

# Tentative Agenda

## State Conservation Commission

Thursday July 20, 2017

8:00 a.m. – noon CDT

Matthew Training Center  
523 E. Capitol Ave, Foss Building  
Pierre, South Dakota 57501  
605.773.3623

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Approval of May Minutes</li><li>• Corrections/Approval of Past and Upcoming Travel</li><li>• Request for New Business to be Placed on the Agenda</li><li>• Correspondence</li></ul>	Division of Resource Conservation & Forestry Staff/Chair
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Revolving Loan Report</li><li>• Revolving Loan Applications</li></ul>	Tiffany Shannon
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Grant Program/Updates/Changes/Amendments</li><li>• Grant Status Report</li></ul>	Brian Scott
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Commission Priorities</li></ul>	Conservation Commission
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCP) Follow Up</li></ul>	Conservation Commission
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fall Grant Round Discussion</li></ul>	Conservation Commission
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• MOU for Coordination between DOT, NRCS and the Conservation Commission</li></ul>	Bill Smith
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Conservation District Supervisor Orientation Manual</li></ul>	Conservation Commission
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Division Report (if time permits)</li></ul>	Division of Resource Conservation & Forestry Staff
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Commission Member Reports (if time permits)</li></ul>	Conservation Commission
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Advisory Board Member Reports: (SD School &amp; Public Lands, DENR, SD Game Fish &amp; Parks, NRCS, SDSU Extension Service, SDSU Experiment Station) **Other Partners (if time permits)</li></ul>	Advisory Board Members
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• New Business</li></ul>	Conservation Commission
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Location &amp; Date of the Next Meeting (September)</li><li>• Ending Remarks</li><li>• Adjourn</li></ul>	Chair

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### Additional Instructions:

\*\*Advisory Board and other partners wishing to submit a written report are requested to do so by July 6, 2017. Written reports should be emailed to [Tiffany.Shannon@state.sd.us](mailto:Tiffany.Shannon@state.sd.us)

This meeting is being held in a physically accessible place. Individuals needing assistance, pursuant to the *Americans with Disabilities Act*, should contact the Division of Resource Conservation and Forestry (605.773.3623) in advance of the meeting to make any necessary arrangements.

# *Upcoming Travel & Meetings*

## July 2017

- 20 – State Conservation Commission Meeting, Pierre 8:15 AM
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## August 2017

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## September 2017

- 7 – State Technical Committee meeting, Huron 10:00 AM
- 17-19 – State SDACD Meeting, Sioux Falls
- 18 – Commission Meeting, Sioux Falls



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201513	EAST PENNI	HOMESTEAD & LIVESTOCK INCENTIV	01/01/2015	12/31/2015	\$7,500.00	\$19,490.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num	\$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
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	06/30/2015	\$25,990.00	\$51,980.00	\$25,990.00	\$548,478.47	\$21.10	\$0.00
201519	MINER	COVER CROP	01/01/2015	12/31/2016	\$16,695.00	\$33,390.00	\$16,695.00	\$38,302.11	\$2.29	\$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	\$6,142.00	\$9,213.00	\$1.50	\$15,106.00
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	\$38,257.01	\$48,658.32	\$1.27	\$11,742.99
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	\$3,634.08	\$2,049.12	\$0.56	\$25,365.92
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	\$6,466.03	\$13,685.06	\$2.12	\$0.00
201531	MOODY	RESOURCE TECHNICIAN	07/01/2015	06/30/2016	\$10,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$4,672.53	\$4,672.51	\$1.00	\$5,327.47
201532	MINER	LIVESTOCK WATER QUALITY	07/01/2015	12/31/2016	\$8,450.00	\$26,040.00	\$6,822.36	\$27,158.19	\$3.98	\$1,627.64
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	\$4,447.40	\$4,760.35	\$1.07	\$5,552.60
201535	DAVISON	COVER CROPS/GRAZING	07/01/2015	12/31/2016	\$24,000.00	\$53,258.00	\$16,235.93	\$26,851.86	\$1.65	\$4,036.13
201536	AURORA	CONSERVATION AWARENESS	07/01/2015	12/31/2016	\$3,000.00	\$6,500.00	\$299.58	\$299.58	\$1.00	\$2,700.42
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	\$4,857.87	\$16,961.82	\$3.49	\$0.00

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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	\$3.04
201541	AURORA	COVER CROP- PIPELINE	07/01/2015	12/31/2016	\$23,000.00	\$72,031.00	\$11,595.34	\$30,550.33	\$2.63	\$11,404.66
201542	MINER	SD PUBLIC AWARENESS OF CONSERV	07/01/2015	12/31/2016	\$7,400.00	\$14,800.00	\$7,400.00	\$5,605.99	\$0.76	\$0.00
201543	MARSHALL	MARSHALL	07/01/2015	06/30/2017	\$4,144.00	\$8,288.00	\$4,144.00	\$4,366.96	\$1.05	\$0.00
201544	Day	Multi-county Trees	07/01/2015	12/31/2017	\$75,000.00	\$188,937.00	\$38,782.83	\$43,948.98	\$1.13	\$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	\$2,955.08
201547	MELLETTTE	MULTI-PRACTICE	07/01/2015	12/31/2016	\$18,500.00	\$80,450.00	\$18,500.00	\$40,400.19	\$2.18	\$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	12/31/2017	\$27,000.00	\$69,348.00	\$18,858.36	\$24,150.70	\$1.28	\$0.00
201602	BEADLE	WATER QUALITY FOR LIVESTOCK	01/01/2016	12/31/2016	\$40,500.00	\$122,878.00	\$19,731.60	\$54,120.46	\$2.74	\$20,768.40
201603	Bon Homme	Conservation Enhancements	01/01/2016	06/30/2017	\$15,000.00	\$37,530.00	\$11,001.90	\$14,098.30	\$1.28	\$0.00
201604	BRULE-BUFF	MULTI-COUNTY BRUSH MGMT	01/01/2016	12/31/2016	\$20,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$11,181.25	\$10,243.25	\$0.92	\$8,818.75
201605	Brule-Bufferalo	Multi-County CD Project	01/01/2016	06/30/2017	\$33,580.00	\$76,700.00	\$23,212.95	\$26,906.75	\$1.16	\$0.00
201606	BUTTE	WEED REHAB PHASE 4	01/01/2016	12/31/2016	\$35,000.00	\$134,000.00	\$35,000.00	\$73,910.98	\$2.11	\$0.00
201607	DAVISON	SHELTERBELTS	01/01/2016	12/31/2016	\$17,000.00	\$31,220.00	\$3,092.19	\$3,513.01	\$1.14	\$13,907.81
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	\$16,248.97	\$27,716.91	\$1.71	\$0.00
201610	Deuel	Shelterbelts	01/01/2016	06/30/2017	\$15,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$6,373.60	\$9,519.64	\$1.49	\$0.00
201611	East Penningt	Livestock Protection	01/01/2016	06/30/2017	\$12,038.00	\$29,215.00	\$3,861.49	\$4,992.99	\$1.29	\$0.00
201612	Gregory	Cedar Removal	01/01/2016	06/30/2017	\$30,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$26,275.00	\$33,664.50	\$1.28	\$0.00
201613	GREGORY	GREGORY COUNTY PROJECTS 3	01/01/2016	12/31/2016	\$37,000.00	\$147,986.00	\$25,219.45	\$38,133.65	\$1.51	\$5,091.15
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	\$2,473.20
201615	Hanson	Shelterbelts	01/01/2016	06/30/2017	\$11,000.00	\$23,285.00	\$990.67	\$990.67	\$1.00	\$0.00
201616	Hyde	Hyde/Hand Enhancements 4	01/01/2016	06/30/2017	\$60,000.00	\$119,250.00	\$37,978.15	\$43,861.99	\$1.15	\$0.00

