIAN            | 01/01/2014           | 12/31/2014         | \$14,080.00         | \$28,160.00          | \$11,833.68           | \$11,833.70        | \$1.00          | \$2,246.32         |
| 201420          | MINNEHAHA       | RESOURCE TECHNICIAN            | 07/01/2014           | 06/30/2015         | \$16,920.00         | \$42,300.00          | \$15,340.80           | \$23,011.20        | \$1.50          | \$1,579.20         |
| 201421          | Minnehaha       | Wildlife Habitat               | 01/01/2014           | 12/31/2016         | \$9,600.00          | \$33,867.00          | \$0.00                |                    |                 | \$0.00             |
| 201422          | MOODY           | RESOURCE TECHNICIAN            | 01/01/2014           | 12/31/2014         | \$22,000.00         | \$44,000.00          | \$8,873.55            | \$8,873.55         | \$1.00          | \$13,126.45        |
| 201423          | ROBERTS         | TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE           | 01/01/2014           | 12/31/2015         | \$23,384.00         | \$48,138.00          | \$22,214.80           | \$23,031.56        | \$1.04          | \$1,169.20         |
| 201424          | ROBERTS         | TREE SHRUB                     | 01/01/2014           | 12/31/2014         | \$5,784.00          | \$13,459.00          | \$5,783.80            | \$11,629.69        | \$2.01          | \$0.20             |
| 201425          | TURNER          | TECHNICIAN AND ADMINISTRATIVE  | 07/01/2014           | 06/30/2015         | \$29,000.00         | \$59,954.00          | \$9,760.00            | \$11,911.00        | \$1.22          | \$19,240.00        |
| 201426          | BENNETT         | RESOURCE TECHNICIAN            | 07/01/2014           | 12/31/2015         | \$7,314.00          | \$14,628.00          | \$739.06              | \$739.07           | \$1.00          | \$6,574.94         |
| 201427          | HANSON          | RESOURCE TECHNICIAN            | 07/01/2014           | 06/30/2015         | \$17,000.00         | \$34,000.00          | \$392.89              | \$392.90           | \$1.00          | \$16,607.11        |

