

**State Conservation Commission Meeting
November 29, 2017**

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Tentative Agenda

State Conservation Commission

Wednesday, November 29, 2017

8:15 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. CDT

Capitol Lake Visitor Center
650 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, South Dakota 57501
605.773.3623

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introductions• Approval of September Minutes• Request for New Business to be Placed on the Agenda• Corrections/Approval of Past and Upcoming Travel	Dave Fischbach
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Revolving Loan Report• Revolving Loan Applications• Correspondence	Tiffany Shannon
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grant Program/Updates/Changes/Amendments• Grant Status Reports• Reversions	Brian Scott Tiffany Shannon
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2017 Fall Grant Application Review• RCPP Discussion (if needed)	Conservation Commission
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2017 Fall Grant Selections	Conservation Commission
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2018 Docket	RCF Staff
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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• District Name Changes (Miner and Jerauld)	Conservation Commission
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Commission Member Reports (if time permits)	Conservation Commission
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advisory Board Member Reports: (SD School & Public Lands, DENR, SD Game Fish & Parks, NRCS, SDSU Extension Service, SDSU Experiment Station) **Other Partners (if time permits)	Advisory Board Members
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Division Report (if time permits)	Bill Smith
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New Business	Conservation Commission
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Location of January Meeting• Ending Remarks & Adjourn	Dave Fischbach

Additional Instructions:

**Advisory Board and other partners are required to submit a written report due to the time restrictions we will be under with Grant Review/Selection and 2018 Docket discussion. Please send those to tiffany.shannon@state.sd.us by November 15.

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) at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting to make any necessary arrangements.

Because of the number of grant applications under consideration, agenda items may be moved up or down on the agenda as time permits.

State Conservation Commission
September 18, 2017
Ramkota, Sioux Falls

Call to order: 7:00 am by Chairman David Fischbach.

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

Members Absent: Wayne Bunge and Aaron Kiesz

Others Present: Sign-up Sheet(s) with Commission Minutes File.

Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Doug Hansen and seconded to approve July 20, 2017 minutes as submitted. **Motion carried.**

Past and/or Upcoming Travel:

Doug Hansen will be traveling to Huron for the NRCS State Technical Committee Meeting in Huron on September 27.

Grant Report:

Motion by Tom Wolles and seconded to approve the Jones Conservation District request to add the American Creek Conservation District to grant #2016-CSW-019 (Shelterbelt Renovation and Establishment). **Motion carried.**

Motion by Tom Wolles and seconded to approve the Jones Conservation District request for a transfer of funds from tree removal (\$3,000) to shrubs (\$500), trees (\$1,500) and fabric (\$1,000) under grant #2016-CSW-019 (Shelterbelt Renovation and Establishment). **Motion carried.**

Motion by Doug Hansen and seconded to approve the Jones Conservation District request for transfer of funds from tree removal (\$1,000) to handplant replacement (\$1,000) for shelterbelts completed under grant #2016-CSW-019 (Shelterbelt Renovation and Establishment) in 2017 on the loss of eastern red cedar and rocky mountain juniper with a cost-share rate of 50%. **Motion carried.**

Motion by Tom Wolles and seconded by Gerald Thaden to approve the Mellette Conservation District request to approve reseeding cover crops on the same unit with a not to exceed a cap of \$200/year for seed cost-shared under grant #2017-CSW-021 (2017 Cover Crop). **Motion carried. (Charlie Moe abstained)**

Motion by Doug Hansen and seconded to approve the Roberts Conservation District request for a contract extension to December 31, 2018 for grant #2016-CSW-024 (Roberts Shelterbelt). **Motion carried.**

Miner Conservation District request for a name change will be taken up at the November Conservation Commission meeting.

Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP):

Jeff Zimprich and Jeff Vander Wilt from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) provided the Commission with an overview of how the Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) could potentially work in South Dakota if matched by Commission funds. Districts could individually apply for RCPP agreements with NRCS using Commission funds as match or the Commission could apply for a larger RCPP agreement. Under the latter, the Commission would need to set-aside funds to provide the match and the Commission would manage individual agreements with the districts. Either way, the key is that project must be science-based and have measureable outcomes. The type of agreement (Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) or Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) versus a Commission agreement would depend on which set of funds were used. A request for proposal will likely come from NRCS in January or February of 2018. A few districts expressed concern that setting aside funds to match RCPP would make it more difficult to fund district sponsored projects through the standard grant funding process. A few districts also use Commission funds to work with producers who are not eligible for EQIP or CSP and those districts feel setting aside Commission funds would result in even less funds for those producers. Additional discussion was schedule to follow the South Dakota Association of Conservation Districts business meeting later today.

District Work Plan Template:

Jack Majeres presented the revised Conservation District Work Plan. Motion by Doug Hansen and seconded to approve the District Work Plan as presented. **Motion carried.**

Reports:

Commission Member, Division, and Advisory Member reports were waived because of time.

Laura Demmel from the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) was introduced to the Commission. Laura is the new NACD Northern Plains Regional Representative. Laura is originally from Ogallala, NE. Her office is in Boseman, MT.

Next meeting will be a grant round in November. Location, date and time TBD.

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 AM.

Tiffany Shannon, Recording Secretary

Upcoming Travel & Meetings

November 2017

- 29 – Commission meeting – Pierre

December 2017



January 2017

- 26 – 31- NACD Annual Meeting – Nashville, TN

CONSERVATION DISTRICT REVOLVING LOAN FUND
 Schedule of payments due during fiscal year 2018
 (07/01/2017 to 06/30/2018)

Accumulated interest since 1965 \$ 199,848.51

Accumulated loans since 1965 \$ 2,100,494.54

RCF TRACKING NUMBER	AG DEV LOAN NUMBER	DATE LOAN APPROVED	CONSERVATION DISTRICT	PURPOSE OF LOAN	ORIGINAL LOAN AMOUNT	AMOUNT OUTSTANDING 01-JULY	SCHEDULED PAYMENT THIS FY	MONTH DUE	DATE PAID	SCHEDULED PRINCIPLE PAID THIS FY	SCHEDULED INTEREST PAID THIS FY	EXTRA PRINCIPLE PAID THIS FY	COMMISSION EXTENDED PAYMENTS	TOTAL CURRENTLY OUTSTANDING
1079	40-03-01	09/26/16	Butte	No-Till Drill	\$ 22,500.00	\$ 22,500.00	\$ 5,084.60	09/2018	08/25/2017	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 584.60			\$ 18,000.00
1078	136-01-01	05/05/16	Bennett	No-Till Drill Parts	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 2,816.67	\$ 764.24	03/2018						\$ 2,816.67
1077	38-03-01	02/18/16	Deuel	Grass drill	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 13,695.37	\$ 3,712.03	01/2018						\$ 13,695.37
1076	36-05-01	02/18/16	Jackson	Fabric	\$ 4,954.00	\$ 2,428.13	\$ 2,502.36	09/2017						\$ 2,428.13
1075	130-01-01	09/17/15	Day	Tree spade	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 5,448.95	10/2017	10/16/2017	\$ 5,022.14	\$ 426.81			\$ 9,977.86
1074	37-02-01	07/15/15	Grant	Grass drill	\$ 13,431.00	\$ 6,065.32	\$ 3,007.20	11/2017						\$ 6,065.32
1073	74-03-01	01/29/14	Hamlin	Land Roller	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 10,314.55	\$ 5,885.45	11/2017	07/20/2017	\$ 5,400.00	\$ 170.71	\$ 4,914.55		\$ -
1072	80-02-01	09/22/14	Jones	No-till drill	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 8,719.05	10/2017	09/15/2017	\$ 8,045.54	\$ 673.51			\$ 15,954.46
1071	39-02-01	09/22/14	Clark	Grass Drill	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 3,270.10	12/2017						\$ 9,000.00
1067	36-04-01	11/15/12	Jackson	Grass Drill	\$ 27,586.00	\$ 9,354.99	\$ 5,681.45	12/2017	11/03/2017	\$ 5,517.20	\$ 270.41			\$ 3,837.79

COLUMN TOTALS	\$ 190,971.00	\$ 115,175.03	\$ 44,075.43		\$ 28,484.88	\$ 2,126.04	\$ 4,914.55	\$ -	\$ 81,775.60
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NEW LOANS THIS FISCAL YEAR	\$ -	REMAINING PAYMENTS DUE THIS FY	\$ 13,464.51
CURRENT CASH BALANCE (Including new loans this fiscal year)	\$ 117,028.23		
Minus 11/03/2017 Jackson Payment	\$ 5,787.61		
	\$ 111,240.62		

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Pierre Office

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 Grant County Conservation District, with headquarters at Milbank South Dakota,
does hereby apply for a loan of \$ 45,585 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: To lower the interest rate and extend the life of the loan for our Case IH Farmall Tractor

Payments to begin on: 11/01/2018 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>11/01/2018</u>	Amount \$	<u>9,117</u>
Date	<u>11/01/2019</u>	Amount \$	<u>9,117</u>
Date	<u>11/01/2020</u>	Amount \$	<u>9,117</u>
Date	<u>11/01/2021</u>	Amount \$	<u>9,117</u>
Date	<u>11/01/2022</u>	Amount \$	<u>9,117</u>

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

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

Make of Machine: Case IH Farmall 100A Tractor Total Cost: 75,948
 Model #: 120A Serial #: CT00338M
 Anticipated Charge: _____ Anticipated use of machine: Acres: 1200/year

EQUIPMENT INSURANCE:

Insurance Company: SDPAA Amount of comprehensive coverage: 75,948

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: CNH Capital
- 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: May 1st 2016

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AS OF **11/09/2017** . (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"/>
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"/>
TOTAL LIABILITIES+ EQUITY	\$	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE RECORD AS OF

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):

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 Grant County Conservation District at a meeting held on 10/11/2017 and is so recorded in the official minutes of the meeting.

ATTEST:

SECRETARY

Royce D. Steinhilber

CHAIRMAN

Date of Application

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LOAN FINDINGS (DEPARTMENT USE ONLY):

QUESTIONS	COMMENTS
1. Was the application received by the deadline? Date Received: <u>11/9/17</u>	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	

Tyffay Shannon

Division Staff

11/14/17

Date

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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

<u>Applic #</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Project Start</u>	<u>Project End</u>	<u>Approved Amt</u>	<u>Total Project</u>	<u>Payment Amount</u>	<u>Other Spent</u>	<u>Leverage</u>	<u>Reverted \$</u>
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	\$52,331.81	\$58,613.91	\$1.12	\$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	\$19,531.20	\$24,947.74	\$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	\$14,994.08	\$18,889.48	\$1.26	\$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-BUFF	MULTI-COUNTY CD PROJECT	01/01/2016	06/30/2017	\$33,580.00	\$76,700.00	\$24,934.20	\$28,823.00	\$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	\$30,332.91	\$51,942.03	\$1.71	\$0.00
201610	DEUEL	SHELTERBELTS	01/01/2016	06/30/2017	\$15,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$8,099.12	\$12,021.15	\$1.48	\$0.00
201611	EAST PENNI	LIVESTOCK PROTECTION	01/01/2016	06/30/2017	\$12,038.00	\$29,215.00	\$6,902.72	\$9,899.80	\$1.43	\$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	\$3,616.46	\$4,662.86	\$1.29	\$0.00
201616	HYDE	HYDE/HAND ENHANCEMENTS	01/01/2016	06/30/2017	\$60,000.00	\$119,250.00	\$59,961.99	\$67,921.94	\$1.13	\$0.00

<u>Applic #</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Project Start</u>	<u>Project End</u>	<u>Approved Amt</u>	<u>Total Project</u>	<u>Payment Amount</u>	<u>Other Spent</u>	<u>Leverage</u>	<u>Reverted \$</u>
201617	JACKSON	SHELTERBELT ESTABLISHMENT/RENO	01/01/2016	12/31/2017	\$13,518.00	\$26,844.00	\$13,516.12	\$17,167.31	\$1.27	\$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	\$6,122.22	\$9,091.04	\$1.48	\$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	\$4,178.70	\$16,054.21	\$3.84	\$0.00
201623	PERKINS	NWAREA NAT RES SPEC	01/01/2016	06/30/2017	\$52,000.00	\$141,104.00	\$41,625.48	\$48,719.96	\$1.17	\$0.00
201624	Roberts	Shelterbelts	01/01/2016	12/31/2017	\$10,997.00	\$30,594.00	\$7,620.45	\$12,939.75	\$1.70	\$0.00
201625	SANBORN	SANBORN/JEREAULD 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	\$15,541.99	\$63,092.08	\$4.06	\$0.00
201627	Charles Mix	Brush Management	07/01/2016	12/31/2017	\$36,500.00	\$75,000.00	\$11,437.50	\$11,625.00	\$1.02	\$0.00
201628	CUSTER	THINNING HEALTHY FOREST 3	07/01/2016	06/30/2017	\$20,700.00	\$41,400.00	\$20,358.75	\$21,051.97	\$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	\$19,561.02	\$62,832.78	\$3.21	\$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	\$736.92	\$736.92	\$1.00	\$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	12/31/2018	\$42,000.00	\$82,000.00	\$1,751.22	\$10,618.14	\$6.06	\$0.00
201635	McPherson	N. Mo. Grassland Project II	07/01/2016	12/31/2017	\$20,000.00	\$64,667.00	\$12,333.95	\$76,227.83	\$6.18	\$0.00
201636	MINER	CONSERVATION PRACTICES	07/01/2016	12/31/2017	\$16,126.00	\$32,252.00	\$16,126.00	\$24,981.62	\$1.55	\$0.00
201637	Miner	Pilot Project	07/01/2016	12/31/2017	\$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	\$2,192.38	\$13,474.44	\$6.15	\$0.00
201701	Beadle	Shelterbelt Program	01/01/2017	12/31/2017	\$17,756.00	\$35,712.00	\$9,238.10	\$13,354.59	\$1.45	\$0.00
201702	Beadle	Soil Health Cover Crops	01/01/2017	12/31/2017	\$13,475.00	\$26,800.00	\$2,532.08	\$2,502.08	\$0.99	\$0.00
201703	Beadle	Shelterbelt Renovation	01/01/2017	06/30/2018	\$13,000.00	\$28,243.00	\$0.00			\$0.00