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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	12/31/2017	\$20,000.00	\$70,267.00	\$3,843.14	\$9,877.50	\$2.57	\$0.00
201619	Jones	Shelterbelt Establishment/Reno	01/01/2016	12/31/2018	\$18,621.00	\$48,154.00				\$0.00
201620	MELLETTTE	TREES & HEALTHY SOILS	01/01/2016	06/30/2017	\$10,000.00	\$60,500.00	\$10,000.00	\$11,070.85	\$1.11	\$0.00
201621	MINER	CONSERVATION EDUCATION	01/01/2016	12/31/2016	\$3,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$2,892.10	\$3,874.61	\$1.34	\$107.90
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	\$39,308.71	\$46,403.19	\$1.18	\$0.00
201624	Roberts	Shelterbelts	01/01/2016	12/31/2017	\$10,997.00	\$30,594.00	\$1,796.93	\$3,026.83	\$1.68	\$0.00
201625	SANBORN	SANBORN/JERVAULD SHELTERBELT	01/01/2016	06/30/2016	\$10,000.00	\$20,408.16	\$10,000.00	\$34,796.76	\$3.48	\$0.00
201626	Brule-Buffalo	Mo Coteau Managed Grazing	07/01/2016	12/31/2017	\$31,500.00	\$103,000.00	\$2,748.47	\$10,116.24	\$3.68	\$0.00
201627	Charles Mix	Brush Management	07/01/2016	12/31/2017	\$36,500.00	\$75,000.00	\$8,212.50	\$8,400.00	\$1.02	\$0.00
201628	Custer	THINNING HEALTHY FOREST 3	07/01/2016	06/30/2017	\$20,700.00	\$41,400.00	\$19,956.25	\$20,649.47	\$1.03	\$0.00
201629	Davison	Brush Management	07/01/2016	06/30/2017	\$11,500.00	\$21,500.00	\$7,391.25	\$11,373.75	\$1.54	\$0.00
201630	Haakon	Water Quality Development	07/01/2016	12/31/2017	\$25,000.00	\$51,000.00	\$6,573.42	\$23,446.66	\$3.57	\$0.00
201631	HAMLIN	PASTURE PIPE FOR wq	07/01/2016	12/31/2016	\$12,226.00	\$40,597.00	\$298.90	\$697.40	\$2.33	\$11,927.10
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	\$4,100.00	\$8,328.23	\$2.03	\$150.00
201634	Lawrence	Aspen Regeneration	07/01/2016	12/31/2017	\$42,000.00	\$62,000.00	\$869.50	\$938.86	\$1.08	\$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	\$8,280.28	\$14,705.83	\$1.78	\$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	\$5,400.00	\$8,806.44	\$1.63	\$0.00
201639	Yankton	Natural Resources	07/01/2016	06/30/2017	\$12,000.00	\$37,444.00	\$1,516.75	\$10,956.37	\$7.22	\$0.00
201701	Beadle	Shelterbelt Program	01/01/2017	12/31/2017	\$17,756.00	\$35,712.00	\$0.00			\$0.00
201702	Beadle	Soil Health Cover Crops	01/01/2017	12/31/2017	\$13,475.00	\$26,800.00	\$0.00			\$0.00
201703	Beadle	Shelterbelt Renovation	01/01/2017	06/30/2018	\$13,000.00	\$28,243.00	\$0.00			\$0.00