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| 201428          | BRULE-BUFF      | MISSOURI COTEAU WATER PHASE II | 07/01/2014           | 06/30/2016         | \$55,000.00         | \$205,000.00         | \$50,287.47           | \$131,262.47       | \$2.61          | \$0.00             |
| 201429          | BON HOMME       | COVER CROP/GRAZING MGMT        | 07/01/2014           | 12/31/2015         | \$23,236.00         | \$52,472.00          | \$23,180.31           | \$27,386.56        | \$1.18          | \$55.69            |
| 201430          | TODD            | 2014-15 PIPELINE               | 07/01/2014           | 06/30/2016         | \$25,000.00         | \$63,620.00          | \$24,999.90           | \$44,892.10        | \$1.80          | \$0.00             |
| 201431          | TODD            | 2014-15 SHELTERBELT/WINDBREAK  | 07/01/2014           | 06/30/2015         | \$15,000.00         | \$31,825.00          | \$15,000.00           | \$18,924.33        | \$1.26          | \$0.00             |
| 201432          | JONES           | SHELTERBELT PROJECT            | 07/01/2014           | 06/30/2015         | \$15,000.00         | \$33,886.00          | \$12,201.26           | \$12,880.40        | \$1.06          | \$2,798.74         |
| 201433          | MINER           | INFO & ED WORKSHOPS            | 07/01/2014           | 06/30/2015         | \$1,725.00          | \$3,950.00           | \$1,054.24            | \$1,054.24         | \$1.00          | \$670.76           |
| 201434          | HAND            | HAND-HYDE ENHANCEMENT PHASE 3  | 07/01/2014           | 06/30/2015         | \$30,000.00         | \$58,963.00          | \$27,636.58           | \$40,827.38        | \$1.48          | \$2,363.42         |
| 201435          | Brookings       | Fabric Removal Educ & Research | 07/01/2014           | 06/30/2016         | \$10,500.00         | \$18,500.00          | \$0.00                |                    |                 | \$0.00             |
| 201436          | DEWEY           | LIVESTOCK & RESOURCE PROJECT   | 07/01/2014           | 06/30/2015         | \$15,000.00         | \$30,964.00          | \$0.00                |                    |                 | \$15,000.00        |
| 201501          | Beadle          | Shelterbelts                   | 01/01/2015           | 06/30/2016         | \$25,000.00         | \$49,936.00          | \$4,120.66            | \$5,269.59         | \$1.28          | \$0.00             |
| 201502          | BEADLE          | WATER QUALITY FOR LVSTK        | 01/01/2015           | 12/31/2015         | \$35,000.00         | \$139,267.00         | \$30,298.43           | \$74,243.97        | \$2.45          | \$4,701.57         |
| 201503          | BENNETT         | TREE PLANTING                  | 01/01/2015           | 12/31/2015         | \$5,000.00          | \$10,843.00          | \$1,678.63            | \$3,903.36         | \$2.33          | \$3,321.27         |
| 201504          | Brule-Buffalo   | Brule-Buffalo CD Project       | 01/01/2015           | 06/30/2016         | \$30,095.00         | \$74,850.00          | \$27,987.41           | \$48,982.41        | \$1.75          | \$0.00             |
| 201505          | Butte           | Envirothon                     | 01/01/2015           | 12/31/2016         | \$5,000.00          | \$14,000.00          | \$1,000.00            | \$1,441.51         | \$1.44          | \$0.00             |
| 201506          | BUTTE           | WEED REHAB PHASE 3             | 01/01/2015           | 12/31/2015         | \$35,000.00         | \$133,000.00         | \$35,000.00           | \$44,115.00        | \$1.26          | \$0.00             |
| 201507          | CUSTER          | THINNING/HEALTHIER FOREST 2    | 01/01/2015           | 12/31/2015         | \$20,250.00         | \$40,500.00          | \$19,677.50           | \$30,195.50        | \$1.53          | \$572.50           |
| 201508          | DAVISON         | MULTI-CO BRUSH MGMT            | 01/01/2015           | 12/31/2015         | \$11,500.00         | \$21,500.00          | \$4,606.87            | \$5,889.38         | \$1.28          | \$6,893.13         |
| 201509          | Davison         | Shelterbelts                   | 01/01/2015           | 06/30/2016         | \$14,500.00         | \$27,960.76          | \$12,326.45           | \$12,578.19        | \$1.02          | \$0.00             |
| 201510          | DAY             | MULTI-CO SHELTERBELTS          | 01/01/2015           | 12/31/2015         | \$19,177.08         | \$42,502.08          | \$19,177.08           | \$26,167.11        | \$1.36          | \$0.00             |
| 201511          | Day             | NE Glacial Lakes Technician    | 07/01/2015           | 06/30/2016         | \$43,460.00         | \$623,274.00         | \$34,999.47           | \$324,989.42       | \$9.29          | \$0.00             |
| 201512          | DAY             | SOIL HEALTH/COVER CROP         | 01/01/2015           | 12/31/2015         | \$19,000.00         | \$51,336.00          | \$14,267.29           | \$21,673.32        | \$1.52          | \$4,732.71         |
| 201513          | East Penningt   | Homestead & Livestock Incentiv | 01/01/2015           | 12/31/2015         | \$7,500.00          | \$19,490.00          | \$0.00                |                    |                 | \$7,500.00         |
| 201514          | HAAKON          | LIVESTOCK SHELTER              | 01/01/2015           | 12/31/2015         | \$41,000.00         | \$83,500.00          | \$32,810.86           | \$36,836.01        | \$1.12          | \$8,189.14         |
| 201515          | HAMLIN          | HAMLIN/CODINGTON TREES         | 01/01/2015           | 12/31/2015         | \$13,000.00         | \$26,000.00          | \$11,834.90           | \$16,762.69        | \$1.42          | \$1,165.10         |
| 201516          | JONES           | MULTI-PRACTICE III             | 01/01/2015           | 06/30/2016         | \$19,176.50         | \$66,798.00          | \$19,176.50           | \$58,829.96        | \$3.07          | \$0.00             |