<u>Applic #</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Project Start</u>	<u>Project End</u>	<u>Approved Amt</u>	<u>Total Project</u>	<u>Payment Amount</u>	<u>Other Spent</u>	<u>Leverage</u>	<u>Reverted \$</u>
201704	BENNETT	BENNETT BADLANDS TREE PLANTING	01/01/2017	06/30/2017	\$16,000.00	\$33,228.00	\$8,449.14	\$7,817.34	\$0.93	\$0.00
201705	Bon Homme	Conservation Enhancement	01/01/2017	06/30/2018	\$26,450.00	\$72,800.00	\$8,407.32	\$10,871.86	\$1.29	\$0.00
201706	Brule-Buffalo	Shelterbelt Renovation	01/01/2017	06/30/2018	\$32,700.00	\$70,500.00	\$9,120.00	\$13,830.00	\$1.52	\$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	\$17,820.10	\$41,331.19	\$2.32	\$0.00
201709	Butte	Open Ditch Irrigation	01/01/2017	12/31/2017	\$25,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$14,950.00	\$24,350.00	\$1.63	\$0.00
201710	Clark	Shelterbelts	01/01/2017	06/30/2018	\$22,000.00	\$42,000.00	\$4,978.25	\$6,557.30	\$1.32	\$0.00
201711	CODINGTON	TREE PLANTING	01/01/2017	06/30/2017	\$4,765.00	\$14,678.00	\$2,599.37	\$6,628.53	\$2.55	\$0.00
201712	Davison	Tree Planting	01/01/2017	12/31/2017	\$12,000.00	\$24,000.00	\$11,712.16	\$13,686.16	\$1.17	\$0.00
201713	Day	NE Glacial Lakes	07/01/2017	06/30/2018	\$25,000.00	\$250,095.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
201714	Edmunds	Northern Coteau Rangelands	01/01/2017	12/31/2018	\$44,500.00	\$142,500.00	\$9,964.99	\$31,429.01	\$3.15	\$0.00
201715	Hanson	Cover Crops	01/01/2017	12/31/2017	\$9,980.00	\$19,960.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$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	\$0.00	\$0.00
201717	Jerauld	Shelterbelt Establishment	01/01/2017	06/30/2018	\$20,000.00	\$37,391.00	\$11,108.50	\$10,480.75	\$0.94	\$0.00
201718	Jones	Multi-Practices	01/01/2017	06/30/2018	\$22,655.00	\$74,215.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
201719	Marshall	Technician	01/01/2017	12/31/2018	\$4,680.00	\$9,360.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
201720	Mellette	2017 MC Trees	01/01/2017	06/30/2018	\$20,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$15,115.53	\$18,972.22	\$1.26	\$0.00
201721	Mellette	Cover Crop	01/01/2017	12/31/2017	\$2,600.00	\$5,500.00	\$210.00	\$422.50	\$2.01	\$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	\$9,579.88	\$25,649.39	\$2.68	\$0.00
201724	Miner	Conservation Education	01/01/2017	12/31/2017	\$2,500.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
201725	Minnehaha	Wildlife Habitat	01/01/2017	12/31/2018	\$12,480.00	\$44,027.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
201726	Sanborn	Conservation Practices	01/01/2017	12/31/2018	\$22,000.00	\$54,820.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$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	\$0.00	\$0.00
201728	Todd	Multi-Practices	01/01/2017	12/31/2017	\$40,000.00	\$118,025.00	\$18,613.28	\$47,263.53	\$2.54	\$0.00
201729	Brule-Buffalo	Brush Management III	07/01/2017	06/30/2018	\$15,000.00	\$29,000.00	\$2,025.00	\$6,075.00	\$3.00	\$0.00

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201730	Custer	Thinning for Healthier Forest	07/01/2017	06/30/2018	\$20,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$7,694.30	\$11,270.30	\$1.46	\$0.00
201731	Davison	Multi-County Brush Mgmt	07/01/2017	06/30/2018	\$11,500.00	\$21,500.00	\$3,729.38	\$3,729.37	\$1.00	\$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	\$2,630.75	\$2,630.75	\$1.00	\$0.00
201735	Hyde	Hyde/Hand Enhancements 5	07/01/2017	06/30/2019	\$25,000.00	\$48,980.00	\$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	\$60,000.00	\$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	\$6,849.43	\$8,092.23	\$1.18	\$0.00
201741	Union	Tree/Fabric Expansion	07/01/2017	06/30/2018	\$5,589.44	\$13,876.92	\$0.00			\$0.00
201742	Union	Cover Crops development	07/01/2017	06/30/2018	\$10,000.00	\$18,695.65	\$0.00			\$0.00
Grand Total:					\$20,450,673.70	\$93,333,930.71	\$15,303,293.91	\$49,177,819.92	\$3.21	\$4,258,349.59

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

DATE	GRANT FUND DEPOSITS	PESTICIDE DEPOSITS	OTHER DEPOSITS	INTEREST	GRANTS AWARDED	REVERTED FUNDS	DEOBLIGATED FUNDS	OTHER DEDUCTIONS	ACCOUNT BALANCE	
FY 2018									\$ (12,764.01)	Balance forward
07/01/2017	\$ 500,000.00								\$ 487,235.99	
08/01/2017				\$ 21,154.40					\$ 508,390.39	
							\$ 10,528.55		\$ 518,918.94	Miner 2014-18
							\$ 11,127.97		\$ 530,046.91	Hamlin 2015-30
							\$ 4,075.62		\$ 534,122.53	Kingsbury 2015-38
							\$ 5.92		\$ 534,128.45	Bon Homme 2016-03
							\$ 8,645.80		\$ 542,774.25	Brule-Buffalo 2016-05
							\$ 14,500.00		\$ 557,274.25	Davison 2016-08
							\$ 12,267.09		\$ 569,541.34	Day 2016-09
							\$ 6,900.88		\$ 576,442.22	Deuel 2016-10
							\$ 5,135.28		\$ 581,577.50	East Pennington 2016-11
							\$ 3,725.00		\$ 585,302.50	Gregory 2016-12
							\$ 7,383.54		\$ 592,686.04	Hanson 2016-15
							\$ 38.01		\$ 592,724.05	Hyde 2016-16
							\$ 12,924.30		\$ 605,648.35	Minnehaha 2016-22
							\$ 10,374.52		\$ 616,022.87	Perkins 2016-23
							\$ 341.25		\$ 616,364.12	Custer 2016-28
							\$ 4,108.75		\$ 620,472.87	Davison 2016-29
							\$ 9,807.62		\$ 630,280.49	Yankton 2016-39
							\$ 7,550.86		\$ 637,831.35	Bennett 2017-04
							\$ 2,165.63		\$ 639,996.98	Codington 2017-11
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SUBTOTAL	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 21,154.40	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 131,606.59	\$ 0.00		
CUMMULATIVE TOTALS	\$ 16,215,428.83	\$ 1,011,263.98	\$ 801,298.27	\$ 1,843,162.98	\$ 19,674,255.10	\$ 24,234.07	\$ 4,146,716.57	\$ 1,890,000.00		
				Total revenues FY	\$ 521,154.40					
				Total revenues to date	\$ 19,871,154.06					

Tentative Fall 2017 reversions				File double checked
District	Grant #	Amount	End date	
Miner	201418	\$ 10,528.55	06/30/2017	x
Hamlin	201530	\$ 11,127.97	06/30/2017	x
Kingsbury	201538	\$ 4,075.62	06/30/2017	x
Bon Homme	201603	\$ 5.92	06/30/2017	x
Brule- Buffalo	201605	\$ 8,645.80	06/30/2017	x
Davison	201608	\$ 14,500.00	06/30/2017	x
Day	201609	\$ 12,267.09	06/30/2017	x
Deuel	201610	\$ 6,900.88	06/30/2017	x
East Pennington	201611	\$ 5,135.28	06/30/2017	x
Gregory	201612	\$ 3,725.00	06/30/2017	x
Hanson	201615	\$ 7,383.54	06/30/2017	x
Hyde	201616	\$ 38.01	06/30/2017	x
Minnehaha	201622	\$ 12,924.30	06/30/2017	x
Perkins	201623	\$ 10,374.52	06/30/2017	x
Custer	201628	\$ 341.25	06/30/2017	x
Davison	201629	\$ 4,108.75	06/30/2017	x
Yankton	201639	\$ 9,807.62	06/30/2017	x
Bennett	201704	\$ 7,550.86	06/30/2017	x
Codington	201711	\$ 2,165.63	06/30/2017	x
		\$ 131,606.59		

These amounts are subject to significant change once all completed projects are closed out and final reimbursements are completed.

November 14, 2017

Conservation Commission Board,

I would like to request an extension on Soil Health Grant #2017-CSW-002.

This grant was for cover crops and perennial vegetation for improving soil health. The cover crop portion of the grant was fully utilized. The extension I am requesting would be through June, 2018 for the perennial vegetation portion of the grant.

Thank you,

Robin Viestenz
Beadle Conservation District

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Thank you,

Robin Viestenz
Beadle Conservation District

CHARLES MIX CONSERVATION DISTRICT

PO BOX 249
LAKE ANDES, SD 57356
PHONE (605) 487-7577



November 9, 2017

SOUTH DAKOTA CONSERVATION COMMISSION
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
523 EAST CAPITOL
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Pierre Office

Dear South Dakota Conservation Commission,

The Charles Mix Conservation District requests a six month extension for the Charles Mix Conservation District Brush Management Cost-Share Grant No. 2016-CSW-027. Grant funds available under this grant have all been obligated. Weather conditions have prevented the Conservation District from completing the work. Currently the grant is scheduled to end December 31, 2017. So far the Charles Mix Conservation District has assisted 15 landowners with \$21,375.00 dollars of grant funds allocated from the Conservation Commission.

We would like to thank you for your consideration of this request. The interest in participating in this project is very high among our landowners/operators. It has been a very enjoyable experience to be able to provide assistance and service in a much needed area of conservation in Charles Mix and Bon Homme Counties. Please feel free to contact us at the numbers above if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Travis Beeson'.

Travis Beeson, Chairman
Charles Mix Conservation District



**SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
DIVISION OF RESOURCE CONSERVATION & FORESTRY**

523 East Capitol Avenue
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October 13, 2017

Mr. Mark Brandlee, Chairman
Day Conservation District
600 East Hwy 12, Ste 1
Webster, SD 57274-1135

Dear Mark:

We received your request to transfer funds within the Day Northeast Glacial Lakes Project, #2017-13. I approve the budget transfer as follows:

\$ 6,000.00 from the Wages and Benefits category into the BMP's category for Grassed Waterways.

I have enclosed a copy of the revised budget spreadsheet.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

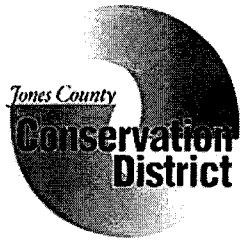
Sincerely,

William Smith
Division Director

WK/bs

Enclosure

Grant #2016-CSW-019



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

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Tiffany Shannon
Department of Agriculture
Resource Conservation & Forestry
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RE: Shelterbelt Renovation and Establishment Grant

Dear Conservation Commissioners,

Jones County Conservation District would like to request the addition of tree tubes and stakes to the Shelterbelt Grant.

When American Creek was granted the request to be added to the Shelterbelt grant it was not foreseen that tree tubes with stakes would be needed. Tree tubes are something we have had limited experience with but they are needed for better survival of certain species of trees. It would be interesting to compare the survivability of the Bur Oak and Honeylocust with tubes versus plantings that have been done in the past where tubes have not been used and survivability has been rather poor.

Jones County Conservation District is not requesting additional money for the grant but would like to transfer \$1000.00 from Tree Removal to Tree Protectors.

Jones County Conservation District and American Creek Conservation District do have their Joint Powers Agreement in place.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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Valerie Feddersen
District Manager
Jones County Conservation District

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Mellette County Conservation District

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South Dakota Department of Agriculture
Resource Conservation & Forestry
523 East Capitol Avenue
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10/20/2017

Dear Members of the Conservation Commission,

The Mellette County Conservation District would like to request a one year extension for the Cover Crop Grant 2017-CSW-021. With the approval to use funds for demonstration purposes of cover crops to be used on the same area, we would like to host another field day in 2018. We intend to demonstrate a late seeded cover crop mixes in 2018. We also intend to complete soil testing in 2018 to see if there are positive indicators in soil health.

We are fortunate that a local landowner has donated the use of 5 acres of land to study over the next three years. We completed soil testing and planted three different plots in the spring of 2017. We then hosted a cover crop field day with NRCS Agronomist Jason Miller and Green Cover Seed Agronomist, Dale Strickler.

With approval extension on this grant and use of funds on this same area, we will be able to study the improvement of soil health with further soil testing and continued cover crops. We will host a field day in 2018 to showcase our findings.

Thank you,

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

Laurie Chauncey
District Manager

Mellette County Conservation District



MINER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Howard, South Dakota 57349

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Board of Supervisors

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Marvin Kizer

Tim Clarke

Julie Calmus

November 13, 2017

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

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

South Dakota Conservation Commission:

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

Edmunds and Turner Conservation Districts requested a facilitator to assist them and we feel Ray Ledgerwood is the best qualified individual. However, Mr. Ledgerwood is not available until the first part of 2018. For those that do not know Ray, he has worked with conservation districts and their associations since 1979 including working as Washington State Conservatoin Commission's regional manager and the National Association of Conservation Districts' Director of Capacity Building Services and Director of Leadership Services. Ray has been to South Dakota several times as part of the Leadership Conference.

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

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Tami Moore, District Manager for the
Miner Conservation District

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Pierre Office

Grant # 2017-CSW-027



Todd County Conservation District

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523 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501

11/14/2017

Dear Members of the Conservation Commission,

The Todd County Conservation District would like to request the addition of Shelterbelt Renovation Practice to their 2017 Tree Grant. We estimate renovation part of the project to be approximately \$3000. There is a producer who intends to remove existing elm trees that are past their lifespan and plant a new belt of trees.