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201704	Bennett	Bennett Badlands Tree Planting	01/01/2017	06/30/2017	\$16,000.00	\$33,228.00	\$0.00			\$0.00
201705	Bon Homme	Conservation Enhancement	01/01/2017	06/30/2018	\$26,450.00	\$72,800.00	\$0.00			\$0.00
201706	Brule-Buffalo	Shelterbelt Renovation	01/01/2017	06/30/2018	\$32,700.00	\$70,500.00	\$3,000.00	\$4,575.00	\$1.53	\$0.00
201707	Butte	Belle Fourche Weed Rehab #5	01/01/2017	12/31/2017	\$35,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
201708	Butte	Envirothon	01/01/2017	12/31/2017	\$20,000.00	\$197,840.00	\$14,636.52	\$32,427.36	\$2.22	\$0.00
201709	Butte	Open Irrigation Ditch	01/01/2017	12/31/2017	\$25,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$8,850.00	\$15,845.06	\$1.79	\$0.00
201710	Clark	Shelterbelts	01/01/2017	06/30/2018	\$22,000.00	\$42,000.00	\$0.00			\$0.00
201711	Codington	Tree Planting	01/01/2017	06/30/2017	\$4,765.00	\$14,678.00	\$0.00			\$0.00
201712	Davison	Tree Planting	01/01/2017	12/31/2017	\$12,000.00	\$24,000.00	\$0.00			\$0.00
201713	Day	NE Glacial Lakes	07/01/2017	06/30/2018	\$25,000.00	\$250,095.00	\$0.00			\$0.00
201714	Edmunds	Northern Coteau Rangelands	01/01/2017	12/31/2018	\$44,500.00	\$142,500.00	\$0.00			\$0.00
201715	Hanson	Cover Crops	01/01/2017	12/31/2017	\$9,980.00	\$19,960.00	\$0.00			\$0.00
201716	Jackson	2016 Cottonwood Fire Recovery	01/01/2017	12/31/2018	\$25,000.00	\$46,750.00	\$0.00			\$0.00
201717	Jerauld	Shelterbelt Establishment	01/01/2017	06/30/2018	\$20,000.00	\$37,391.00	\$0.00			\$0.00
201718	Jones	Multi-Practices	01/01/2017	06/30/2018	\$22,655.00	\$74,215.00	\$0.00			\$0.00
201719	Marshall	Technician	01/01/2017	12/31/2018	\$4,680.00	\$9,360.00	\$0.00			\$0.00
201720	Mellefte	2017 MC Trees	01/01/2017	06/30/2018	\$20,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$0.00			\$0.00
201721	Mellefte	Cover Crop	01/01/2017	12/31/2017	\$2,600.00	\$5,500.00	\$0.00			\$0.00
201722	MELLETTTE	RANCHERS WORKSHOP	01/01/2017	06/30/2017	\$1,000.00	\$3,250.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,250.00	\$1.25	\$0.00
201723	Miner	East Central Range Stewardship	01/01/2017	12/31/2018	\$52,500.00	\$162,500.00	\$0.00			\$0.00
201724	Miner	Conservation Education	01/01/2017	12/31/2017	\$2,500.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00			\$0.00
201725	Minnehaha	Wildlife Habitat	01/01/2017	12/31/2018	\$12,480.00	\$44,027.00	\$0.00			\$0.00
201726	Sanborn	Conservation Practices	01/01/2017	12/31/2018	\$22,000.00	\$54,820.00	\$0.00			\$0.00
201727	Todd	2017 TC Trees	01/01/2017	06/30/2018	\$20,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$0.00			\$0.00
201728	Todd	Multi-Practices	01/01/2017	12/31/2017	\$40,000.00	\$118,025.00	\$4,117.68	\$9,860.97	\$2.39	\$0.00
201729	Brule-Buffalo	Brush Management III	07/01/2017	06/30/2018	\$15,000.00	\$29,000.00	\$0.00			\$0.00
201730	Custer	Thinning for Healthier Forest	07/01/2017	06/30/2018	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00

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201731	Davison	Multi-County Brush Mgmt	07/01/2017	06/30/2018	\$11,500.00	\$21,500.00	\$0.00			\$0.00
201732	Gregory	Shelterbelt Renovation	07/01/2017	06/30/2019	\$15,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$0.00			\$0.00
201733	Hamlin	Outreach & Promotion	07/01/2017	12/31/2017	\$6,200.00	\$12,400.00	\$0.00			\$0.00
201734	Hamlin	Pasture Pipe for WQ #2	07/01/2017	06/30/2018	\$12,846.00	\$42,797.00	\$0.00			\$0.00
201735	Hyde	Hyde/Hand Enhancements 5	07/01/2017	06/30/2019	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00
201736	Kingsbury	Conservation Education	07/01/2017	06/30/2018	\$1,170.00	\$3,780.00	\$0.00			\$0.00
201737	Kingsbury	Shelterbelt Renovation	07/01/2017	06/30/2018	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00
201738	McCook	Shelterbelts	07/01/2017	06/30/2018	\$10,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00			\$0.00
201739	Mellette	Multi-practice	07/01/2017	12/31/2018	\$28,000.00	\$83,500.00	\$0.00			\$0.00
201740	Perkins	NW Area Specialist	07/01/2017	06/30/2018	\$34,888.00	\$73,777.00	\$0.00			\$0.00
201741	Union	Tree/Fabric Expansion	07/01/2017	06/30/2018	\$5,589.44	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00
201742	Union	Cover Crops development	07/01/2017	06/30/2018	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00
<b>Grand Total:</b>					<b>\$20,450,673.70</b>	<b>\$93,152,378.14</b>	<b>\$15,007,629.07</b>	<b>\$48,593,708.44</b>	<b>\$3.24</b>	<b>\$4,258,349.59</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





# Lawrence Conservation District

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Spearfish SD 57783  
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lawrencecd@sdconservation.net

July 5, 2017

State Conservation Commission  
c/o Division of Resource Conservation & Forestry  
523 East Capitol Avenue  
Pierre SD 57501

Commissioners:

The Lawrence Conservation District requests an extension for grant number 2016-CSW-034, Aspen Regeneration and Restoration. While one project has been completed and another begun, most of the work involved with this grant to date has been "getting the word out." As a pilot project there is much public education involved, but it has taken most of the first year to promote it. Another factor in asking for an additional year on the grant is the limited time frame for the new practice of mechanical root stimulation. It must be done in late fall or winter and snow conditions limit access in some cases.

In an effort to increase interest in aspen regeneration, the district is now expanding the range to include other counties in the Black Hills, as allowed for under the grant award conditions. To do this additional outreach also requires more time and coordination with the other conservation districts. Wanting to give this project every opportunity to succeed we believe an additional year, with a new deadline of Dec. 31, 2018, would help us meet that goal.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karl F. Jensen".

Karl F. Jensen, Board Chairman



*Send Report*

Hamlin County Conservation District  
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Hayti, SD 57241

Phone (605)783-3642

June 22, 2017

SD Dept of Agriculture  
Div of Resource Conservation & Forestry  
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Sioux Falls, SD 57106-3116

Dear Brian Scott,

With the Shelterbelt Renovation Grant #2015-CSW-030a, our Conservation District was able to remove two decaying shelterbelts, which were no longer viable, and add 3.0 acres of new trees to our county. These new tree sites were both planted as field windbreaks / windbreak renovations.

Our district will be reverting \$11,127.49 of grant funding to the fund pool. When seeking approval for these projects, the producer must have the ground prepared prior to Sept 15 for a tree planting the following spring. The Commission grants round most often considered for these projects, is held in November. A producer is expected to know if he will or will not proceed with the project, without knowing if he will be getting cost share. Many producers are not able to proceed without knowing if there will be funds available. If these producers prepare the ground for a tree planting, then learn that they did not qualify for the funding and are unable to proceed, they then have an area that has been prepared for no reason. Due to the tricky timing of these circumstances, these grant funds were not utilized. The interest wasn't there for the shelterbelt renovations.

This grant did help two producers with a total of \$3,210.52 for the installation of trees and fabric. And also for the removal of the dead shelterbelt for a total of \$3,206.73.

The Conservation Commission Grants are a great resource for funding, for which there continually seems to be a demand.