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| 201517          | MELLETTTE       | RANCHER'S WORKSHOP             | 01/01/2015           | 06/30/2015         | \$1,300.00          | \$4,320.00           | \$1,300.00            | \$1,687.15         | \$1.30          | \$0.00             |
| 201518          | MELLETTTE       | 2015 TECHNICIAN                | 01/01/2015           | 06/30/2016         | \$25,990.00         | \$51,980.00          | \$23,417.71           | \$522,488.47       | \$22.31         | \$0.00             |
| 201519          | Miner           | Cover Crop                     | 01/01/2015           | 12/31/2016         | \$16,695.00         | \$33,390.00          | \$13,291.85           | \$34,108.59        | \$2.57          | \$0.00             |
| 201520          | MINER           | TECHNICIAN                     | 01/01/2015           | 12/31/2015         | \$9,500.00          | \$21,500.00          | \$9,409.42            | \$9,702.04         | \$1.03          | \$90.58            |
| 201521          | Minnehaha       | Technician                     | 07/01/2015           | 06/30/2016         | \$21,248.00         | \$53,948.00          | \$0.00                |                    |                 | \$0.00             |
| 201522          | PERKINS         | NWA NATURAL RESOURCE SPECIALIS | 01/01/2015           | 12/31/2015         | \$35,000.00         | \$82,368.00          | \$26,220.48           | \$32,401.57        | \$1.24          | \$8,779.52         |
| 201523          | Perkins         | NWA Tree Planting              | 01/01/2015           | 12/31/2016         | \$50,000.00         | \$111,631.00         | \$23,789.60           | \$38,916.84        | \$1.64          | \$0.00             |
| 201524          | ROBERTS         | COVER CROP                     | 01/01/2015           | 12/31/2015         | \$23,036.00         | \$48,057.00          | \$22,668.78           | \$22,668.78        | \$1.00          | \$367.22           |
| 201525          | ROBERTS         | SHELTERBELTS                   | 01/01/2015           | 12/31/2015         | \$5,784.00          | \$13,459.00          | \$5,784.00            | \$11,377.68        | \$1.97          | \$0.00             |
| 201526          | SANBORN         | SHELTERBELTS                   | 01/01/2015           | 12/31/2015         | \$25,000.00         | \$50,400.00          | \$14,572.83           | \$14,973.97        | \$1.03          | \$10,427.17        |
| 201527          | TODD            | 2015 TREE GRANT                | 01/01/2015           | 06/30/2016         | \$15,000.00         | \$33,350.00          | \$15,000.00           | \$14,224.50        | \$0.95          | \$0.00             |
| 201528          | Turner          | Technician                     | 07/01/2015           | 06/30/2016         | \$29,000.00         | \$59,954.00          | \$0.00                |                    |                 | \$0.00             |
| 201529          | YANKTON         | NATURAL RESOURCES              | 01/01/2015           | 12/31/2015         | \$12,500.00         | \$40,904.21          | \$7,311.67            | \$18,016.38        | \$2.46          | \$5,188.33         |
| 201530          | Hamlin          | Shelterbelt Renovation         | 07/01/2015           | 06/30/2017         | \$17,594.00         | \$51,401.00          | \$5,035.44            | \$11,846.46        | \$2.35          | \$0.00             |
| 201531          | Moody           | Resource Technician            | 07/01/2015           | 06/30/2016         | \$10,000.00         | \$40,000.00          | \$0.00                |                    |                 | \$0.00             |
| 201532          | Miner           | Livestock Water Quality        | 07/01/2015           | 12/31/2016         | \$8,450.00          | \$26,040.00          | \$0.00                |                    |                 | \$0.00             |
| 201533          | TRI-COUNTY      | TRI-COUNTY WINDBREAKS 2015     | 07/01/2015           | 06/30/2016         | \$36,000.00         | \$72,000.00          | \$36,000.00           | \$40,458.85        | \$1.12          | \$0.00             |
| 201534          | Bennett         | Bennett/Shannon Tree Planting  | 07/01/2015           | 06/30/2016         | \$10,000.00         | \$21,364.00          | \$8,894.80            | \$9,520.70         | \$1.07          | \$0.00             |
| 201535          | Davison         | Cover Crops/Grazing            | 07/01/2015           | 12/31/2016         | \$24,000.00         | \$53,258.00          | \$14,195.68           | \$22,822.91        | \$1.61          | \$0.00             |
| 201536          | Aurora          | Conservation Awareness         | 07/01/2015           | 12/31/2016         | \$3,000.00          | \$6,500.00           | \$0.00                |                    |                 | \$0.00             |
| 201537          | HANSON          | COVER CROP                     | 07/01/2015           | 12/31/2015         | \$4,635.00          | \$10,197.50          | \$3,928.17            | \$3,928.17         | \$1.00          | \$706.83           |
| 201538          | Kingsbury       | Tree Renovation                | 07/01/2015           | 06/30/2017         | \$14,000.00         | \$38,944.83          | \$0.00                |                    |                 | \$0.00             |
| 201539          | KINGSBURY       | COVER CROP                     | 07/01/2015           | 12/31/2015         | \$8,350.00          | \$16,675.00          | \$2,593.88            | \$6,074.63         | \$2.34          | \$5,756.12         |
| 201540          | Bon Homme       | Cover Crop-Tree Renovation     | 07/01/2015           | 12/31/2016         | \$17,000.00         | \$63,600.00          | \$10,310.12           | \$15,663.09        | \$1.52          | \$0.00             |
| 201541          | Aurora          | Cover Crop- Pipeline           | 07/01/2015           | 12/31/2016         | \$23,000.00         | \$72,031.00          | \$7,847.09            | \$16,293.69        | \$2.08          | \$0.00             |
| 201542          | Miner           | SD Public Awareness of Conserv | 07/01/2015           | 12/31/2016         | \$7,400.00          | \$14,800.00          | \$5,205.63            | \$3,333.42         | \$0.64          | \$0.00             |