This item should have been in the initial budget for the grant as the producer was intending to renovate the old belt at time of application.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Laurie Chauncey", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Laurie Chauncey
District Manager

Grant# 2017-CSW-028



Todd County Conservation District

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October 10, 2017

South Dakota Department of Agriculture
Resource Conservation & Forestry
Conservation Commission
523 East Capital Avenue
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Dear Members of the Conservation Commission,

The Todd County Conservation District is writing to request a six month extension for the 2017 Multi-Practice Grant. This project assists with natural resource concerns by installing pipelines, tanks, alt. energy pumps, rural water hookups, wells, and fencing in Todd and Mellette Counties. The Grant is currently scheduled to end December 31, 2017. There will be some funds remaining in the grant at that time due to a delay in projects resulting from employee turnover and the moratorium on rural water hookups that has recently been lifted. An extension of this grant to June 30, 2018 would allow us to use up remaining funds that were intended for projects that have been delayed.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Katherine Alban".

Katherine Alban
Administrative Assistant



Department of Agriculture

Division of Resource Conservation & Forestry

Grant Application Form

Applicant Information:

Organization: Beadle Conservation District

Telephone: (605) 352-2998

Tax Status: Government

Mailing Address: 1386 Lincoln Ave SW

City: Huron

State: SD Zip: 57350

Project Contact:

Project Officer: Robin Viestenz

Fax: _____

Telephone: (605) 352-2998

Email: robin.viestenz@sd.nacdn.net

Project Information:

Project Name: Shelterbelt Program

Start Date: January 1, 2018 End Date: December 31, 2018

Legal description: County: Beadle

Township: _____ Range: _____ Section: _____ Qtr: _____ Qtr: _____

Type of Grant:

Conservation Grant Community Forestry

Insect/Disease Invasive Species

Forest Stewardship Mountain Pine Beetle

Other (Specify) _____

Financial Information:

Grant Funds Requested: 14,657 Partner Contributions (total) 20,379 Total Project Cost: 35,036

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

The shelterbelt program will provide resource benefits for livestock protection, increased wildlife habitat, soil health and other undetermined benefits.

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

Applicant Signature *Craig R. ...* Authorized Signature *Robert ...* Title ... Date 9/14/17

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

For Division Use Only:

Reviewed by: _____ Signature _____ Title _____ Date _____

Approved by: _____ Signature _____ Title _____ Date _____

BUDGET SHEET

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

A. OPERATING BUDGET

1. Salary/Benefits		
2. Travel		
3. Contractual Services	33,636	
4. Supplies		
5. Equipment (list major equip.)		
6. Consultant Services	900	
Total Projects Costs	34,536	This total must equal 35,036

B. ACTIVITY BUDGET

Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
1. Tree Planting/fabric	13,369	18,517			31,886
2. Tree Protectors	688	1,063			1,750
3. Site Prep			500		500
4.					0
5. Administration	300				300
6. Tech Assist/plan	300	150		150	600
7.					0
8.					0
TOTALS	14,657	19,729	500	150	35,036
					This total must equal 35,036

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

Partner	Amount Cash	Amount In-Kind	Total
1. RC&F	14,657		14,657
2. Beadle Conservation District	150		150
3. Landowners	19,579	500	20,079
4. NRCS	150		150
5.			0
6.			0
7.			0
8.			0
TOTALS	34,536	500	35,036
			This total must equal 35,036

SUBMISSION:

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

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

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D. PROJECT DESCRIPTION & NEED

Primary beneficiaries

The project is designed to enhance and protect our natural resources. By installing shelterbelts we provide protection to livestock and wildlife, reduce soil erosion, and lower road maintenance issues throughout Beadle County.

Responsible for Implementation, Maintenance & Follow-up

Applications will be taken and tree plans will be established following NRCS Tech Guide specifications. After each potential project is mutually agreed upon, the land owner will sign an agreement with the Conservation District.

Beadle Conservation District will be responsible for contacting clients for installation and will follow-up with the clients on proper maintenance throughout the contract.

Location of Project

The project area is Beadle County and surrounding area.

Environmental, Natural Resource, Ecological, Education, and/or Social Impacts

Environmental & Natural Resource – Shelterbelts provide wildlife habitat, livestock protection, grassland enhancement and aid in protecting our soils from erosion. Planting shelterbelts in grasslands addresses some of our Natural Resource concerns.

Social Impact – Adds to the value of land by increasing its productivity due to healthier soil and better water retention.

Federal, State or Local Permits Required

No permits are required at this time. Consideration for cultural resources and environmental impacts will be considered when in the planning phase of this project.

E. FINAL PRODUCTS

It is anticipated that approximately 10 acres of trees will be planted in grass. This will enhance grass maintenance, wildlife and livestock protection, and soil maintenance.

F. PARTNER JUSTIFICATION

Beadle Conservation District has the equipment and knowledge to complete this project.

The NRCS Tech Guide is followed when designing shelterbelts.

G. SUCCESS OF PROJECT

By achieving our 10 acre goal.

BEADLE CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
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Robin Viestenz
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Applicant Information:

Organization: Beadle Conservation District
 Telephone: (605) 352-2998
 Tax Status: Government

Mailing Address: 1386 Lincoln Ave SW
 City: Huron
 State: SD Zip: 57350

Project Contact:

Project Officer: Robin Viestenz
 Fax: _____

Telephone: (605) 352-2998
 Email: robin.viestenz@sd.nacdnet.net

Project Information:

Project Name: Soil Health
 Start Date: January 1, 2018 End Date: December 31, 2018
 Legal description: County: Beadle
 Township: _____ Range: _____ Section: _____ Qtr: _____ Qtr: _____

Type of Grant:

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

Financial Information:

Grant Funds Requested: 3,125 Partner Contributions (total) 28,400 Total Project Cost: 31,525

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

To increase awareness of soil health issues through permanent saline/sodic tolerant vegetation over a period of time of 5 years.

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

Applicant Signature *Craig Benrick* Authorized Signature *BCD President* Title *BCD President* Date *9/29/17*

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

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 Signature Title Date

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BUDGET SHEET

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A. OPERATING BUDGET

1. Salary/Benefits		
2. Travel		
3. Contractual Services	28,425	
4. Supplies		
5. Equipment (list major equip.)		
6. Consultant Services	3,100	
Total Projects Costs	31,525	This total must equal 31,525

B. ACTIVITY BUDGET

Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
1. Grass Seeding	1,500	1,500	3,375	13,500	19,875
2. Site Management	1,025	1,025		6,200	8,250
3. Outreach	0			2,500	2,500
4. Administration	300				300
5. Technical Assistance	300		300		600
6.					0
7.					0
8.					0
TOTALS	3,125	2,525	3,675	22,200	31,525
					This total must equal 31,525

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

Partner	Amount Cash	Amount In-Kind	Total
1. RC&F	3,125		3,125
2. Landowners	5,900		5,900
3. Beadle Conservation District	300		300
4. Soil Health Coalition		2,500	2,500
5. JRWDD		19,700	19,700
6.			0
7.			0
8.			0
TOTALS	9,325	22,200	31,525
			This total must equal 31,525

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D. PROJECT DESCRIPTION & NEED

Primary Beneficiaries

- The projects primary goal is to improve soil health. Developing a conservation plan to reduce a soils salinity/sodicity will assist with improving soil health and productivity.

Responsible for Implementation, Maintenance & Follow-up

- Beadle Conservation District (BCD) will be responsible for the implementing, maintenance and follow-up for this project. Applications will be taken and best management practices will be established following the NRCS Tech Guide specifications. After each potential project is mutually agreed upon, the landowner will sign an agreement with the Conservation District for five (5) years. The agreement will outline the total project, partner contributions and landowner costs. This agreement will also provide a conservation plan which determines the saline or sodic areas and the best management practice for each site.

Location of Project

- The project area is Beadle County, within the James River Watershed
- Project participants may have lands in adjoining counties where a Joint Powers Agreement will be obtained if necessary.

Federal, State or Local Permits Required

- Any permitting requirements will be met on a site specific basis. Consideration for cultural resources and environmental impacts will be considered when in the planning phase of this project.

E. FINAL PRODUCTS

- The project funding will enable producers/landowners to focus on soil health in the project area. This will also provide demonstration sites to showcase soil health techniques. By promoting this project, soil health will improve, resulting in higher crop yields thus resulting in an improved economic community.

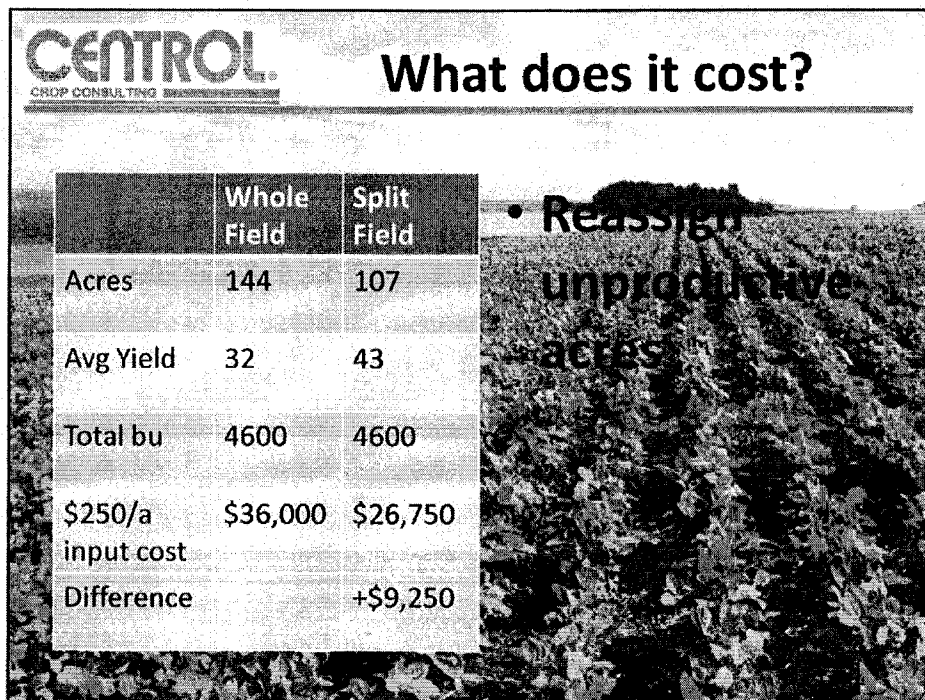
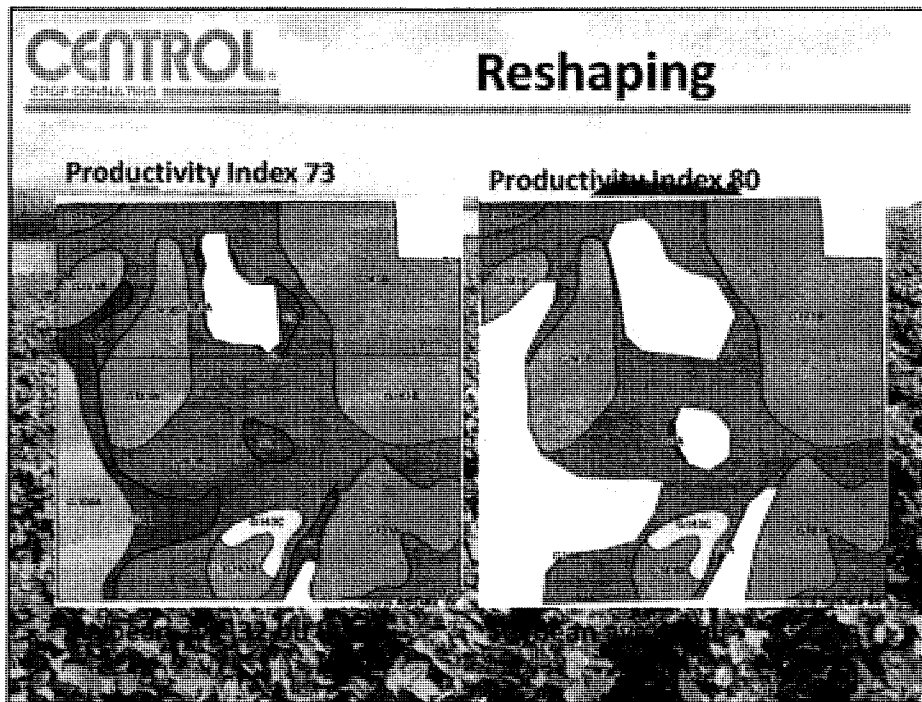
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- Conservation Commission Grant – The grant will provide 50% cost-share for grass seeding and site maintenance to reduce the amount of salts. The grant will also cover 50% of the technical service.
- Natural Resource Conservation Service - The NRCS Tech Guide will be followed when developing seeding plans and evaluating soils on a project site.
- Soil Health Coalition – Will assist with outreach materials and workshops, and possibly a landowner stipend.
- James River Water Development District – JRWDD will provide assistance in site maintenance and soil testing.
- Landowner – The landowner will have the most to gain from this project. He will provide 50% of the total cost of any management practice. Even if other funding is found by the producer, he must provide 25% of the total cost of the project.

G. SUCCESS OF PROJECT

- Success of this project will be measured by the number of saline/sodic acres improved and the increase in awareness of this issue. Soil testing will be done for 5 years to show improvement in the soils health. With this grant, we hope to provide cost-share to producers/landowners interested in soil health improvement and raise awareness of this issue.





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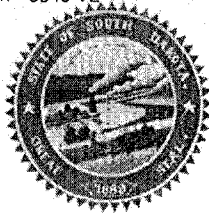
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Mailing Address: 1386 Lincoln Ave SW
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State: SD Zip: 57350

Project Contact:

Project Officer: Robin Viestenz
Fax:

Telephone: (605) 352-2998
Email: robin.viestenz@sd.nacdnet.net

Project Information:

Type of Grant:

Project Name: Water Quality for Livestock
Start Date: January 1, 2018 End Date: December 31, 2018
Legal description: County: Beadle
Township: Range: Section: Qtr: Qtr:

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

Financial Information:

Grant Funds Requested: 44,300 Partner Contributions (total) 79,878 Total Project Cost: 124,178

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

This water quality for livestock project will provide landowners with the needed assistance for water development while protecting and enhancing water quality, water quantity and native prairie lands. Producers will follow an approved grazing plan for 3 years.