Thank you much and feel free to call with questions,

*Peggy Loomis* District Manager  
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June 20, 2017

South Dakota Conservation Commission  
C/o Brian Scott, Department of Agriculture

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Pierre Office

South Dakota Conservation Commission:

The Davison Conservation District would like to present the final report for grant number 2016-CSW-029 that was for the Multi-County Brush Management Grant.

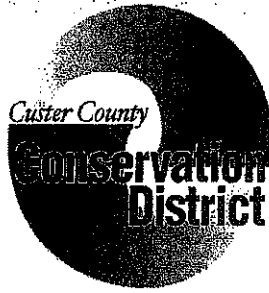
The Forestry Cutter was used to improve pastures, CRP acres, and various other sites where unwanted trees and shrubs were growing. The Forestry Cutter was used primarily in Davison and Hanson counties for nine customers with a total of 500 acres.

We have approximately 12 customers wanting to use our services with the forestry cutter and some will not do it unless they have some help with the cost.

We have returned to many of the sites this spring to check for grass establishment in the litter area from the grinding process and found that there is excellent grass re-growth in these areas.

If there are any further questions you may have concerning this grant, please feel free to contact our office.

Jim Lehi  
District Manager



## CUSTER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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South Dakota Conservation Commission  
Tiffany Shannon Natural Resource Specialist  
Division of Resources Conservation and Forestry  
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Dear Conservation Commissioners,

The Custer County Conservation District would like to present the final report for the 2016-2017 "Thinning for a Healthier Forest II" Grant. The grant was approved for \$20,500 allowing for approximately 63 acres of thinned and treated timberland. The acres thinned were 64.1 equaling the cost of \$19,956.00 with an excess of \$543.75 as bids came in a bit lower than initially thought.

Ads for the grant went out in the summer of 2016 in the newsletter as well as the Custer Chronicle. Inquiries prior to receiving the grant, indicated 8-10 landowners who have an interest if funds were available. Although their acreage total is not exact, estimates from the landowners ran in the 100-150 acre range. Several of the landowners who applied did not have a Forest Stewardship or Thinning Plan in place. Some did not meet the requirements that the district was looking for, NRCS was able to provide thinning money at a higher rate of payment, for landowners who had larger acreages and were able to meet NRCS requirements. Having reviewed the remaining applications, the board divided the money, per acre and granted acreage as objectively as possible.

There were three landowners selected as recipients of grant money. All completed the acres they were allocated. Acres cleared with assistance from this grant were: Paul Van Bockern 23.7 Acres, Dave Becking 20.2 Acres, and Ned Westphal with 20.2 acres. All acres have been completed, and checked with approval from Dave Hettick. Reimbursements for all landowners have been submitted and received with the payments out to the landowners. The final request for the cost of administrative duties is being submitted with this final report. (Pictures Courtesy of Dave Hettick)



Becking thinned



VanBockern Thinned



Westphal Thinned

In May of 2017 the Conservation District Board in cooperation with the SDDA-Wildland Fire, SD State Forestry, National Forest Service, NCRS, Custer County Weed and Pest, SD Family tree Farm association and Outlaw Ranch, hosted a Landowner workshop to promote thinning and Fire Prevention. The group was able to view sights that have been cleared and forest health was discussed with an obvious comparison of timberland that has been cleared vs. land that has not. This meeting offered attendees information on the programs that provided monetary support to landowners.

The Custer County Conservation District would like to thank the Department of Agriculture and the Conservation Commission for the opportunity to offer landowners a cost share program for thinning. We would like to extend a special thanks to Dave Hettick and Tiffany Shannon for all their help and support with the administration details of this grant.

Sincerely,

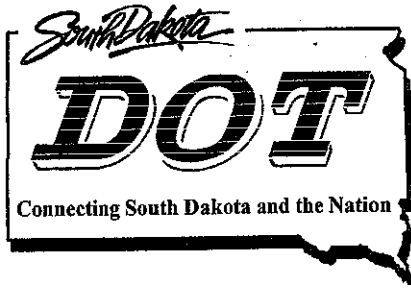
*Paul Nettinga*

Paul Nettinga, Chairman

Custer County Conservation District

Submitted by Angela Keierleber Administrative Assistant

Custer County Conservation District



## Department of Transportation

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April 26, 2017

David Fischbach  
Chair  
State Conservation Commission  
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Jeffrey Zimprich  
State Conservationist  
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**RE: MOU for Coordination between the SDDOT, USCS, and State Conservation Commission**

Gentlemen:

We are in the process of updating a number of policies and MOU's and found this old MOU (see attachment). This is a very old MOU between the Department of Highways (SDDOT), US Soil Conservation Service (NRCS) and the State Conservation Commission.

We believe that there have been significant changes in the past forty years from a soil conservation and environmental process both statewide and nationally. As such, coordination and communication is now carried out using the NEPA process. Therefore, we are giving written notice to your agencies that we are terminating the MOU. If you have any questions, please contact us. Thanks.

Sincerely,

Joel Jundt, PE  
Deputy Secretary

cc: Bill Smith, Department of Agriculture

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Pierre Office

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MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS  
STATE CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
U.S. SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE  
CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

This memorandum outlines a procedure for cooperation between the South Dakota Department of Highways, the State Conservation Commission, Conservation Districts, and the U. S. Soil Conservation Service of the Department of Agriculture. It is intended to provide coordination between the above agencies in reaching the mutual objective of maintaining the quality of the environment through conservation in the construction of highways.

Scope:

This memorandum applies principally to the State Highway System; however, the procedure can be generally applied to county highways either federally assisted, secondary, or otherwise, by agreements between boards of county commissioners and conservation districts.

Due to the requirements of the inter-state highway system for traffic safety, structural stability and limitation of access, it is difficult to incorporate impoundment features into such projects without detriment to the prime requirement of these roads. Cooperative assistance for this system will generally be limited to erosion control and vegetative type recommendations.

Procedure:

1. The Department of Highways will notify the State Conservation Commission of the Location Hearing regarding highway improvements being considered within the conservation district. A location map, if available, will accompany these notices. This will usually be done at the beginning of the highway survey. The State Conservation Commission will send a copy to the State Office of the Soil Conservation Service (SCS) and the Conservation District involved. (The location hearing is a general location hearing on highway location. It is the first time general and/or specific recommendations can be made by general public. Hearing record is open for 10 days following hearing.) (See attached "flow chart" for a time and action diagram of this and subsequent activities.) Note - (Successful development is dependent upon coordination and timeliness of actions of all concerned.)
- 2a. The Location Hearing notice and location map is reviewed by SCS State Office and forwarded to the work unit office via the SCS Area Office.
- b. The Conservation District Board of Supervisors reviews the Location hearing notice and location map, if available, with the SCS District Conservationist, and the SCS Engineer servicing the Location, to

determine the effect of the highway construction or improvement on existing, proposed, or potential resource conservation improvements such as water impoundments, erosion control structures, effect on drainage and soil erosion patterns and other conservation or environmental features.