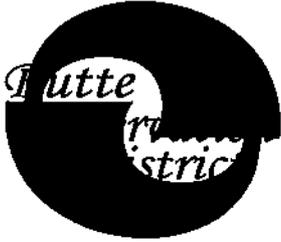
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| 201543          | Marshall        | Technician                     | 07/01/2015           | 06/30/2017         | \$4,144.00          | \$8,288.00           | \$3,316.31            | \$3,316.31         | \$1.00          | \$0.00             |
| 201544          | Day             | Multi-county Trees             | 07/01/2015           | 12/31/2016         | \$75,000.00         | \$188,937.00         | \$0.00                |                    |                 | \$0.00             |
| 201545          | GREGORY         | GREGORY COUNTY COVER CROPS     | 07/01/2015           | 12/31/2015         | \$6,975.00          | \$13,950.00          | \$6,975.00            | \$28,960.55        | \$4.15          | \$0.00             |
| 201546          | Gregory         | Gregory County Projects 2      | 07/01/2015           | 12/31/2016         | \$35,000.00         | \$70,000.00          | \$32,044.92           | \$37,063.43        | \$1.16          | \$0.00             |
| 201547          | Mellette        | Multi-Practice                 | 07/01/2015           | 12/31/2016         | \$18,500.00         | \$80,450.00          | \$939.69              | \$3,767.06         | \$4.01          | \$0.00             |
| 201548          | Todd            | Fabricated Windbreaks          | 07/01/2015           | 06/30/2016         | \$5,000.00          | \$11,629.16          | \$5,000.00            | \$10,738.00        | \$2.15          | \$0.00             |
| 201601          | Aurora          | Shelterbelts                   | 01/01/2016           | 12/31/2016         | \$27,000.00         | \$69,348.00          | \$0.00                |                    |                 | \$0.00             |
| 201602          | Beadle          | Water Quality for Livestock    | 01/01/2016           | 12/31/2016         | \$40,500.00         | \$122,878.00         | \$0.00                |                    |                 | \$0.00             |
| 201603          | Bon Homme       | Conservation Enhancements      | 01/01/2016           | 06/30/2017         | \$15,000.00         | \$37,530.00          | \$10,559.40           | \$13,015.80        | \$1.23          | \$0.00             |
| 201604          | Brule-Buffalo   | Multi-County Brush Mgmt        | 01/01/2016           | 12/31/2016         | \$20,000.00         | \$40,000.00          | \$0.00                |                    |                 | \$0.00             |
| 201605          | Brule-Buffalo   | Multi-County CD Project        | 01/01/2016           | 06/30/2017         | \$33,580.00         | \$76,700.00          | \$3,455.20            | \$3,455.20         | \$1.00          | \$0.00             |
| 201606          | Butte           | Weed Rehab Phase 4             | 01/01/2016           | 12/31/2016         | \$35,000.00         | \$134,000.00         | \$2,907.55            | \$0.00             | \$0.00          | \$0.00             |
| 201607          | Davison         | Shelterbelts                   | 01/01/2016           | 12/31/2016         | \$17,000.00         | \$31,220.00          | \$0.00                |                    |                 | \$0.00             |
| 201608          | Davison         | Grazing Management             | 07/01/2016           | 06/30/2017         | \$14,500.00         | \$64,796.00          | \$0.00                |                    |                 | \$0.00             |
| 201609          | Day             | NE Glacial Lakes               | 07/01/2016           | 06/30/2017         | \$42,600.00         | \$157,580.00         | \$0.00                |                    |                 | \$0.00             |
| 201610          | Deuel           | Shelterbelts                   | 01/01/2016           | 12/31/2016         | \$15,000.00         | \$30,000.00          | \$6,373.60            | \$9,519.64         | \$1.49          | \$0.00             |
| 201611          | East Penningt   | Livestock Protection           | 01/01/2016           | 12/31/2016         | \$12,038.00         | \$29,215.00          | \$0.00                |                    |                 | \$0.00             |
| 201612          | Gregory         | Cedar Removal                  | 01/01/2016           | 12/31/2016         | \$30,000.00         | \$60,000.00          | \$937.50              | \$2,862.50         | \$3.05          | \$0.00             |
| 201613          | Gregory         | Gregory County Projects 3      | 01/01/2016           | 12/31/2016         | \$37,000.00         | \$147,986.00         | \$3,904.29            | \$3,904.29         | \$1.00          | \$0.00             |
| 201614          | Hamlin          | Hamlin/Codington Tree #3       | 01/01/2016           | 06/30/2016         | \$12,000.00         | \$26,540.16          | \$9,526.80            | \$12,930.18        | \$1.36          | \$0.00             |
| 201615          | Hanson          | Shelterbelts                   | 01/01/2016           | 06/30/2017         | \$11,000.00         | \$23,285.00          | \$0.00                |                    |                 | \$0.00             |
| 201616          | Hyde            | Hyde/Hand Enhancements 4       | 01/01/2016           | 06/30/2017         | \$60,000.00         | \$119,250.00         | \$0.00                |                    |                 | \$0.00             |
| 201617          | Jackson         | Shelterbelt Establishment/Reno | 01/01/2016           | 12/31/2017         | \$13,518.00         | \$26,844.00          | \$4,436.22            | \$4,526.04         | \$1.02          | \$0.00             |
| 201618          | Jones           | Multi-practice IV              | 01/01/2016           | 06/30/2017         | \$20,000.00         | \$70,267.00          | \$1,674.36            | \$4,817.00         | \$2.88          | \$0.00             |
| 201619          | Jones           | Shelterbelt Establishment/Reno | 01/01/2016           | 12/31/2018         | \$18,621.00         | \$48,154.00          |                       |                    |                 | \$0.00             |
| 201620          | Mellette        | Trees & Healthy Soil           | 01/01/2016           | 06/30/2017         | \$10,000.00         | \$60,500.00          | \$0.00                | \$11,070.85        | #Div/C          | \$0.00             |