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

Applicant Signature: [Signature]
Authorized Signature: [Signature] Title: District President Date: 9/14/17

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4. Supplies
5. Equipment (list major equip.)
6. Consultant Services

121,778
2,400
124,178

Total Projects Costs

This total must equal 124,178

B. ACTIVITY BUDGET

Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
1. Water Development	32,800	49,200			82,000
2. Grazing Management	10,000	29,778			39,778
3.					0
4. Technical Assistance	900	450		450	1,800
5. Administration	600				600
6.					0
7.					0
8.					0
TOTALS	44,300	79,428	0	450	124,178

This total must equal 124,178

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

Partner	Amount Cash	Amount In-Kind	Total
1. RC&F	44,300		44,300
2. Conservation District		450	450
3. Landowners		78,978	78,978
4. NRCS		450	450
5.			0
6.			0
7.			0
8.			0
TOTALS	44,300	79,878	124,178

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D. PROJECT DESCRIPTION & NEED

Primary Beneficiaries

- The projects primary goal is grassland management and protection. Developing a reliable watering source is the key factor within a successful managed grazing system.
- This project will provide 30% cost share for producers within Beadle County and the surrounding area for water development. 50% cost share will be provided for grazing management and cover crops in an effort to protect and improve water quality and grazing lands.
- Most ranchers want to maximize the return of their livestock enterprise while sustaining the resources through economic and environmental aspects.

Responsible for Implementation, Maintenance & Follow-up

- Beadle Conservation District will be responsible for implementing this project. Applications will be taken and grazing systems will be established following the NRCS Tech Guide specifications. After each potential project is mutually agreed upon, the landowner will sign an agreement with the Conservation District. The agreement will outline the total project, partner contributions and landowner costs. This agreement will also provide a grazing management plan which determines the amount and grazing time of livestock while maintaining a viable grassland community.

Location of Project

- The project area is Beadle County, within the James River Watershed
- Project participants may have lands in adjoining counties where a Joint Powers Agreement will be obtained if necessary.

Environmental, Natural Resource, Ecological, Education, and/or Social Impacts

- Environmental & Natural Resource – Livestock watering facilities are a critical component to maintaining livestock grazing areas. Grazing areas and livestock will be improved through increased water quality provided by the addition of a rural water supply for watering of livestock.

Federal, State or Local Permits Required

- Any permitting requirements will be met on a site specific basis. Consideration for cultural resources and environmental impacts will be considered when in the planning phase of this project.

E. FINAL PRODUCTS

- The project funding will enable producers/landowners to develop water needed to improve grazing systems in the project area. By promoting this project, better water quality will be provided to the livestock, which in turn will provide healthier livestock, thus resulting in an improved economic community.

F. PARTNER JUSTIFICATION

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G. SUCCESS OF PROJECT

- Success of this project will be measured by the number of livestock producers educated on the importance of water quality for livestock. With this grant, we hope to provide cost-share to producers/landowners interested in improving their grazing management within the Beadle County area.
- The improvement of water quality, reduction of soil erosion, protection of ground water, and the protection of range and pastureland will be the true measures of this projects success.

WATER QUALITY FOR LIVESTOCK

WATER DEVELOPMENT

practice	qty	cost	each	est contracts	total	GRANT AM'T
pipeline (2" PVC below ground)	3500 ft	\$3.60/ft	\$12,600	3	\$37,800.00	
tanks	1000 gal	\$1.60/gal	\$1,500	8	\$12,000.00	
rural hook-up		\$2,550		4	\$10,200.00	
new wells (artesian) (copper/plastic)	1000 ft	\$22/ft	\$22,000	1	\$22,000.00	
				total:	\$82,000	32800

GRAZING MANAGEMENT

Fencing (4-strand barbed wire)	14235 ft	\$1.06/ft	\$15,089	2	\$30,178.00	
native grass seeding	40	\$120/ac	\$4,800	2	\$9,600.00	
				total:	\$39,778	10000

Technical Assistance

	6hr	\$30/hr	\$180	10	\$1,800	900
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Administration

	2hr	\$30/hr	\$60	10	\$600	600
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\$124,178.00

\$44,300.00

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Resource Cons. & Forestry
Pierre Office

Applicant Information:

Organization: Bennett County Conservation District
Telephone: (605) 685-1243
Tax Status: Government

Mailing Address: 706 W. Bennett Ave., Suite 2
City: Martin
State: SD Zip: 57551

Project Contact:

Project Officer: Patty Beck, District Manager
Fax: (605) 685-1243

Telephone: (605) 685-1243
Email: patricia.beck@sd.nacdnet.net

Project Information:

Project Name: Bennett & Badlands Tree Plantings 2018
Start Date: 1/1/2018 End Date: 12/31/2018
Legal description: County: Bennett
Township: Range: Section: Qtr: Qtr:

Type of Grant:

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

Financial Information:

Grant Funds Requested: 42,131 Partner Contributions (total) 45,079 Total Project Cost: 87,210

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

The Bennett County Conservation District and Badlands Conservation District are applying for a grant to complete 30 acres of tree and shrub plantings with the weed barrier fabric in the two Districts. We have producers interested in planting windbreaks but they are limited due to finances. By providing financial assistance, these windbreaks will be completed and will provide benefits to both livestock and wildlife. The windbreaks will also provide protection from wind erosion and benefit soil health. No funds will be used for tree removal. All planting plans will be reviewed and approved by the State Forester prior to the District Board approving them for the cost-share assistance. Site preparation will be completed by the producer at no cost-share. The Bennett County Conservation District will be the lead on this project. A joint powers agreement is currently in place between the Bennett Co. and Badlands Conservation Districts and is effective for the duration of this grant period.

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

Applicant Signature [Signature] Chairman [Signature] 9/12/17
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2. Travel	50	
3. Contractual Services	73,272	
4. Supplies	25	
5. Equipment (list major equip.)	3,750	
6. Consultant Services	370	
Total Projects Costs	87,210	This total must equal 87,210

B. ACTIVITY BUDGET

Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
1. Shrubs & Planting	5,280	5,280	0	0	10,560
2. Trees & Planting	7,200	7,200	0	0	14,400
3. Fabric & Installation	24,156	24,156	0	0	48,312
4. Salary & Benefits	0	1,550	0	0	1,550
5. Travel & Supplies	0	50	25	0	75
6. Equipment	0	0	3,750	0	3,750
7. Information & Education	0	370	0	0	370
8. Administration	5,495	2,698	0	0	8,193
TOTALS	42,131	41,304	3,775	0	87,210
					This total must equal 87,210

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

Partner	Amount Cash	Amount In-Kind	Total
1. RC&F	42,131	0	42,131
2. Local Producers	36,636	3,750	40,386
3. Bennett & Badlands Conservation Districts	4,668	25	4,693
4.			0
5.			0
6.			0
7.			0
8.			0
TOTALS	83,435	3,775	87,210
			This total must equal 87,210

SUBMISSION:

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Bennett and Badlands Tree Plantings 2018

01/01/2018 – 12/31/2018

D. Project Description and Need:

There are numerous new sites in Bennett and Oglala-Lakota Counties in need of new tree plantings. There are also many shelterbelts in the two Counties which have passed their prime and are no longer effective. They did the job that they were designed for but it is time now to renovate them either by underplanting or by starting over. There have been several people in the office requesting assistance to do tree plantings, but without some form of cost-share, they are unable to handle the costs involved. Since many of the areas are not in cropland they are not eligible for the Continuous Conservation Reserve Program. This leave very few programs for the local cooperators to utilize. There is a definite need for some form of cost=share for these plantings. The Districts have had several Conservation Commission Grants in the past which were used to assist with tree plantings in the Counties. We have had much interest from the producers to continue with this form of assistance for planting trees. A 50% cost=share will be provided to the cooperators through this grant. No cost=share will be used for the removal of existing trees. Site preparation will be completed by the cooperator with no cost-share. The project will cover the entire area of the 2 Conservation Districts which is all of Bennett and Oglala-Lakota Counties.

The Conservation District personnel will be responsible for the implementation, maintenance and follow-up of the project. An application will be required by those applying for cost-share. It will include the requirements the cooperator will follow for receiving the cost-share and also the long-term requirement, which will include protecting the plantings from destruction and controlling noxious weeds. The cooperator will also permit access to the site by District personnel for periodical inspections. The planting plans will be reviewed and approved prior to approval for cost-share by the Area Resource Conservation and Forestry Forester. The Conservation District Supervisors will review all the applications submitted for cost-share and will determine those eligible or ineligible.

E. Final Products:

Below is a table with the goals the Districts wish to achieve from this grant. In addition to these items, the District will include pictures from this program in our local newsletters.

GOAL	AMOUNT
Rod Rows of Shrubs	1,920 rod rows
Rod Rows of Trees	2,880 rod rows
Linear Feet of Weed Barrier Fabric	79,200 linear feet
Approximate Number of Producers	12 Producers
Administrative Hours	195 hours

The Districts have determined an average of 4,800 rods in 30 acres of shrubs and trees. Most of the plantings will consist of 5 rows, typically 2 rows of shrubs and 3 rows of trees. The Weed Barrier Fabric will be installed on all of the rows for a total of 79,200 lf of fabric. We have figured an average of 12 producers, planting windbreaks approximately 2.5 acres in size. We understand that all windbreaks will not be this size, but are using this as an average only.

Partner Justification:

- 1) South Dakota Department of Agriculture – Division of Resource Conservation & Forestry – the RC&F will provide, through the SD Conservation Commission, the funds that will match the producer funds. The RC&F Area Forester will review and approve all of the tree planting plans and assist the District personnel, when necessary, with the designing of the planting plans.
- 2) Participating Producers – the producer will be present during the planning and planting of the windbreak. The producer will be responsible for preparing the site and will also provide a tractor and driver for planting the trees and shrubs. They will also be responsible for purchasing the weed barrier fabric and having the weed barrier fabric installed to specifications on the site. After the planting of the trees and shrubs and the application of the fabric, the producer will be responsible for the necessary upkeep and maintenance of the planting. This includes replacing dead or missing stock and ensuring the fabric does not injure the young seedlings. Missing stock will be replaced to maintain a minimum of 85% survival with no gaps of two or more trees. Any and all noxious weeds will be controlled.
- 3) Bennett county Conservation District (BCCD) and Badlands Conservation District (BCD) – the BCCD personnel will be responsible for the grant. The District Manager has over 35 years of experience with designing and writing tree plantings plans and will act as

project coordinator. All planting plans will be forwarded to the Division of Resource Conservation and Forestry Forester for approval. The plantings will be checked out by District personnel. The District will also be in charge of making the reimbursements to the producers, preparing and sending out the necessary reports to the proper agencies, making sure the grant stays on schedule, and keeping records of the grant from start to finish that will be on file in the district office. A joint powers agreement is currently in place between the Bennett and Badlands Conservation Districts and is effective for the duration of this grant period.

G. Identify How You Will Measure the Success of the Project:

The Bennett County and Badlands Conservation Districts will measure the success of the project by the planting of 30 acres of windbreaks to benefit the resources of the Counties. These will be plantings that otherwise would not have been planted due to the fact that they would not qualify for any other type of available cost-share assistance. The success will also be measured by listening to the feedback from the producers and also by comparing the estimated numbers of acres of plantings to the final numbers at the end of the grant.

Bennett and Badlands Tree Plantings 2018 grant application

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B. Activity Budget (Additional information):

Local in-kind Funds –

1. Shrubs & Planting.....	\$.00
2. Trees & Planting.....	\$.00
3. Fabric & Installation.....	\$.00
4. Salary & Benefits.....	\$.00
5. Travel & Supplies.....	\$	25.00
Travel -	\$	25.00
Supplies -	\$.00
6. Equipment.....	\$	3,750.00
Tractor supplied by producer –		
Site preparation by producer		
30 acres x \$25.00/acre = \$ 750.00		
Tree planting and Fabric Installation		
5 hrs/site x 12 sites = 60 hours		
\$50/hr. x 60 hours = \$ 3,000.00		
7. Information & Education.....	\$.00
8. Administration Costs.....	\$.00



**BENNETT COUNTY
 CONSERVATION DISTRICT
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 MARTIN, SD 57551-5935
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MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Bennett County Conservation District was held Tuesday, September 12, 2017 in the conference room of the Martin Ag Service Center. The meeting was called to order at 7:53 p.m. by Chairman Bolzer. Motion made by Good to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Rayhill, motion carried. The minutes of the July 24, 2017, meeting were read. Motion made by Rayhill to approve the minutes as read. Seconded by Good, motion carried.

SUPERVISORS PRESENT: Good, Bolzer, Rayhill

SUPERVISORS ABSENT: Kocer, Hauck

DISTRICT ADVISORS PRESENT: --

OTHERS PRESENT: Beck, District; Huber, NRCS

TREASURERS REPORT

Checking Account.....\$ 11,907.36

INCOME

Total.....\$ 12,089.32

EXPENSES

Big Sioux Nursery.....	\$	52.36	grass plugs
Postmaster.....	\$	49.00	stamps
Golden West.....	\$	22.97	phone bill
Bennett Co. Booster.....	\$	40.00	thank you ad
Patricia Beck.....	\$	900.47	wages
Badlands Conservation District.....	\$	50.00	grant admin reimb.
Leroy Fisher.....	\$	30.00	mowing @ cellar
SDACD.....	\$	925.00	2017 dues
Total.....	\$	2,069.80	

Motion made by Rayhill to pay \$500 on the SDACD dues and the remainder of the bills. Seconded by Good, motion carried.

BUSINESS

Huber, District Conservationist, reported on NRCS activities.