3. Within 30 days after receipt of the Notice of Location Hearing of proposed highway improvement from the State Department of Highways, the Conservation District, SCS, and State Commission will have agreed on recommendations to be presented to the Department of Highways at the Location Hearing, or within ten days after the hearing. These recommendations will be in writing and include conservation improvements to be established and/or soil erosion or environmental hazards to be avoided. It will also include an indication of acceptance of recommendations by affected private landowners. Copies of the recommendations will go to the SCS State Office and the State Conservation Commission.
4. In response to the above recommendations, the Department of Highways will notify the State Conservation Commission of the Functional Plan Inspection. The Commission will, in turn, notify the SCS District Conservationist involved and SCS State Office. The District Conservationist will, in turn, notify the Conservation District. (The Functional Plan Inspection is an "On-Site" inspection to review the details of recommendations previously given, and the technical services required of the SCS.)
5. At the Functional Plan Inspection mutually agreeable decisions will be reached with regards to the conservation recommendations made at the Location Hearing and the technical and other assistance (easements) needed to implement recommendations.
6. Following the Functional Plan Inspection, copies of the Functional Plan Inspection letter (prepared by the Department of Highways) will be distributed to parties concerned, by the State Conservation Commission. This letter will constitute the Highway Department's final decisions on the Conservation recommendations to be incorporated into the Highway construction.
7. Following the above decision, the District will proceed immediately to obtain the easements and arrange for any technical assistance necessary in implementing the conservation proposals.
8. The Department of Highways will notify the Conservation Commission of the Design Hearing. They, in turn, will notify the Conservation District. (The Design Hearing is held to review preliminary design features of the plan prior to final design.)



It is understood that the assistance to be provided by the SCS under this Memorandum of Agreement will be contingent upon the availability of resources.

This Memorandum of Agreement becomes effective on the date of the last signature and may be terminated by any signatory by giving written notice to the other signatories. Supplements and/or amendments to this Agreement shall be approved by all signatories in writing.

SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS

STATE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

By Jack Allmon  
Director of Highways

By Robert Dennis  
Chairman

Date 4-24-72

Date 5/12/72

By Manuel L. ...  
State Highway Engineer

U. S. SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE  
By W. Shalley  
State Conservationist

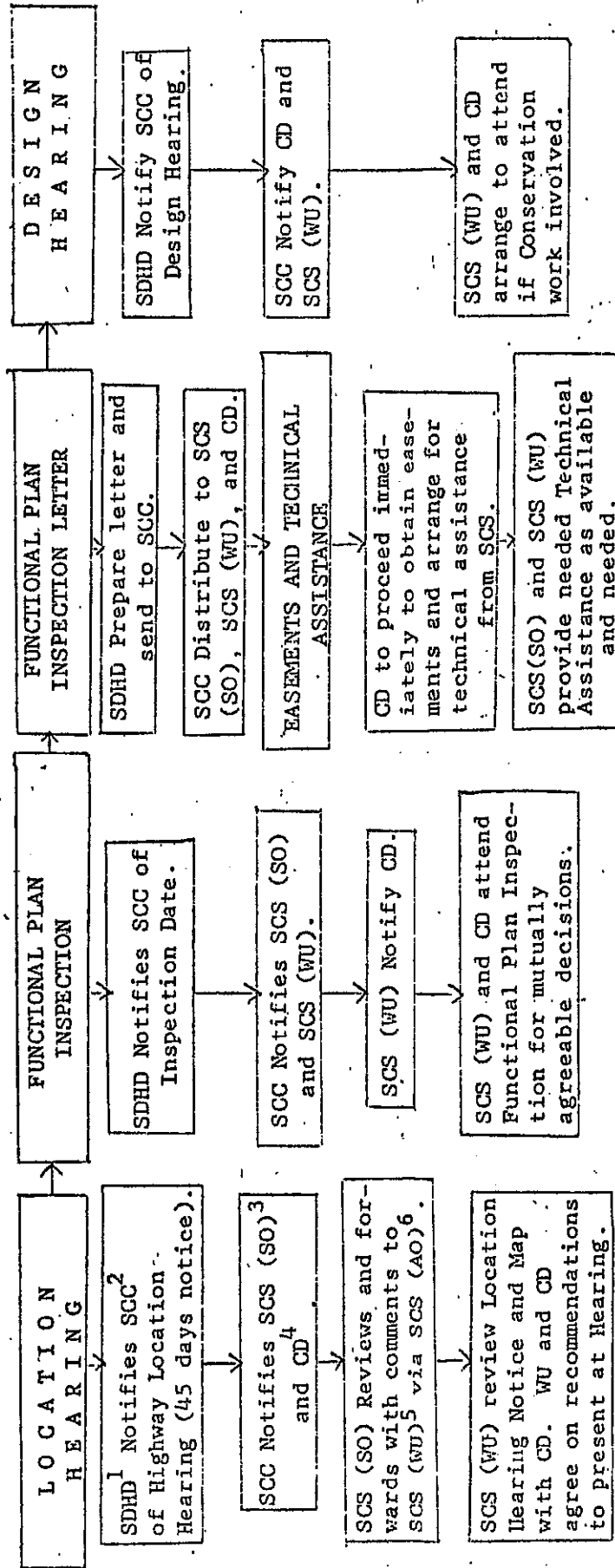
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MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT - - FLOW CHART

Showing Sequential Actions of  
 All Parties in Memo of Agreement  
 South Dakota Department of Highways, State Conservation Commission,  
 Soil Conservation Service, and Conservation Districts



<sup>1</sup>SDHD - South Dakota Department of Highways

<sup>2</sup>SCC - State Conservation Commission

<sup>3</sup>SCS (SO) - Soil Conservation Service (State Office)

<sup>4</sup>CD - Conservation Districts

<sup>5</sup>SCS (WU) - Soil Conservation Service (Work Unit Office)

<sup>6</sup>SCS (AO) - Soil Conservation Service (Area Office)

Kinds of Technical Assistance That Can Be Made  
Available Through the Conservation District and the  
Soil Conservation Service

- a. Revise existing conservation plans to effectively meet operator's conservation objectives relating to State Highway improvements.
- b. Prepare new conservation plans with farm operators for abutting lands, giving full consideration to existing and proposed highway improvements.
- c. Furnish consultive assistance for erosion control structures and vegetative measures that will provide erosion control and aesthetic values contributing to environmental enhancement.
- d. Make preliminary field investigations to determine feasibility of proposals.
- e. Measure, compute, tabulate, and plot; stage - storage - surface area data for the reservoir sites to sufficient elevation to provide adequate capacities within the reservoir to serve the desired purposes of conservation and highway improvement.
- f. Recommend storage-volume requirements and related reservoir stages for the estimated rates and volumes of surface runoff routed through the reservoir and highway drainage structures.
- g. Provide Hydrologic Data for Principal and Emergency Spillway Design, drainage structures, erosion control, etc.
- h. Furnish Land Rights (Easements) Map showing affected landowners and the nature and extent of each ownership affected.



# SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

## DIVISION OF RESOURCE CONSERVATION & FORESTRY

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

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

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

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

## DRAFT

### State Conservation Commission Guidelines and Priorities for 2018

#### **Guidelines**

Amongst the functions of the State Conservation Commission provided for in law (SDCL 38-7-3.1), the most notable are development of the Coordinated Natural Resource Conservation Plan (Plan) and allocation of grants from the Coordinated Natural Resource Conservation Fund (Fund)..

To make the most effective use of the Fund in accomplishing the goals and objectives of the Plan, the Commission will utilize the following guidelines when considering applications for grants from the Fund.

The guidelines are intended to assist conservation districts, Division of Resource Conservation and Forestry staff, and the Commission in the application, evaluation, selection and administration of grants that will serve the purposes of the Plan in the most effective manner.

(Note: following are possible Guidelines the Commission may want to consider in developing this document. Input from commissioners, conservation districts, and staff should also be sought for other Guidelines to be considered.)

#### Project Duration, Readiness for Implementation, Partnerships

Given the high demand for funding of grants from the Fund, the Commission will look more favorably upon projects that are ready to implement, have participants lined up, and are of shorter duration. Projects that involve multiple districts and are leveraged with other funding partners will also be viewed more favorably.

#### Technical Assistance and Technician Grants

The Commission understands the importance of providing technical assistance for planning and implementation of certain practices. However, given the limited availability of funds, it is the Commission's intent to avoid on-going, direct grant funding for district technician positions, unless some extenuating circumstances prevails. Districts are encouraged to include technical assistance as an activity within a proposed grant project budget, seek cooperative agreements with NRCS for technical assistance, or pursue other appropriate ways to provide technical assistance.

### Livestock Health, Protection, Fabricated Windbreaks

According to the Plan, protection of livestock from severe weather events is not, in and of itself, a natural resource conservation need or benefit, nor a stated objective of the Plan. Therefore, project practices such as fabricated windbreaks, designed for the expressed primary benefit of livestock health and protection, will not be funded.

The Commission recognizes that certain conservation practices addressing needs for enhanced riparian habitat, grassland management, soil erosion protection, or water quality, can also address a desired need and benefit for livestock. However, it should be clearly evident in grant applications that the primary need being addressed and benefit to be realized from practices implemented are directly related to a natural resource conservation goal/objective stated in the Plan.

### Soil Health and Cover Crops

Soil health is clearly a high priority conservation issue. It represents a long term commitment for producers, involving several practices and a systems approach. The Commission will address this issue through grants from the Fund that provide incentive to producers to try certain soil health practices, and that will demonstrate practice benefits to other producers. Funding for such practices will therefore be limited in duration, scope, and amount per producer.

### Shelterbelts/Tree Planting

Grants for funding of shelterbelts and tree plantings have traditionally been provided for projects in rural areas, providing conservation benefits for wildlife, wind erosion protection, and wind protection for livestock. Planting of trees for "landscaping" purposes in and around stand-alone dwellings in rural areas or housing developments will not be considered for funding.

### Weed Control

Control of noxious weeds falls under the purview and jurisdiction of the State Weed and Pest Commission. Generally speaking, any grant applications addressing weed control needs will be referred to them. The Commission recognizes that certain "invasive species", such as cedar or phragmites, may represent a natural resource conservation issue and fall within the scope of the Plan. Grant requests for such issues will be considered on their merits.

### Funding Project Activities "Over and Above" Established District Services

The Commission understands the funding needs and limitations of the Conservation Districts. It desires to assist the Districts to the extent possible by making the most effective use of grants from the Fund. Grant funds are most

effectively used when they are applied to District activities that are not already funded through a District enterprise or service for which they are being compensated. Administration oversight of grants at the Division staff level will reflect this.

**Priorities**

Administrative Rule 12:03:05:12 provides that “the commission may dedicate a portion of the annual appropriation for the coordinated soil and water conservation fund to use on sharing costs of any project that is determined by the commission to be a priority.”

The Commission has established the following broadly-stated conservation priorities, under which more specific projects may be identified for dedicated funding. Additional specific priorities may be amended to this list as unforeseen circumstances dictate.

Soil Health

Water Resources

State Conservation Commission  
Grant Round Meeting  
May 18, 2017  
Capitol Lake Visitor's Center, Pierre

**Members Present:** David Fischbach, Tom Glover, Doug Hansen, Aaron Kiesz, Charlie Moe, Gerald Thaden, Alan Vedvei, and Tom Wolles.

**Absent:** Wayne Bunge.

**Others Present:** See Attached

The meeting was called to order by Chairman David Fischbach at 8:15 a.m.

Motion by Doug Hansen and seconded to approve the February 22, 2017 minutes as submitted.  
**Motion carried.**

**Revolving Loan Report:**

A report was presented by division staff.