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| 201621                     | Miner           | Conservation Education         | 01/01/2016           | 12/31/2016         | \$3,000.00             | \$6,000.00             | \$0.00                 |                        |                 | \$0.00                |
| 201622                     | Minnehaha       | Shelterbelt Renovations        | 07/01/2016           | 06/30/2017         | \$17,103.00            | \$68,413.00            | \$0.00                 |                        |                 | \$0.00                |
| 201623                     | Perkins         | NWArea Nat Res Spec            | 01/01/2016           | 06/30/2017         | \$52,000.00            | \$141,104.00           | \$16,639.87            | \$21,494.56            | \$1.29          | \$0.00                |
| 201624                     | Roberts         | Shelterbelts                   | 01/01/2016           | 12/31/2016         | \$10,997.00            | \$30,594.00            | \$1,796.93             | \$3,026.83             | \$1.68          | \$0.00                |
| 201625                     | Sanborn         | Sanborn/Jerauld Shelterbelts   | 01/01/2016           | 06/30/2016         | \$10,000.00            | \$20,408.16            | \$0.00                 |                        |                 | \$0.00                |
| 201626                     | Brule-Buffalo   | Mo Coteau Managed Grazing      | 07/01/2016           | 12/31/2017         | \$31,500.00            | \$103,000.00           | \$0.00                 |                        |                 | \$0.00                |
| 201627                     | Charles Mix     | Brush Management               | 07/01/2016           | 12/31/2017         | \$36,500.00            | \$75,000.00            | \$0.00                 |                        |                 | \$0.00                |
| 201628                     | Custer          | Thinning Healthy Forest 3      | 07/01/2016           | 06/30/2017         | \$20,700.00            | \$41,400.00            | \$0.00                 |                        |                 | \$0.00                |
| 201629                     | Davison         | Brush Management               | 07/01/2016           | 06/30/2017         | \$11,500.00            | \$21,500.00            | \$0.00                 |                        |                 | \$0.00                |
| 201630                     | Haakon          | Water Quality Development      | 07/01/2016           | 06/30/2017         | \$25,000.00            | \$51,000.00            | \$0.00                 |                        |                 | \$0.00                |
| 201631                     | Hamlin          | Pasture Pipe for Water Quality | 07/01/2016           | 12/31/2016         | \$12,226.00            | \$40,597.00            | \$0.00                 |                        |                 | \$0.00                |
| 201632                     | Kingsbury       | Conservation Education         | 07/01/2016           | 12/31/2017         | \$1,170.00             | \$3,780.00             | \$0.00                 |                        |                 | \$0.00                |
| 201633                     | Kingsbury       | Cover Crop                     | 07/01/2016           | 12/31/2017         | \$4,250.00             | \$8,350.00             | \$0.00                 |                        |                 | \$0.00                |
| 201634                     | Lawrence        | Aspen Regeneration             | 07/01/2016           | 12/31/2017         | \$42,000.00            | \$82,000.00            | \$0.00                 |                        |                 | \$0.00                |
| 201635                     | McPherson       | N. Mo. Grassland Project II    | 07/01/2016           | 12/31/2017         | \$20,000.00            | \$64,667.00            | \$0.00                 |                        |                 | \$0.00                |
| 201636                     | Miner           | Conservation Practices         | 07/01/2016           | 12/31/2017         | \$16,126.00            | \$32,252.00            | \$0.00                 |                        |                 | \$0.00                |
| 201637                     | Miner           | Pilot Project                  | 07/01/2016           | 06/30/2017         | \$7,500.00             | \$27,900.00            | \$0.00                 |                        |                 | \$0.00                |
| 201638                     | Potter          | SD Public Awareness            | 07/01/2016           | 12/31/2017         | \$5,400.00             | \$10,800.00            | \$0.00                 |                        |                 | \$0.00                |
| 201639                     | Yankton         | Natural Resources              | 07/01/2016           | 06/30/2017         | \$12,000.00            | \$37,444.00            | \$0.00                 |                        |                 | \$0.00                |
| <b><u>Grand Total:</u></b> |                 |                                |                      |                    | <b>\$19,677,436.29</b> | <b>\$91,086,430.14</b> | <b>\$14,511,579.81</b> | <b>\$47,756,351.64</b> | <b>\$3.29</b>   | <b>\$4,025,524.93</b> |