Bennett & Badlands Tree Plantings 2017 grant finalization – Reimbursement totaling \$8,449.14 was received from the Div. of Resource Conservation & Forestry. The cost-share payments, totaling \$6,955.81, were made to Chase Strand, Carl Novotny, JP Partnership and 711 LLP. The remainder, \$1,493.33, was administration. Final report for the grant was sent in with the reimbursement request.

Review of the Bennett & Badlands Tree Plantings 2018 grant application. The application is requesting \$42,131 in grant funds with partner contributions of \$45,079. This is for planting 30 acres of trees and shrubs with fabric installation. Badlands CD approved applying for the grant with Bennett CD. The application must be to the Division of Resource Conservation & Forestry office by October 1, 2017. Motion made by Rayhill to submit the grant application. Seconded by Good, motion carried.

2017 Local Resource Concerns were discussed. It was noted that the resource concerns for Bennett County have not changed from previous years. Motion made by Good to keep the following Local Resource Concerns for Bennett County: 1) Livestock Production Limitation – Inadequate Water, 2) Livestock Production Limitation – Inadequate Shelter, 3) Soil Erosion – Wind Erosion, 4) Degraded Plant Condition – Undesirable Plant Productivity & Health, 5) Fish & Wildlife – Inadequate Habitat – Cover/Shelter, and 6) Soil Quality Degradation – Organic Matter Depletion. Seconded by Rayhill, motion carried.

Motion made by Good to approve the SDML 2018 Renewal worksheet as completed by the Board. Seconded by Rayhill, motion carried.

2018 County funding – the District has been approved for \$2,500 provisionally. The Commission meets September 20th to finalize the budget.

Status of District drills – The Truax drill was used on 94 acres and the John Deere drill was used on 772.4 acres so far this year. Transport tire prices were reviewed. Further discussion tabled to the next meeting.

2018 Tree Prices – the District has received 2018 prices from Big Sioux Nursery and Bessey Nursery. Big Sioux raised the prices on the tall apple trees but everything else remained the same as last year. Motion made by Rayhill to keep the District prices the same as 2017. Seconded by Good, motion carried.

The nomination for Silver Ridge Tarentaise for the IWLA Wildlife Habitat award was sent in. Deadline was August 31, 2017.

The next State Conservation Commission meeting will be held September 18, 2017, in Sioux Falls, SD, during the SDACD convention. The meeting will begin at 7:00 a.m. CDT

The SDACD 2017 Convention will be held September 17 – 19, 2017, in Sioux Falls, SD at the Ramkota.

Conservation Commission nominations – the SDACD is accepting nominations of candidates to the South Dakota Conservation Commission to fill the three-year position of Area 3 Farmer and Farmer-At-Large. In accordance with SDCL, a slate of 3 nominations for each position must be selected at the Association's business session and then be presented to the Governor by December 1. Farmer members shall be, or shall have been, supervisors of a conservation district. Area III encompasses American Creek, Bennett, Butte, Clearfield-Keyapaha, Corson, Custer, Dewey, East Pennington, Elk Creek, Fall River, Gregory, Haakon, Hamill, Harding, Jackson, Jones, Lawrence, Mellette, Pennington, Perkins, Badlands, Stanley, Todd, Tri-County and Ziebach Districts. Farmer-at-large encompasses the state. Both current members indicate they likely do not intend to seek re-nomination.

2017 Endowment fund honorees – The Prairie Area endowment honoree is Nancy Barrick. The Hills Area endowment honoree is Rod Baumberger.

Discussion held concerning the District maintaining a local contractor list for area producers. This has been maintained by NRCS in the past but the NRCS National Office has recommended that SD NRCS no longer maintain a contractor list as it creates a potential conflict of interest. Motion made by Rayhill to try it for a year. Seconded by Good, motion carried.

The 2017 Tree Planting Report has been completed and sent in. The District planted 13.7 acres of trees.

Pisha's & Livermont's Excellence in Range Management Tours were held August 1. A Thank you was published in the Booster.

The annual Bessey Nursery Client's Day will be held Oct. 11, 2017, near Halsey, NE, at the Nursery. Anyone planning to attend is asked to RSVP by Wednesday, September 27th, to Lori Loomis. The cost of the lunch will be determined by the number of people attending.

The 2017 Excellence in Range Management nomination deadline is September 15, 2017

The District had a booth at the Bennett Co. 4-H Achievement Days with NRCS and Badlands CD.

The NACD USDA Reorganization alert was reviewed by the Board.



**BADLANDS
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MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Badlands Conservation District was held Tuesday, September 5, 2017, in the meeting room of the Batesland Firehall. The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by Chairman Kehn. Motion made by N.Kehn to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Smith, motion carried. The minutes of the June 6, 2017, meeting were read. Motion made by N.Kehn to approve the minutes as read. Seconded by Rust, motion carried.

SUPERVISORS PRESENT: N.Kehn, L.Kehn, Smith, Rust

SUPERVISORS ABSENT: Schultz

DISTRICT ADVISORS PRESENT: --

OTHERS PRESENT: Beck, District; Hüber, NRCS

TREASURERS REPORT

Checking Account.....	\$ 4,729.64
Certificates of Deposit.....	\$ 1,011.18

INCOME

Total.....	\$ 1,052.15
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EXPENSES

Golden West.....	\$ 23.32	July phone bill
Bennett Co. Conservation District.....	\$ 230.91	June office support staff
SD Unemployment Insurance Division.....	\$ 8.01	2 nd quarter report
SD State Treasurer.....	\$ 181.31	sales tax report
Golden West.....	\$ 24.24	August phone bill
Bennett Co. Conservation District.....	\$ 188.93	July office support staff
Golden West.....	\$ 22.97	September phone bill
Bennett Co. Conservation District.....	\$ 209.92	Aug. office support staff
SDACD.....	\$ 925.00	2017 dues
NACD.....	\$ 775.00	2017 dues
Total.....	\$ 2,589.61	

Motion made by Rust to pay all the bills except the SDACD and NACD dues. Seconded by Smith, motion carried.

BUSINESS

The USDA-NRCS report was given by Huber, District Conservationist.

The Board reviewed the Tree & Shrub Planting 2018 Grant Application. Deadline for submission is October 1, 2017. Motion made by Rust to participate in the grant application with Bennett CD. Seconded by N.Kehn, motion carried.

2017 Bennett & Badlands Tree Planting grant status – The grant expired June 30, 2017. All paperwork has been submitted.

The 2018 County funding request was submitted. N.Kehn visited with the Commissioners via phone concerning the District's request.

The 2017 SDACD Annual Convention will be held Sept. 17-19 at the Sioux Falls Ramkota in Sioux Falls.

Conservation Commission nominees – SDACD is now accepting nominations of candidates to the South Dakota conservation Commission to fill the 2 three-year positions. Positions are Area 3 Farmer and Farmer-at-large. In accordance with SDCL, a slate of three nominations for each position must be selected at the Association's business session and then presented to the Governor by December 1. Farmer members shall be, or shall have been, supervisors of conservation districts. Area III Farmer encompasses American Creek, Bennett Butte, Clearfield-Keyapaha, Corson, Custer, Dewey, East Pennington, Elk Creek, Fall River, Gregory, Haakon, Hamill, Harding, Jackson, Jones, Lawrence, Mellette, Pennington, Perkins, Oglala-Lakota, Stanley, Todd, Tri-County and Ziebach Districts. Farmer-at-large encompasses the entire state. Those nominations received will be submitted to the districts in advance of the convention so that they have time to review the nominations before the business session. Both current members indicate they likely do not intend to seek re-nomination.

The next meeting of the State Conservation Commission will be held Monday, September 18, 2017, at the Ramkota in Sioux Falls, SD. The meeting will begin at 7:00 a.m. CDT.

Report from the SDACD Prairie Area meeting, held June 28th in Presho, was reviewed with the Board.

Discussion held concerning the local resource concerns for the Badlands Conservation District. It was noted that the concerns have not changed for the District. Motion made by N.Kehn, seconded by Rust, to keep the same resource concerns for 2017. Motion carried.

Endowment Fund honorees – the Prairie Area has nominated Nancy Barrick as the 2017 honoree, the Vermillion/Big Sioux and North Missouri Areas have also nominated her. The Hills Area nominated Rod Baumberger. Deadline was September 1, but they will still take donations.

The 2017 Tree & Shrub Planting report has been completed and sent in.

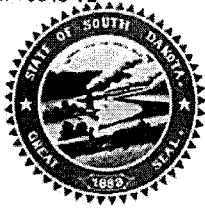
SDPAA informational sheets were reviewed by the Board.

Thank you letter from East Pennington CD for donation to SD Rangeland Days & Soils Days was reviewed.

Tuesday, October 3, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. was set as the next meeting date.

There being no further business, motion by Rust to adjourn. Seconded by N.Kehn, meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Patty Beck, District Clerk



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

Applicant Information:

Organization:
 Telephone:
 Tax Status:

Mailing Address:
 City:
 State: Zip:

Project Contact:

Project Officer:
 Fax:

Telephone:
 Email:

Project Information:

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

Type of Grant:

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

Financial Information:

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

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

Phragmites is a new, locally declared noxious weed in Butte and Meade Counties along the Belle Fourche River. To ensure phragmites does not become a statewide problem, the Belle Fourche River Watershed Partnership and the Belle Fourche Weed Management Area group have taken an active role in managing this problem weed.

To date, these groups have secured funding and implemented herbicide control on approximately 1,100 acres along the Belle Fourche River. Restoring herbicide treated areas to native vegetation is vital to maintain a healthy river system. With funding provided by the South Dakota Conservation Commission and the Wild Turkey Federation 1,050 acres have been planted back to native vegetation after herbicide treatment. The purpose of this grant application is to request funds to continue restoration efforts of the native plant community along the Belle Fourche River. 2017 was the last large scale restoration effort. This grant will provide funding for the approximately 50 acres left in the project.

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

Applicant Signature *[Signature]* Authorized Signature *[Signature]* Title *Chair BCD* Date *2/2/12*

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

For Division Use Only:

Reviewed by: _____
 Signature Title Date

Approved by: _____
 Signature Title Date

BUDGET SHEET

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

A. OPERATING BUDGET

1. Salary/Benefits	20,000	
2. Travel		
3. Contractual Services	10,000	
4. Supplies		
5. Equipment (list major equip.)		
6. Consultant Services		
Total Projects Costs	30,000	This total must equal 30,000

B. ACTIVITY BUDGET

Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
1. Herbicide Control			20,000	5,000	25,000
2. Native Plant Rehab	5,000				5,000
3.					0
4.					0
5.					0
6.					0
7.					0
8.					0
TOTALS	5,000	0	20,000	5,000	30,000
					This total must equal 30,000

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

Partner	Amount Cash	Amount In-Kind	Total
1. RC&F	5,000		5,000
2. Meade County		10,000	10,000
3. Butte County		10,000	10,000
4. SD Weed and Pest	5,000		5,000
5.			0
6.			0
7.			0
8.			0
TOTALS	10,000	20,000	30,000
			This total must equal 30,000

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PROJECT SUMMARY

Phragmites is a locally declared noxious weed in Butte and Meade Counties along the Belle Fourche River. Early surveys indicate that dense infestations are present where Whitewood Creek flows into the Belle Fourche River down to the Meade/Butte county line. Smaller infestations can be found along the entire river until the Belle Fourche River meets the Cheyenne River. To ensure phragmites does not become a statewide problem, the Belle Fourche Weed Management Area (BFWMA) and the Belle Fourche River Watershed Partnership (BFRWP) have taken an active role in managing this problem weed.

To date, these groups secured funding and implemented herbicide control on approximately 1050 acres along the Belle Fourche River. Restoring herbicide treated areas to native vegetation is vital to maintain a healthy river system. Prior to 2013, little funding was available for rehabilitation on the herbicide treated areas within the project. With funding provided by the South Dakota Conservation Commission 150 acres were planted back to native vegetation in 2013, approximately 195 acres in 2014, 250 acres in 2015, 200 acres in 2016 and 200 acres in 2017 totaling 995 acres for the project. The BFWMA has received funds from the Wild Turkey Federation to provide both woody and herbaceous plants used in the rehabilitation effort for the 2016 season. The purpose of this grant application is to finish up restoration efforts of the native plant community along the Belle Fourche River.

Herbicide control efforts will tapered off in 2017 due to the group reaching their goal for control of Phragmites along the Belle Fourche River. 2017 was the last large scale effort in rehabilitation for the group. This grant would finish up rehabilitation by treating approximately 50 acres.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND NEED

This project will improve the plant community along the Belle Fourche River in Butte, Lawrence, and Meade Counties in South Dakota. The work will expand upon the current phragmites control and restoration project along the Belle Fourche River to restore native vegetation. Primary beneficiaries of this project include public and private landowners along the river, downstream landowners and managers who may be affected by the spread of phragmites down the river system, and wildlife populations along the river.

The BFWMA and the BFRWP will be the parties responsible for implementing this project. The BFWMA is a local, volunteer group comprised of the weed districts within the watershed (Butte, Lawrence, and Meade) as well as other members at large that have interest in weed management in the watershed. The BFWMA has successfully controlled phragmites and began restoration work on approximately

1050 acres along the Belle Fourche River (Figure 1). Herbicide control has been funded by the South Dakota Weed and Pest Commission and Butte, and Meade Counties. Limited funds from USFWS, Wild Turkey Federation, and EPA 319 have been used for restoration work since the initial control. South Dakota Conservation Commission and Wild Turkey Federation funds have provided for a large scale restoration effort starting in 2013 and continuing into 2016.

The BFRWP is a local, nonprofit group addressing resource concerns along the Belle Fourche River. Voting board members include District Chairs from Butte, Lawrence, and Elk Creek Conservation Districts and a member from the Belle Fourche Irrigation District. The BFRWP will hire contractors to conduct the spraying and restoration work. The project is in the 8th and final year of a 7-year plan to control phragmites along the Belle Fourche River. Once the weed is at a manageable level, the responsibility of maintaining it will be returned to the landowner.