**Grant Report:**

Motion by Doug Hansen and seconded to approve the Deuel County Conservation District request to add the Northwest Area Conservation Districts to grant #2016-CSW-010 (Shelterbelts) with the concern that the Commission will not allow this to be a common procedure. Roll call vote: Vedvei – nay, Hansen – aye, Thaden – nay, Glover – aye, Kiesz – aye, Wolles – aye, Moe – nay, Fischbach – abstained. **Motion carried.**

Motion by Tom Glover to approve the Jones County Conservation district for a 6-month extension to December 31, 2017 for grant #2016-CSW-018 (Multi-Practice IV). **Motion carried.**

Motion by Alan Vedvei and seconded to deny Roberts Conservation District for a 12-month extension for grant #2016-CSW-024 (Roberts Shelterbelts). Reason: the district is encouraged to come back in the fall with the request. **Motion carried.**

Motion by Charlie Moe and seconded to approve Haakon County Conservation District for a 6-month extension to December 31, 2017 for grant #2016-CSW-030 (Water Quality). **Motion carried.**

Motion by Doug Hansen and seconded to approve Miner Conservation District for a 6-month extension to December 31, 2017 for grant #2016-CSW-037 (Assisting Conservation Districts to Develop a Customized Success Plan). **Motion carried.**

Motion by Aaron Kiesz and seconded to approve Todd County Conservation District request to add Bennett County to grant #2017-CSW-027 (2017 TC Trees). Charlie Moe abstained. **Motion carried.**

**Reversions:**

Motion by Charlie Moe and seconded to revert the following funds:  
Minnehaha County Conservation District grant #2014-CSW-021 (Wildlife Habitat) in the amount of \$7,099.14; Perkins Conservation District grant #2015-CSW-023 (NorthWest Area Tree Planting) in the amount of \$11,742.99; Miner Conservation District grant #2015-CSW-032



(Livestock Water Quality) in the amount of \$1,627.64; Davison Conservation District grant #2015-CSW-035 (Cover Crops/Grazing) in the amount of \$4,036.13; Aurora Conservation District grant #2015-CSW-036 (Conservation Awareness) in the amount of \$2,700.42; Bon Homme Conservation District grant #2015-CSW-040 (Cover Crop/Tree Renovation) in the amount of \$3.04; Aurora Conservation District grant #2015-CSW-041 (Cover Crop/Pipeline) in the amount of \$11,404.66; Gregory Conservation District grant #2015-CSW-046 (Gregory Projects 2) in the amount of \$2,955.08; Beadle Conservation District grant #2016-CSW-002 (Water Quality for Livestock) in the amount of \$20,768.40; Brule-Buffalo Conservation District grant #2016-CSW-004 (Brule-Buffalo CD Project) in the amount of \$5,181.25; Davison Conservation District grant #2016-CSW-007 (Shelterbelts) in the amount of \$13,907.81; East Pennington Conservation District grant #2016-CSW-011 (Livestock Protection) in the amount of \$8,176.51; Gregory Conservation District grant #2016-CSW-012 (Cedar Removal) in the amount of \$8,225.00; Gregory Conservation District grant #2016-CSW-013 (Gregory Projects) in the amount of \$5,091.15; Miner Conservation District grant #2016-CSW-021 (Conservation Education & Public Awareness) in the amount of \$107.90; Hamlin Conservation District grant #2016-CSW-031 (Pasture Pipe for Water Quality) in the amount of \$11,927.10; Kingsbury Conservation District grant #2016-CSW-033 (Cover Crops) in the amount of \$150.00; for a total amount of \$115,104.22. **Motion carried.**

#### **Grant Review:**

A review of the grant applications was made by division staff, the State Conservation Commission, and district representatives.

#### **Grant Selection:**

Motion by Aaron Kiesz and seconded to approve the Tri-County Conservation District grant application (Fabricated Windbreaks) in the amount of \$24,384. Charlie Moe – nay; Tom Wolles – aye; Aaron Kiesz – aye; Tom Glover – nay; Gerald Thaden – nay; Doug Hansen – nay; Alan Vedvei – nay. **Motion failed for lack of majority.** Reason – low conservation benefit.

The Commission discussed the possibility of requiring future fabricated windbreak applications be aware that the district may need to produce to-scale site plans and show what the windbreak is protecting. These plans would need to be submitted prior to installation. No action taken at this time.

Motion by Doug Hansen and seconded to approve Union Conservation District grant application (Outreach I&E) in the amount of \$7,540.00. Charlie Moe – nay; Tom Wolles – aye; Aaron Kiesz – nay; Tom Glover – nay; Gerald Thaden – nay; Doug Hansen – aye; Alan Vedvei – nay. **Motion failed.** Reason – no local match.

Motion by Charlie Moe and seconded to approve the Brule-Buffalo Conservation District grant application (Brush Management III) in the amount of \$15,000, the district to provide timesheets or other documentation to demonstrate the actual time spent on salary/administration of the grant; the district to provide a copy of the Joint Powers Agreement with all the conservation districts involved, grazing management plans required, district must secure a landowner application to determine eligibility for cost-share funds, copy to be provided with reimbursement request, district must provide the landowner with notification letter indicating whether or not they have been approved for cost-share, copy to be provided with reimbursement request. Tom Glover abstained. **Motion Carried.**

Motion by Tom Glover and seconded to approve the Hyde Conservation District grant application (Hyde-Hand Enhancement) in the amount of \$25,000 for one year. Motion by Tom Glover and seconded to amend the motion for \$25,000 for a two-year grant. **Motion carried to amend.** Conditions: all tree and shrub planting plans be reviewed and approved by one of SDDA RC&F foresters prior to planting, stand-alone farmstead/homestead windbreaks do not qualify for cost-share funds from the Commission, the district to provide timesheets or other documentation to demonstrate the actual time spent on salary/administration of the grant; the district to provide a copy of the Joint Powers Agreement with all the conservation districts involved; district must secure a landowner application to determine eligibility for cost-share funds, copy to be provided with reimbursement request, district must provide the landowner with notification letter indicating whether or not they have been approved for cost-share, copy to be provided with reimbursement request. **Motion carried as amended.**

Motion by Alan Vedvei and seconded to approve the Mellette Conservation District grant application (Multi-Practice) in the amount of \$28,000, to remove fabricated windbreaks and technical assistance from funding, the district to provide timesheets or other documentation to demonstrate the actual time spent on salary/administration of the grant, the district to provide a copy of the Joint Powers Agreement with all the conservation districts involved; district must secure a landowner application to determine eligibility for cost-share funds, copy to be provided with reimbursement request, district must provide the landowner with notification letter indicating whether or not they have been approved for cost-share, copy to be provided with reimbursement request, grazing plans be required as part of the agreement with the landowners. Charlie Moe abstained. **Motion carried.**

Motion by Aaron Kiesz and seconded to approve the Perkins Conservation District grant application (Northwest Area Specialist) for \$34,888, the district match and grant funds are to be used to perform resource technician duties over and above what has been normally completed by the districts, the district must submit two semi-annual reports for the technician's work activities, these reports should show landowner contacts made by the technician, miles driven, number of plans written, acres treated or any other measure to show the conservation benefit provided by the technician. These reports should be provided to the State Conservation Commission and SDAGD no later than January 12 and July 12 of each year, the district provide timesheets or other documentation to demonstrate the actual time spent on salary/administration of the grant, the district provide a copy of the Joint Powers Agreement with all the conservation districts involved. David Fischbach abstained. **Motion carried.**