**Leverage is \$3.60 (NOT including Big Sioux Nursery Grants of \$1,097,350.18)**

**ALL CAPS indicates project is complete**

**Number in (1) indicates how many districts are active co-sponsors**



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1837 5TH AVENUE  
BELLE FOURCHE, SD 57717  
605-892-3368 EXT. 3 PH.  
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Dear Conservation Commission:

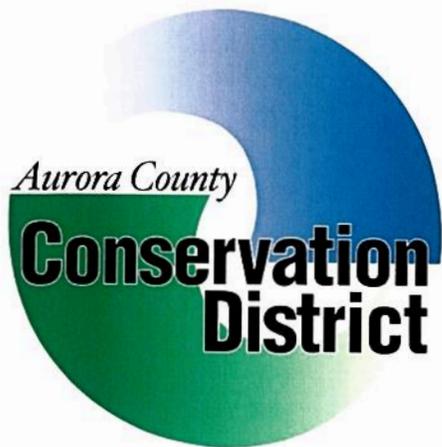
The Butte Conservation District would like to submit an amendment to Grant # 2015-CSW-005, South Dakota Envirothon Pilot Project.

This grant has assisted with successfully piloting the Envirothon in South Dakota in 2013-2015. Currently a coordinator has been contracted to grow the Envirothon in South Dakota beyond what it has been the past 2 years. Twenty thousand dollars in startup money has been provided by South Dakota DENR and NRCS has committed \$30,000 starting in November of 2016. The money from NRCS needs to be matched from local sources. Currently the coordinator is putting together grant proposals and actively pursuing private dollars to fund the Envirothon in 2017 and 2018. The current grant allows \$4,000 for the intended use of paying for travel expenses to the North American Competition. South Dakota did not send a team to the North American Competition this year. Butte CD would like to amend their grant by utilizing the remaining money in the grant to help pay for the coordinator for the remainder of 2016. Currently the coordinator is being contracted on a month to month basis. The intention is that this person would be contracted long term as funds are available. This money would greatly benefit this effort by providing continuity for the coordinator to be successful in fund raising for 2017 and 2018. It would also help by providing matching dollars for the NRCS funds. The current project deadline of December 31, 2016 would not change. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Reich".