This project is located within the Belle Fourche River Watershed in western South Dakota (Figure 2). This project will address the concerns of the local landowners, BFRWP, BFRWMA, and the general public regarding the bank stabilization and restoration of native vegetation after the herbicide treatment. The project will improve the wildlife habitat and stabilize the river banks by reducing sediments and bacteria that reach the Belle Fourche River.

Currently, the BFWMA is in its 8th and final year of an estimated 7-year-long project to achieve a manageable level of phragmites along the Belle Fourche River. In the 1st year, a comprehensive mapping project was conducted to determine infestation levels and set up test plots to determine the best herbicide treatments to control the weed. In the subsequent 6 years, the BFWMA controlled phragmites on approximately 1050 acres. Herbicide control efforts will tapered off in 2017 due to the group reaching their goal for control of Phragmites along the Belle Fourche River. 2017 was the last large scale effort in rehabilitation for the group. This grant would finish up rehabilitation by treating approximately 50 acres.

The best method for revegetation is to wait 1 year after herbicide control to begin restoration work. Plans for year 8 will be to rehabilitate approximately 50 acres to conclude the restoration work. This project intends to return the responsibility of the future control of phragmites to the landowner once the noxious weed infestation has reached a manageable level. This project will not only benefit landowners, wildlife populations, and the general public along the Belle Fourche River, but it will also enhance the management and control of phragmites downstream to the Missouri River and its greater watershed.

On-the-ground restoration work will be conducted by contractors hired by BFRWP, with technical and project oversight from the BFWMA. This method has

been successful throughout the first 7 years of the project. A combination of bare-root willows and cottonwoods, native grass seed mixes, and pole planting of willow and cottonwoods have proven to be successful in re-vegetating the river bank. All of these plantings must be done by trained hand laborers. Funds requested by the Conservation Commission would be used to hire a contractor to conduct native plantings where herbicide treatments of phragmites were made the previous year.

FINAL PRODUCTS

An estimated 1,100 acres along the Belle Fourche River will be treated and restored by this project. This will greatly enhance the wildlife habitat and reduce sediments and bacteria entering the Belle Fourche River. The public, landowners, and wildlife populations will benefit both locally and downstream of the project.

PARTNER JUSTIFICATION

The BFWMA and the BFRWP have a long record of successful projects involving weed management, sediment reductions, and overall enhancement of natural resources within the watershed. The two partnerships involved local weed districts, conservation districts, counties, cities, state and federal agencies, landowners, and the general public in their projects. The BFRWP secured and invested over \$25 million in conservation projects from state, federal, and individual landowners within the watershed. The BFWMA has proven its effectiveness in the first 7 years of the phragmites project by securing funds and implementing herbicide control and some limited revegetation projects. The collaborative effort of these two groups will greatly enhance the chances for a successful project outcome.

MEASURE OF SUCCESS

The success of this project will be measured by the number of acres along the Belle Fourche River where phragmites has been effectively controlled and the native plant community has been restored. The project goal is to treat over 1,100 acres. Ultimately, the greatest benefits will become evident after the project is entrusted to the landowners once phragmites has been reduced to a manageable level. In addition to the treated acres, a greater understanding of restoration efforts along the Belle Fourche River and local partnering will enhance future comprehensive watershed projects in the area.

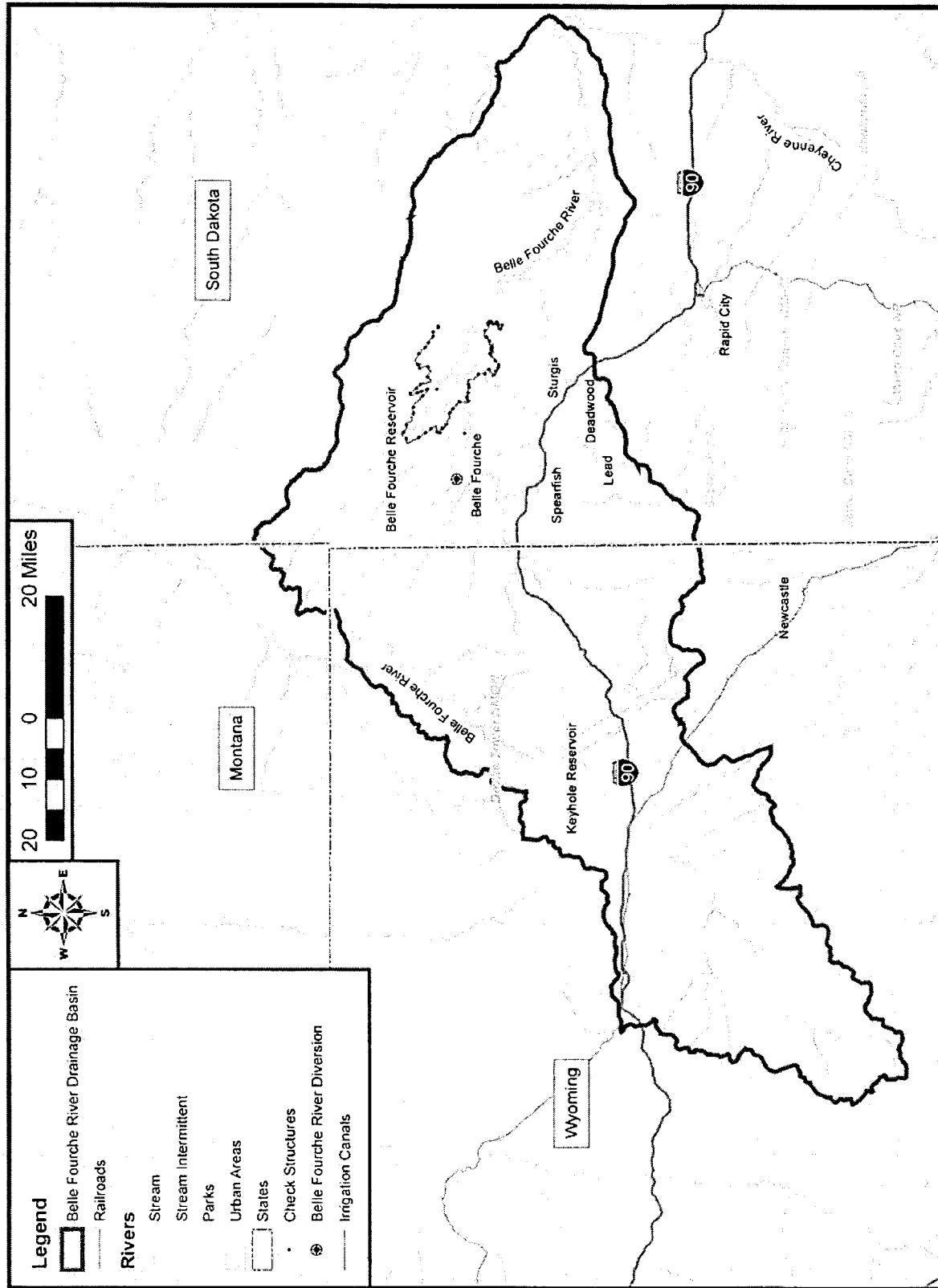


Figure 2. Location of the Belle Fourche River Watershed.

BUTTE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Sept. 13, 2017 ~ 6pm

Minutes

Call meeting to order: Tim Reich @ 6:06pm

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

Absent: Jeff Smeenk

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

Approval of Minutes: Cliff moved to approve the minutes as written, Melanie seconded, all in favor, motion carried

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

Old Business: No discussion

New Business

Partner Agencies - Joe Nichols presented a grant proposal for a multi county livestock water grant, the request is for \$30k, with match dollars from USFWS and producers. David moved to approve the grant application, Melanie seconded, all in favor, motion carried

Tree/Drill Report - Yvette presented (11) tree plantings, she requested that one be removed from the list due to no response to repeated attempts at contact, another request to plant needed discussion due to GF&P funding availability from state agencies and not being able to pre-pay, it is a large planting and the board agreed that moving the planting to 2019 would be best for the funding situation. Melanie moved to approve the remaining 9 plantings for 2018, Cliff seconded, all in favor, motion carried. Yvette will start site visits after returning from convention. As an FYI, Yvette mentioned the potential for 2gal and 5gal potted conifers being available, would the district be interested if the pricing was reasonable, board discussed and would revisit when pricing and availability were available for review.

-Drill acres are at 156 for September to date with additional dates scheduled and dates are scheduled for Oct., approx. 230 acres

Grant Review – Yvette presented grant application requests for Weed Rehab - \$5k and SD Envirothon - \$25k, following discussion, David moved to approve the grant applications, Cliff seconded, all in favor, motion carried

Convention – updates on topics and review of schedule for when everyone needs to be there

Soil Health No Till Garden Workshop – Yvette had been working on a workshop for no till gardening and was contacted by the Soil Health Coalition to be a partner as well as Lawrence CD, the workshop has been scheduled for Sept. 26th with speakers and a short tour in Spearfish, Yvette asked the board if they would invest funds for snacks/water if needed, David moved to approve \$50 toward the purchase of items if needed, Melanie seconded, all in favor, motion carried. Flyers will be sent out to partners and posted locally.

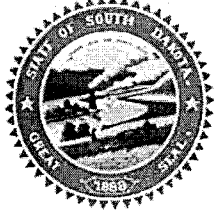
Ditch Cleanup – Sept. 23 @ 8am, may potentially have assistance from 4-H group

BFRWP – next meeting Sept. 14 @ 1pm, First Interstate Bank, BF

Field Report – see attached

Adjourned: 7:05pm Next meeting: Oct. 11 @ 6pm

Submitted by Yvette Kirkman



Department of Agriculture

Division of Resource Conservation & Forestry

Grant Application Form

Applicant Information:

Organization: Butte County Conservation District
 Telephone: (605) 892-3368
 Tax Status: Government

Mailing Address: 1837 5th Avenue
 City: Belle Fourche
 State: SD Zip: 57717

Project Contact:

Project Officer: Tim Reich
 Fax: _____

Telephone: (605) 892-3368
 Email: timreich@rushmore.com

Project Information:

Project Name: South Dakota Envirothon: Outreach and Education
 Start Date: 1-1-2018 End Date: 12-31-2018
 Legal description: County: Butte
 Township: _____ Range: _____ Section: _____ Qtr: _____ Qtr: _____

Type of Grant:

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

Financial Information:

Grant Funds Requested: 25,000 Partner Contributions (total) 105,000 Total Project Cost: 130,000

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

The South Dakota Envirothon Program builds natural resources literacy through a hands-on, environmental education program and team competition for high school-aged students. The mission of the Envirothon is to develop knowledgeable, skilled, and dedicated citizens who have an understanding of natural resources and are willing and prepared to work towards achieving and maintaining a balance between the quality of life and the quality of the environment.

This proposal requests funding assistance to continue to develop, grow and expand the already established SD Envirothon program in South Dakota, with goals of nurturing and developing a more conscientious and conservation-minded, natural resource steward, in our youth. These grants will specifically be used to assist with the main events of the year: mini-sessions/educational outreach, the annual SD Envirothon Competition, and participation in the NCF Competition, which will be held in Idaho in July of 2018.

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

Applicant Signature _____ Authorized Signature _____ Title Chm. BCD Date 27 Sept 17

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BUDGET SHEET

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A. OPERATING BUDGET

1. Salary/Benefits	22,500
2. Travel	12,500
3. Contractual Services	60,000
4. Supplies	35,000
5. Equipment (list major equip.)	
6. Consultant Services	
Total Projects Costs	130,000

This total must equal 130,000

B. ACTIVITY BUDGET

Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
1. Contracted Coordinator	0	0	0	60,000	60,000
2. Mid-year seminars	5,000	0	0	5,000	10,000
3. Educator Outreach	2,000	3,000	4,500	2,500	12,000
4. South Dakota Competition	10,000	0	25,000	5,000	40,000
5. NCF Envirothon	8,000	0	0	0	8,000
6.					0
7.					0
8.					0
TOTALS	25,000	3,000	29,500	72,500	130,000

This total must equal 130,000

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

Partner	Amount Cash	Amount In-Kind	Total
1. RC&F	25,000		25,000
2. EPA 319 I & E	25,000	3,000	28,000
3. NRCS	40,000	4,000	44,000
4. Partner Agencies/Volunteers	1,000	22,500	23,500
5. First Interstate Bank	1,000		1,000
6. SDACD Auxiliary	1,000		1,000
7. SD Community Foundation	5,000		5,000
8. NCF Diversity Grant	2,500		2,500
TOTALS	100,500	29,500	130,000

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South Dakota Envirothon Project

Summary

The Envirothon Program, established over 25 years ago, is the largest high school natural resources/environmental education competition in North America. As a partnership among conservation district associations, natural resource management agencies, and high school educators, the Envirothon provides hands-on environmental and natural resource management education to students in 44 states in the USA and 9 provinces and 1 territory in Canada, as well as the country of China.

The mission of Envirothon is to develop knowledgeable, skilled, and dedicated citizens who have an understanding of natural resources and are willing and prepared to work towards achieving and maintaining a balance between the quality of life and the quality of the environment.

The Envirothon mission is accomplished by developing in young people an understanding of the principles and practices of natural resource management and ecology as well as practice dealing with complex resource management decisions.

South Dakota Envirothon builds natural resources literacy through a hands-on, environmental education program and team competition for high school-aged students. Teams are formed from associated high schools, home school groups, 4H, and FFA, and train/study through the year with their coach/advisor/teacher, in preparation for the state-wide competition in late spring. A team of five students, and an alternate, are invited to participate in the competition. Natural Resource professionals assemble resources, to assist in the education/study process, in the areas of soil, forestry, wildlife, aquatic ecosystems, and a current topic. The topic released for the 2018 year of study is "Western Rangeland Management: Balancing Diverse Views." One of the teams competing at the South Dakota Envirothon Competition, also has the opportunity to advance to the North American Envirothon Competition.