Motion by Kiesz and seconded to approve the Custer Conservation District grant application (Thinning for a Healthier Forest) in the amount of \$20,000 for one year, the district provide timesheets or other documentation to demonstrate the actual time spent on salary/administration of the grant, each thinning project will have to follow a prescription prepared by an SDDA RC&F Forester, landowners with Forest Stewardship Plans should be given priority, but a plan is not required, district must secure a landowner application to determine eligibility for cost-share funds, copy to be provided with reimbursement request, district must provide the landowner with notification letter indicating whether or not they have been approved for cost-share, copy to be provided with reimbursement request. **Motion carried.**

Motion by Gerald Thaden and seconded to approve the Davison Conservation District grant application (Multi-county Brush Management) in the amount of \$11,500.00, grazing plans be required as part of the agreement with the landowners, the district provide a copy of the Joint Powers Agreement with all the conservation districts involved, the district provide timesheets or

other documentation to demonstrate the actual time spent on salary/administration of the grant, grazing management plans required, district must secure a landowner application to determine eligibility for cost-share funds, copy to be provided with reimbursement request, district must provide the landowner with notification letter indicating whether or not they have been approved for cost-share, copy to be provided with reimbursement request. **Motion carried.**

Motion by Tom Wolles and seconded to approve the Hamlin Conservation District grant application (Pasture Pipe for Water Quality 2) in the amount of \$12,846.00, grazing plans be required as part of the agreement with the landowners, district must secure a landowner application to determine eligibility for cost-share funds, copy to be provided with reimbursement request, district must provide the landowner with notification letter indicating whether or not they have been approved for cost-share, copy to be provided with reimbursement request, the district provide a copy of the Joint Powers Agreement with all the conservation districts involved. Aaron Kiesz, Doug Hansen, and Gerald Thaden abstained. **Motion carried.**

Motion by Alan Vedvei and seconded to approve the Gregory Conservation District grant application (Shelterbelt Renovation) in the amount of \$15,000 for two years, all tree and shrub planting plans be reviewed and approved by one of SDDA RC&F foresters prior to planting, stand-alone farmstead/homestead windbreaks do not qualify for cost-share funds from the Commission, district must secure a landowner application to determine eligibility for cost-share funds, copy to be provided with reimbursement request, district must provide the landowner with notification letter indicating whether or not they have been approved for cost-share, copy to be provided with reimbursement request. Tom Glover abstained. **Motion carried.**

Motion by Aaron Kiesz and seconded to approve the Hamlin Conservation District grant application (Outreach & Promotion of SD Conservation Districts) in the amount of \$6,200.00, the district to provide timesheets or other documentation to demonstrate the actual time spent on salary/administration of the grant. **Motion carried.**

Motion by Aaron Kiesz and seconded to approve the Kingsbury Conservation District grant application (Shelterbelt Renovation) in the amount of \$20,000, all tree and shrub planting plans be reviewed and approved by one of SDDA RC&F foresters prior to planting, stand-alone farmstead/homestead windbreaks do not qualify for cost-share funds from the Commission, district must secure a landowner application to determine eligibility for cost-share funds, copy to be provided with reimbursement request, district must provide the landowner with notification letter indicating whether or not they have been approved for cost-share, copy to be provided with reimbursement request, the district provide timesheets or other documentation to demonstrate the actual time spent on salary/administration of the grant. **Motion carried.** Alan Vedvei abstained.

Motion by Tom Wolles and seconded to approve the Kingsbury Conservation District grant application (Conservation Education) in the amount of \$1,170, the district provide timesheets or other documentation to demonstrate the actual time spent on salary/administration of the grant,

Motion by Charlie Moe and seconded to approve the Union Conservation District grant application (Cover Crops) in the amount of \$10,000, the district to provide timesheets or other documentation to demonstrate the actual time spent on salary/administration of the grant, grazing plans be required as part of the agreement with the landowners, district must secure a landowner application to determine eligibility for cost-share funds, copy to be provided with reimbursement request, district must provide the landowner with notification letter indicating whether or not they have been approved for cost-share, copy to be provided with

reimbursement request, cover crops to be limited to 80 acres per landowner (first time user) and for only one time per land unit. **Motion carried.**

Motion by Aaron Kiesz and seconded to approve the McCook Conservation District grant application (Sheiterbelt Project) in the amount of \$10,000, with a waiver of the financial report requirement, all tree and shrub planting plans be reviewed and approved by one of SDDA RC&F foresters prior to planting, stand-alone farmstead/homestead windbreaks do not qualify for cost-share funds from the Commission, district must secure a landowner application to determine eligibility for cost-share funds, copy to be provided with reimbursement request, district must provide the landowner with notification letter indicating whether or not they have been approved for cost-share, copy to be provided with reimbursement request, the district provide timesheets or other documentation to demonstrate the actual time spent on salary/administration of the grant. **Motion carried.**

Motion by Aaron Kiesz and seconded to approve the Union Conservation District grant application (Trees/Fabric) in the amount of \$5589.44, all tree and shrub planting plans be reviewed and approved by one of SDDA RC&F foresters prior to planting, stand-alone farmstead/homestead windbreaks do not qualify for cost-share funds from the Commission, district must secure a landowner application to determine eligibility for cost-share funds, copy to be provided with reimbursement request, district must provide the landowner with notification letter indicating whether or not they have been approved for cost-share, copy to be provided with reimbursement request, the district provide timesheets or other documentation to demonstrate the actual time spent on salary/administration of the grant. **Motion carried.**

Motion by Doug Hansen and seconded to deny the Union Conservation District grant application (Grass seeding) due to lack of funds. **Motion carried.**

#### **Soil Conservation Award Review & Selection:**

Motion by Charlie Moe and seconded to approve the soil award applications of Currence Brothers (Michael and Kenneth Currence) – Roberts Conservation District; Davis Ranch – Sanborn County Conservation District; David and Derick Hofer – Beadle Conservation District; Jeff and Drew Hemmer – Moody County Conservation District. **Motion carried.**

Motion by Tom Glover and seconded to approve the two district name changes submitted: Moody County Conservation District change to Moody Conservation District; Davison County Conservation District to Davison Conservation District. **Motion carried.**

The name changes will become official upon notification from the Secretary of State's Office.

Commission members discussed the Guidelines and Priorities.

Division report was given by staff.

Advisory member reports were given.

Next Meeting will be July 20, 2017, time and location to be determined.

Meeting adjourned by Chairman at 1:20 p.m.