Tim Reich, Chairman  
Butte Conservation District



Aurora County Conservation District  
PO Box 277  
Plankinton, SD 57368  
605-942-7719 ext. 3  
Cell: 605-682-9668  
e-mail: [auroracd@goldenwest.net](mailto:auroracd@goldenwest.net)

September 9, 2016

1 year extension request

Dear South Dakota Conservation Commission,

We would like to ask for an extension on our 2016 Shelterbelt grant. We had two producers put their shelterbelts off until next year because of the late planting this year. Our remaining grant funds should cover their cost share. The producers we have lined up to do shelterbelts in 2017 will all qualify for cost share through federal programs or the James River Water Development District's cost share program.

We felt that asking for an extension rather than turning the remaining funds in and then rewriting a grant for two producers would be a better option to utilize our grant funds.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob Bruns".

Bob Bruns  
Aurora County Conservation District



74 Years of Conservation EST. January 14, 1942

**Day County  
Conservation District**  
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Webster, SD 57274-1135  
Phone 605-345-4661 ext. 3  
[cindy.zenk@sd.nacdnet.net](mailto:cindy.zenk@sd.nacdnet.net)  
<http://daycd.org>

August 12, 2016

South Dakota Conservation Commission  
C/O Brian Scott  
523 East Capitol  
Pierre, SD 57501-3182

Dear South Dakota Conservation Commission:

Day County Conservation District requests an extension for the Multi-District Shelterbelt Grant No. 2015-CSW-044 to utilize the remaining funds awarded. Currently the grant is scheduled to end December 31, 2016.

Multi County collaboration completed 41.58 acres this spring utilizing cost share funds from this grant. Producers have shared their positive results with others as well as our newsletter articles and one on one promotion continues to bring encouraging results. We do have tree plans waiting to be sent to the SD Dept of Ag forester for review. With the extension of this grant we will strive to increase tree plantings in Day, Marshall, and Brown County. Included is a projected budget for the funds if the extension is approved.

Generally this grant provided producers cost share options with potential cap on CRP acres. We realize the Conservation Commission has the difficult task of distributing the state dollars to the worthy conservation projects throughout the state when the requests were nearly triple the dollars available. If approved we will utilize the remaining funds this spring and establish additional essential tree plantings.

Thank you for your assistance and consideration to extend Multi-District Shelterbelt Grant no. 2015-CSW-044. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Cindy Zenk, District Manager at 605-345-4661 ext.3.

Sincerely,

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Mark Brandlee, Chairman  
Day County Conservation District

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September 1, 2016

Maria Broksieck  
Deuel County Conservation District  
Clear Lake, SD 57226  
Grant number: 2016-CSW-010

Dear Conservation Commission,

The Deuel County Conservation District received a \$15,000 tree planting grant through the Conservation Commission for 2016. Tree acres were down from the preliminary estimate for 2016, and the district was unable to use the entire amount of money allotted. The remaining portion of grant money is \$8,626.40. I would greatly appreciate a 6 month extension with a deadline of June 30, 2017 to use the remaining \$8,626.40 for another tree planting season.

Sincerely,

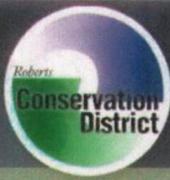
*Maria Broksieck*

Maria Broksieck  
District Manager

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Roberts  
Conservation District

August 25, 2015

SD Dept of Agriculture  
Resource Conservation & Forestry  
523 E. Capitol Ave  
Pierre, SD 57501-3182

RE: Roberts Shelterbelts 2016-CSW-024

In accordance with the above referenced grant, the period of performance for this Tree Grant. #2016-CSW024 shall be from 01/01/2016 through 12/31/2016 unless amended by written mutual agreement.

The Roberts Conservation District is requesting to extend the end date of this project by twelve months, to 12/31/2017. The reason for the extension is because we were unable to utilize the funds due to sites not being prepared by dated requested and additional time is needed in order for us to further utilize the grant funds requested.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter. Should you have questions or require further information concerning this extension, please contact me at (605) 698-3923 or by email at [jodi.hook@sd.nacdnet.net](mailto:jodi.hook@sd.nacdnet.net)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jodi Hook".