This proposal requests financial assistance to grow and expand the already established Envirothon program in South Dakota. The program has been building momentum and the framework has been laid out to continue to grow the program in South Dakota. This grant request would provide funds to assist with outreach and education efforts for the Envirothon. Specifically funds would help assist with three events per year for the next two years. These events include the Annual South Dakota State Competition, a mid-year seminar, or series of mini-seminars, and a South Dakota team participating in the North American Competition, the 2018 competition will be held in Pocatello, Idaho.

This project will directly affect approximately 100-150 students in South Dakota. More importantly this project will lead to the development of young people's understanding of

principle and practices of natural resource management, and conservation stewardship, for years to come.

Other groups involved in this effort include the Conservation Districts of the state, South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS), SD Game Fish and Parks, South Dakota State University, South Dakota Department of Ag (SDDA), US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), South Dakota Discovery Center, South Dakota Association of Conservation Districts (SDACD), Smithfield Foods, First Interstate Bank, SDACD Auxiliary, South Dakota Community Foundation, and the Belle Fourche River Watershed Partnership (BFRWP).

Project Description and Needs

An Envirothon is needed in South Dakota for three reasons:

1. An Envirothon prepares participants to become knowledgeable stakeholders and decision makers.
2. An Envirothon recruits and develops the future natural resource and agriculture professionals by exposing students to the breadth and depth of professions in this sector.
3. An Envirothon strengthens the natural resource/school partnership to the enrichment of both agencies.

The South Dakota Conservation Commission has recognized the value of having a state Envirothon by including the establishment of an Envirothon in the Commission's coordinated plan.

With the efforts of many individuals and organizations throughout the state of South Dakota the Envirothon program has been established in the state. Currently, there is a growing interest in participation in SD Envirothon. In the 2017 Competition year, we had 23 interested schools, 15 teams that registered, but due to date conflicts and other factors, only 7 were able to participate. The Rapid City FFA Team was our overall Envirothon 2017 winner, and they advanced on to the NCF Competition in Maryland. All of the participating students, as well as their advisor and team chaperone were highly impressed with the level of knowledge needed for the NCF competition, as well as they were impressed by the learning opportunities and the competition, itself. It is the goal of the group to grow the number of teams in the state to at least 15 and, again, compete in the international competition over the next two years. One of the things that the group has felt is necessary to accomplish this goal is to contract a full time coordinator to focus the effort. Currently the group has hired a temporary coordinator as funds are available. A steering committee has been established to guide this coordinator and the Belle

Fourche River Watershed Partnership has taken on the administrative role for the coordinator. The coordinator along with the steering committee has been successful in rounding up funds from other agencies along with private industry in the past 3 months. NRCS has committed \$30,000 for the Envirothon which continues to be ongoing, Pheasants Forever donated \$10,000, Smithfield Foods have committed \$1000, the SDACD Auxiliary also committed \$1000, and a \$5000 Grant was awarded from the SD Community Fund, as well as First Interstate Bank and their foundation have committed \$1000. In addition to money that has been committed the current coordinator applied for, and received, an EPA 319 grant that would provide funding for the next 2 years, at \$25,000/year. This grant would be paramount to the success of the EPA 319 grant in continuing to build Envirothon for the youth of our state.

Budget Justification

Funds requested from the Conservation Commission would provide partial outreach and education that would assist with three events per year for 2017/8. These events include the Annual South Dakota Competition, a mid-year seminar, and the North American Competition. The other funding sources for these events include EPA 319, NRCS, Smithfield Foods, First Interstate Bank, and in-kind partnership from several state and federal agencies along with private individuals. Funds have been secured from NRCS and are being requested from EPA 319 to fund a full time coordinator to ensure these events are a success. The coordinator will be a self-employed individual contracted by the Belle Fourche River Watershed Partnership to carry out all duties involved in coordinating the South Dakota Envirothon.



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Mailing Address: 1837 5th Ave.
City: Belle Fourche
State: SD Zip: 57717

Project Contact:

Project Officer: Yvette Kirkman
Fax: _____

Telephone: (605) 892-3368
Email: Yvette.Kirkman@sd.nacdnet.net

Project Information:

Project Name: Butte Livestock Water Dev.
Start Date: 1/1/2018 End Date: 12/31/2018
Legal description: County: Butte
Township: _____ Range: _____ Section: _____ Qtr. _____ Qtr. _____

Type of Grant:

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

Financial Information:

Grant Funds Requested: 30,000 Partner Contributions (total) 70,000 Total Project Cost: 100,000

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

The Butte Rangeland and Water Development project will help provide water for livestock in the Lawrence, Butte, Elk Creek and Tri-County Conservation Districts to facilitate improved range management and enhanced water quality. Conservation practices to be implemented include, pond construction or repair, pipeline, tanks, shallow wells and alternative water systems. This project is a partnership between the participating Conservation Districts, private landowners and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. Grant funding monies of \$29,500 from the Coordinated Soil and Water Conservation fund will be combined with \$70,000 of partners funds for a total of \$100,000 for on the ground projects. Each individual project will be designed to maximize the benefit to grassland management, wildlife habitat, improved water quality, soil erosion reduction and overall soil health improvement.

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

Applicant Signature [Signature] Authorized Signature [Signature] Title Chairman, BCD Date 13 Sept 17

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BUDGET SHEET

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A. OPERATING BUDGET

1. Salary/Benefits	1,500	
2. Travel		
3. Contractual Services	98,500	
4. Supplies		
5. Equipment (list major equip.)		
6. Consultant Services		
Total Projects Costs	100,000	This total must equal 100,000

B. ACTIVITY BUDGET

Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
1. administration	1,500				1,500
2. water development	28,500	40,500		29,500	98,500
3.					0
4.					0
5.					0
6.					0
7.					0
8.					0
TOTALS	30,000	40,500	0	29,500	100,000
				This total must equal	100,000

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

Partner	Amount Cash	Amount In-Kind	Total
1. RC&F	30,000		30,000
2. USFWS (cash)	29,500		29,500
3. Landowners (cash)	40,500		40,500
4.			0
5.			0
6.			0
7.			0
8.			0
TOTALS	100,000	0	100,000
			This total must equal 100,000

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Applicant Organization Name: Butte Conservation District

Section D – Additional Information Required

D. Project Description and Need

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

Due to the onset of extreme drought in the project area, water development projects are extremely important for livestock distribution and grazing management. These practices provide many benefits to natural resources including rangeland improvement, wildlife production, water quality improvements, erosion reduction, and overall soil health improvement. Participating private landowners will be the primary beneficiary, but all citizens of South Dakota will also benefit because of the natural resource conservation benefits listed above.

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

Once a project is mutually agreed upon by all participating partners, the cooperating landowner will sign a FWS landowner agreement (LA). This agreement outlines the total cost of practice, partner contributions, and the landowner's cost-share. Additionally, each agreement will stipulate a stocking rate and grazing period for each pasture associated with the water development. This is the same cost-share agreement format that has been used with many Conservation Districts and hundreds of landowners to implement conservation throughout South Dakota for years. This agreement also outlines maintenance responsibilities for the practices following construction for the full term of the LA. On each individual project the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service will work cooperatively with the participating Districts to facilitate site selection and construction management. With the District's concurrence, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service will design the practice, obtain the proper permits, assist the landowner in selection of a contractor, and monitor all phases of construction.

- Indicate where this project will be located (district, watershed, community, etc. Attach map(s) as relevant).

Individual projects will be identified throughout Butte, Lawrence, Elk Creek and Tri-County Conservation Districts. Currently extreme drought is prevalent in the project area. Projects will be evaluated on their merit for the greatest beneficial impact to grazing lands and grazing land improvement.

- Describe the specific environmental, natural resource, ecological, educational and/or socio-economic need(s) the projects will address.

The Butte, Lawrence, Elk Creek and Tri-County Conservation Districts have a wide variety of landuses within their boundaries. However, livestock production on native rangeland remains the primary use of the lands within these Conservation Districts. Improving rangeland conditions and management of such lands has been determined to be a priority of these four Districts. This task is even more difficult during periods of extreme drought. The current dry conditions have made the need for water developments even more in demand in the project area. The goal is that even in

drought conditions the water developments will continue to improve rangeland conditions, improve water quality, provide wildlife habitat, reduced soil erosion and overall soil health improvement.

- Briefly describe the specific on-the-ground restoration activities to be undertaken on-site to achieve the project objectives, and why it is needed

A minimum of 10 livestock watering sources will be constructed to improve grassland management and livestock distribution in addition to providing improved wildlife habitat. The surrounding pastures will be assigned a stocking rate and grazing period to assure proper grassland management which will in turn improve water quality, reduce soil erosion, and increase wildlife habitat.

- Explain if this project is part of a larger regional and/or local watershed effort

Improving water quantity and quality and improving rangeland and soil health are identified as goals in the long range plans of the Conservation Districts involved in the project. The outcomes of this project fit directly under these goals. The major watersheds in the project area will benefit from the implementation of the grazing standards and the addition of water on the landscape.

- Describe provisions to ensure long-term management and protection of the project (e.g., conservation easements on private land, long-term monitoring program)

Each participating landowner will sign a USFWS cost-share agreement which will protect the project for a minimum of ten years. There is very little reason to expect these practices to be discontinued after the completion of the terms of the agreement because of the benefit that they will provide to the landowners. Additionally, all participating landowners will be given a copy of the South Dakota Grasslands Coalition brochure titled Greener Pastures which has a wealth of grazing information.

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

The USFWS will assist in all aspects of implementation of the livestock water development practices including obtaining any and all permits.

E. Final Products

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

This project will construct a minimum of 10 livestock watering facilities in Butte, Lawrence, Elk Creek and Tri-County Conservation Districts in the next two years. Stocking rates and grazing periods will be assigned for surrounding pastures. This will have a net cumulative effect of improved water and range conditions on thousands of rangeland acres.

F. Partner Justification

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

All the Conservation Districts have a long history of supporting natural resource conservation and protection within their district boundaries. The individuals on the Conservation District boards are aware of the natural resource needs within their corresponding counties and practices appropriate to address these needs. The Conservation Districts, the USFWS Partners for Fish & Wildlife Program and landowners have been successfully partnering to implement conservation practices on private land in South Dakota for years. As a joint effort, the partners will rely on a history of knowledge of the local resource needs, partnership ability, and technical expertise to accomplish this project.

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

Project success will be measured by number of livestock watering facilities created and acres of improved grassland management.



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FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

D.C. Booth Historic Fish Hatchery
423 Hatchery Circle
Spearfish, SD 57783
Phone: (605) 651-6050

Mr. Tim Reich
Butte Conservation District
1837 Fifth Avenue
Belle Fourche, SD 57717

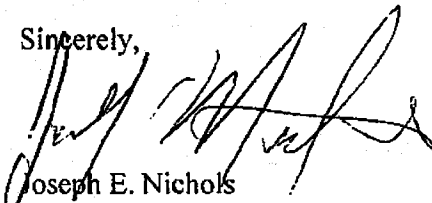
Dear Mr. Reich:

The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS) fully supports your application for a South Dakota Coordinated Soil and Water Conservation grant. The FWS recognizes that a wide range of benefits are gained from a water development project such as the one proposed for Butte, Lawrence, Elk Creek, and Tri-County Conservation Districts. These benefits include overall rangeland improvements, water quality improvements, wildlife habitat, erosion reduction, and better soil health.

Through our Partners for Fish & Wildlife Program we are prepared to offer \$29,500 in cash for this project. We will also offer technical assistance in all phases of the project implementation.

Thank you for this opportunity to partner with you and the other participating landowners on this very needed and worthwhile project in western South Dakota.

Sincerely,



Joseph E. Nichols
Private Lands Coordinator

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Applicant Information:

Organization: Charles Mix Conservation Dist Mailing Address: PO box 249
Telephone: (605) 487-7577 City: Lake Andes
Tax Status: Government State: SD Zip: 57356

A copy of the state-required W-9 form must be attached

Project Contact:

Project Officer: Nick Stotz, Manager Telephone: (605) 487-7577
FAX: (877) 487-3708 Email: nick.stotz@sd.nacdnet.net

Project Information:

Project Name: Brush Management Project
Start Date: 07/01/2018 End Date: 12/31/2019
Legal description: _____ County: multi-county
Township: _____ Range: _____ Section: _____ Qtr: _____

Type of Grant:

- Conservation Grant
- Insect/Disease
- Forest Stewardship
- Other (Specify) _____
- Community Forestry
- Invasive Species

Financial Information:

Grant Funds Requested: 36,500 Partner Contributions (total) 38,500 Total Project Cost: 75,000

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

This brush management project will be conducted in Bon Homme, Gregory and Charles Mix Counties in South Dakota. The brush management project will educate landowners/operators of the importance of early control of invasive plant species (mainly cedar) before the plant population and size of the plants reaches a detrimental level that affects the productivity of the grassland and the beneficial use for wildlife. The goal of this project is to show landowners/operators that early control is affordable and very effective.

This is an additional application to the Commission Grant approved in 2017. Gregory Conservation District has also been included to this application. The Charles Mix Conservation District feels that much more interest exists in this project as the 2017 Grant Funds were depleted in a very short time. Additional funds (RCPP) will be applied for and matched with Commission Grant Funds to enhance the amount of area that can be served.

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

Applicant Signature [Signature] Authorized Signature _____ Title Chairman Date 9/27/17

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BUDGET SHEET

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1. Salary/Benefits				
2. Travel				
3. Contractual Services		75,000		
4. Supplies				
5. Equipment (list major equip.)				
6. Consultant Services				
Total Project Costs		75,000	This total must equal	75,000

B. ACTIVITY BUDGET

Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
1. brush management	36,500	36,500			73,000
2. administrative			1,000	1,000	2,000
3.					0
4.					0
5.					0
6.					0
7.					0
8.					0
9.					0
TOTALS	36,500	36,500	1,000	1,000	75,000
				This total must equal	75,000

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

Partner	Amount Cash	Amount In-Kind	Total Cost
1. RC&F	36,500		36,500
2. Landowner/operators	36,500		36,500
3. Charles Mix Cons Dist		1,000	1,000
4. NRCS		1,000	1,000
5.			0
6.			0
7.			0
8.			0
TOTALS	73,000	2,000	76,000
			This total must equal 75,000

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D. Project Description and Need

Primary beneficiaries of this project will be the landowners/operators that participate and enroll their affected land into this project. Brush control on grasslands that are showing invasive plant species such as volunteer cedar will maintain and improve a usable feed source for not only domestic livestock but for wildlife as well. Current programs available to assist landowner/operators only address situations where the brush has essentially taken over the grassland greatly reducing the production of feed and destroying the natural wildlife habitat. The goal of this project will address the importance of earlier, less costly control measures and show landowners how effective these control measures can be before the invasive species are producing an additional seed supply to add to the problem.