Jodi Hook-District Manager  
Roberts Conservation District

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# SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

## DIVISION OF RESOURCE CONSERVATION & FORESTRY

523 East Capitol Avenue, Pierre, SD 57501-3182

Phone – 605.773.3623 / FAX 605.773.4003

Website – <http://sdda.sd.gov/conservation-forestry/>

**To:** South Dakota Conservation Districts  
**From:** South Dakota Department of Agriculture  
**CC:** South Dakota Conservation Commission, SDACD, Conservation Commission Advisory Members  
**Date:** August 8, 2016  
**Re:** Fall 2016 Grant Round

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The South Dakota Conservation Commission will hold a Fall Grant Round review in November. **Applications for the Fall Grant Round will need to be received by the South Dakota Department of Agriculture's Office in Pierre by October 3, 2016.**

As outlined in the South Dakota Codified Laws and Administrative Rules, the Commission shall consider grant applications on a competitive basis.

**12:03:05:04. Grants to be competitive.** The commission shall consider grant applications on a competitive basis, and no grants may be guaranteed to any district.

You may review our administrative rules at <http://legis.sd.gov/Rules/DisplayRule.aspx?Rule=12:03:05:04>

An application form is available at: <https://www.state.sd.us/eforms/secure/eforms/E0549V1-RCFGrantApplication.pdf>.

The 2016 Commission Docket is posted at: <http://sdda.sd.gov/conservation-forestry/conservation/mission-responsibilities/PDF/2016-Docket.pdf>

Applications must be submitted to the following address:  
South Dakota Department of Agriculture  
Division of Resource Conservation & Forestry  
Attention: Bill Smith  
523 E. Capitol Avenue  
Pierre, SD 57501

You may also email the applications to: [bill.smith@state.sd.us](mailto:bill.smith@state.sd.us)

Applications must be accompanied by a W-9 for the district, a copy of the motion taking official action by the board of the sponsoring district to approve the project, and any letters of commitment from partners.

Applications received for the Fall Grant Round will be reviewed by the Conservation Commission at their November meeting in Pierre. The date of the November meeting will be set at the September 26<sup>th</sup> Conservation Commission meeting.

## **2015 Goals and Objectives – State Conservation Commission**

Vision: Everyone has safe and clean air, water, and food.

Mission Statement: To conserve and develop South Dakota's natural resources by leading, promoting and assisting our citizens to achieve clean air, water, soil, wildlife, and food.

Goal # 1. Advocate for additional funding for conservation programs.

- a. Continue to explore opportunities to increase base funding from a baseline of \$500,000 by emphasizing the benefits of conservation practices.
- b. Survey the districts for existing financial support from the counties for natural resource conservation. Inform districts about the state statutes regarding mill levy potential and support them in meetings with the counties for conservation funding.

Goal # 2. Implement the SD Coordinated Plan for Natural Resources Conservation

- a. Revise and update the state conservation plan that is accepted by the administration and the legislature. Strive for citizen input into the planning process.
- b. Establish state priorities annually to guide state agencies in targeting natural resource conservation efforts.
- c. Continue to participate with partners in the state interagency workgroup that will develop and/or revise policy and procedures annually.
- d. Be actively engaged in addressing Missouri River issues.

Goal # 3. Provide the opportunity for all citizens to have an understanding of the benefits of conservation.

- a. Establish an increased visibility on electronic media.

- b. Educate the public on how farm and ranch conservation practices improve their quality of life.
- c. Establish a portion of the conservation grant fund to assist the districts and SDACD with conservation education.

Goal #4. Assist conservation districts in carrying out their responsibilities.

- a. Assist conservation districts to apply for grants according to the Conservation Commission priorities.
- b. Accelerate the existing statewide training program for district supervisors and employees.

**State Conservation Commission  
Priorities for 2015**  
(This is a guide. None of these out-weighs the others)

- **Technical Assistance:** Provide funds to the conservation districts to retain technicians to assist cooperators with Conservation Commission projects.
- **Conservation District Watershed Projects:** Encourage conservation districts to work together to address watershed issues based on a watershed plan in a defined area of need.
- **Practices with strong public benefits:** Prioritize practices with strong public benefits such as stream bank stabilization, riparian buffers, critical area plantings, animal nutrient management systems, wildfire rehabilitation, and others that clearly provide significant and demonstrable long-term offsite conservation benefits beyond immediate and short-term livestock protection.
- **Short duration projects** that are ready to implement, involve multiple districts, and/or multiple financial partners, will receive greater consideration for grant funding.