The Charles Mix Conservation District and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will be responsible for the implementation of this project. Landowners will be provided with technical assistance information that will inform them of the most effective method to restore their grasslands productivity. Prescribed grazing plans will be made available to the landowner/operators that explains the benefits derived from practicing rotational and/or deferred grazing to not only increase productivity but also deter the invasion of unwanted species onto the grassland receiving treatment.

This project will be located in Charles Mix, Gregory and Bon Homme Conservation Districts and only available to private landowners that are already experiencing and/or concerned about the future impact of existing invasive species (mainly cedar). A joint powers agreement currently exists between the cooperating Conservation Districts.

The project will address the need to restore productivity to grasslands primarily used for livestock production. Invasive species (mainly cedar) can suppress the production of feed available to livestock and wildlife. This causes increased pressure to the remaining productive areas which makes these areas more susceptible to being invaded by non-desirable species and/or erosion. The removal of the invasive species will keep all areas of the existing grasslands more productive will improve the wildlife habitat and the production of feed for livestock. This in turn will improve the soil health and reduce the previous costs to the landowner/operator for weed control in the grasslands.

This project coincides with the goals of the Lewis and Clark Watershed Implementation Project, the SD Game, Fish and Parks, the US Fish and Wildlife Service, the SD Coordinated Resource Plan, the Charles Mix Conservation District, the Bon Homme County Conservation District, the Gregory Conservation District and the Natural Resource Conservation Service.

The Charles Mix Conservation District has treated 1550 acres of native grasslands for brush management in Charles Mix and Bon Homme Counties in the last three years. We have returned to many of the sites to check on the status of the grazing production and have found that the grasses recover quickly even with the mulch that this operation leaves on the soil surface. We have not seen any increase in weed infestations at the site of treatment nor have we observed any increase of cedar encroachment to the treated areas.

Early control measures applied to invasive species (mainly cedar) will show landowners/operators that this practice will increase and/or maintain the productivity and long term production and usefulness of the grasslands treated. Prescribed grazing plans made available to landowners/operators will guide them with methods to ensure the long term production and protection of their grazing lands.

E. Final Products

Grant funds combined with the landowner match at the limit of 30 hours per landowner/operator will allow treatment for a minimum of fifteen landowner/operators on 240 acres or more. This will increase the grasslands productivity in the treated areas and show the landowner/operators the benefit to grazing livestock and wildlife habitat on the acres treated. Additional funds (RCPP) will be applied for and also be utilized towards this project if they are available.

F. Justification

Invasive plant species (mainly cedar) have increased dramatically in the last 20 years. The primary invasion of these species originated along the Missouri River bluffs and steeper areas in the beginning but has since evolved to the invasion of flatter more prime grazing areas. Some landowner/operators estimate their grazing capacity has been reduced by as much as 30% in the areas where no control measures have been implemented. The eradication of the invasive species will restore grassland productivity for the benefit of domestic livestock and wildlife habitat.

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

The success of the project will be measured from feedback of the landowner/operators about their satisfaction of the results and their observation as well as the Conservation District and NRCS observation on the benefit vs. the cost of treatment to the project areas. Project areas treated will show the landowner/operators the benefit to the grasslands productivity.



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August 23, 2017

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Dear State Conservation Commission,

It is the Bon Homme Conservation District (BHCD) pleasure to write this letter in support of the **Charles Mix Conservation District Brush management Project.**

BHCD supports this project because this project will provide Bon Homme County landowners/operators information & a method to restore grassland productivity. The eradication of the invasive species will restore grassland productivity for the benefit of domestic livestock and wildlife habitat.

In conclusion, BHCD fully supports the efforts of Charles Mix Conservation District as they seek grant funding from the State Conservation commission to support a project designed to control invasive plant species before the plant population & size of plant reaches a detrimental level that affects the productivity of the grassland.

Sincerely,

Stanley J Schuch

Stanley Schuch
BHCD Chairman

CHARLES MIX CONSERVATION DISTRICT



PO BOX 249
LAKE ANDES, SD 57356
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September 29, 2017

Dear Tiffany,

We received this letter from Gregory County after we sent in our grant papers. Could you please attach this letter to our Brush Management Grant that we are applying for.

Thank you!!

Dawn Schulte
Charles Mix Conservation District
605-487-7577



PO Box 339 Burke, SD 57523
Phone 775-2770 or 775-3099
Clean. Clear. Conservation

August 24, 2017

SD Department of Agriculture
Division of RC&F
523 E Capitol Ave.
Pierre, SD 57501

Dear State Conservation Commission,

It is the Gregory County Conservation Districts pleasure to write this letter of support for the **Charles Mix Conservation District Brush Management Project**.

Gregory County Conservation District supports this project because this project will provide Gregory County Landowners/operators information and a method to restore their grassland productivity. The eradication of the invasive species will restore grassland productivity for the benefit of domestic livestock and wildlife habitat.

In conclusion, the Gregory County Conservation District fully supports the efforts of the Charles Mix Conservation District as they seek grant funding from the State Conservation Commission to support a project designed to control invasive plant species before the plant population and size of plants reaches a detrimental level that affects the productivity of the grassland.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gregg Lundberg". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Gregg Lundberg
Gregory County Conservation District Chairman

CHARLES MIX CONSERVATION DISTRICT

SUPERVISOR'S MEETING

AUGUST 10, 2017

The regular meeting of the Charles Mix Conservation District Supervisors was held at the USDA Service Center in Lake Andes, SD on August 10, 2017 at 7pm.

The meeting was called to order by Travis Beeson with the following in attendance: Tom Varilek, Kurt Antonsen, Tracy Blaha, and Joseph Kokes- Supervisors, Nick Stotz –District Manager, Alex Petrik – Field Manager, Dawn Schulte - District Secretary, Kelly Tschumper-NRCS.

MINUTES: A motion and second was made to approve July minutes as mailed out. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Copies of the Treasurer's report were reviewed and the motion was made to file the report for audit.

NRCS REPORT: A motion and a 2nd was made to approve conservations plans for the NRCS. See attachment.

CURRENT WORKLOAD:

Still have 4 CRP's to drill, did start shredding again. Had to take one of the shredders back having a few problems. Also we are mowing CRP grass.

NEW BUSINESS:

Auditor not able to make meeting.

Received a Brush Management Grant Application reviewed application and a motion and 2nd was made to approve the Application.

Applying for two 2017 Resource Conservation Grants

One is Tree planting grant, 50% cost share for around 20 acres trees and 3 acres renovating tree groves. 10 acres will be cultivating and 10 acres will have fabric.

Second is Brush management grant like last year.

A motion and 2nd was made to make a tree planting and brush management grant for the Conservation Commission.

Told board about Convention in Sioux Falls on September 17-19 and needed to know who wanted to go for rooms.

No EXECUTIVE SESSION

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the Charles Mix Conservation District Supervisors will be Thursday, September 7, 2017 at 6:00 pm at City Park in Lake Andes, SD.

OTHER BUSINESS:

We did lease another tractor. This one is a New Holland tractor.

As there was no further business at this time a motion was made and seconded to adjourn.
Motion carried.

Dawn Schulte, District Secretary



Department of Agriculture

Division of Resource Conservation & Forestry

Grant Application Form

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Resource Cons. & Forestry
Pierre Office

Applicant Information:

Organization: Charles Mix Conservation Distri Mailing Address: PO Box 249
 Telephone: (605) 487-7577 City: Lake Andes
 Tax Status: Government State: SD Zip: 57356

A copy of the state-required W-9 form must be attached

Project Contact:

Project Officer: Nick Stotz Telephone: (605) 491-2762
 FAX: (877) 487-3708 Email: nick.stotz@sd.nacdnet.net

Project Information:

Project Name: Shelterbelt cost-share
 Start Date: 01/01/2018 End Date: 12/31/2019
 Legal description: County: Charles Mix
 Township: Range: Section: Qtr: Qtr:
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Type of Grant:

- Conservation Grant
- Insect/Disease
- Forest Stewardship
- Other (Specify) _____
- Community Forestry
- Invasive Species

Financial Information:

Grant Funds Requested: 23,109 Partner Contributions (total) 27,569 Total Project Cost: 50,678

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

This project will make funds available to farmers and ranchers in Charles Mix County to plant trees on sites that are not eligible for cost-share through other programs. Many livestock producers do not have eligible areas to plant trees under the present Federal cost-share cropping guidelines. The shelterbelts will provide erosion control, protection for livestock, farmstead protection, improved water quality and wildlife habitat.

This project will assist producers with the site prep, establishment and first year maintenance on 23 acres of trees, 10 acres will receive assistance for fabric installation and 10 acres will receive mechanical cultivation. This grant will also provide assistance to renovate up to 3 acres of trees by clearing areas between the existing tree rows and establishing new rows to replace the declining protection provided by the existing aging shelterbelt. Producers participating in this program will pay all remaining costs after the grant funds are applied. The Charles Mix Conservation District will provide the technical assistance and administration of the grant funds as well as the contractual services that apply to the preparation, establishment and maintenance of the shelterbelts.

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

Applicant Signature [Signature] Authorized Signature Chairman Title Chairman Date 9/27/17

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

BUDGET SHEET

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

A. OPERATING BUDGET

1. Salary/Benefits			
2. Travel			
3. Contractual Services		50,678	
4. Supplies			
5. Equipment (list major equip.)			
6. Consultant Services			
Total Project Costs		50,678	This total must equal <u>50,678</u>

B. ACTIVITY BUDGET

Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
1. renovation	1,200	1,800			3,000
2. site prep	460	690			1,150
3. shrub planting	4,638	4,638			9,276
4. tree planting	6,325	6,325			12,650
5. fabric & installation	9,226	9,226			18,452
6. chemical weed cntrl	460	690			1,150
7. mechanical weed	800	1,200			2,000
8. administrative			3,000		3,000
9.					0
TOTALS	23,109	24,569	3,000	0	50,678
			This total must equal		<u>50,678</u>

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

Partner	Amount Cash	Amount In-Kind	Total Cost
1. RC&F	23,109		23,109
2. NRCS		1,000	1,000
3. Charles Mix Conservation		2,000	2,000
4. Landowner/operators	24,569		24,569
5.			0
6.			0
7.			0
8.			0
TOTALS	47,678	3,000	53,678
			This total must equal <u>50,678</u>

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Resource Conservation & Forestry
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Pierre, SD 57501-3182**

SHELTERBELT COST-SHARE NARRATIVE

D. Project description and need

Primary beneficiaries

This project is designed to make funds available to landowners to plant trees on sites not eligible for other cost-share programs. Landowners and operators who establish new shelterbelts will see many benefits. The new shelterbelts will provide protection for livestock of all ages reducing health costs and death loss to producers. The new shelterbelts will reduce energy needs by sheltering buildings and livestock from harsh weather conditions. Livestock feed costs will be reduced by providing more comfortable areas for livestock.

Other benefits of the newly established shelterbelts include increased wildlife habitat and increased hunting areas for hunters. The general public will benefit by the improved aesthetics a properly designed shelterbelt can provide.

Implementation, maintenance and follow-up

The Charles Mix Conservation District will be responsible for the implementation of this project. Maintenance of the project areas will be monitored by the Charles Mix Conservation District and provided by either the Conservation District or the producers. Follow-up activities will be done by the Conservation District through personal interviews with the producers to closely monitor savings and benefits of the projects.

Project location

The projects will be required to be located anywhere within the boundaries of the Charles Mix Conservation District.

Specific needs addressed

Current cost-share programs are directed to cropland acres and cropping history to become eligible for assistance. This project is designed to assist in the establishment of new shelterbelts in those areas that do not qualify for other program assistance. The absence of adequate shelter that trees can provide increases energy needs to everyone. Snow storage is an important part of every operation to reduce the time, labor, equipment and fuel costs to remove unwanted snow. Adequate shelter can significantly reduce the death loss of livestock operations and provide other benefits such as energy and feed savings. Many producers without adequate shelter for livestock are utilizing wooded creeks and stream areas for shelter. This has an extreme negative impact on the condition of these riparian areas allowing pollutants including the waste from the livestock to wash downstream and adversely affect other private and public areas. Providing a means of adequate shelter to keep livestock out of these areas will greatly improve the ease and

safety of caring for livestock in harsh conditions. It will also protect water quality by giving livestock producers a way to preserve fragile riparian areas and floodplains. Many of these areas have a direct effect on the Missouri River (50% of Charles Mix County borders the Missouri River) which is an important source of public recreation and drinking water.

Site specific activities

Soils data, proper site preparation principals and prior chemical use will be monitored carefully to insure that the tree planting is successful and the newly established plants have the best possible chance to survive. Cultural resource data and utility line location will also be part of the project to help protect the producers' project from harming others. Plans will be designed to provide the maximum benefit for the producer, the type of livestock, wildlife and erosion needs in each specific area. This project will have a direct effect on larger regional and watershed efforts such as the Lewis and Clark Watershed Implementation Plan and goals 1,3,4 and 5 of the SD Coordinated Plan for Natural Resources Conservation.

Project management and protection

Producers receiving financial assistance for these projects will be required to enter into a contract with the Charles Mix Conservation District to maintain and protect the practice for a minimum of ten years in consideration for cost-share.

Required permits

No federal, state or local permits will be required prior to the establishment of these projects.

E. Final products

The Charles Mix Conservation District will be installing 23 acres of trees with the grant funds from this project. Depending on the size of the projects, we anticipate working with at least 15 landowner/operators. Only 10 acres of this project will involve the installation of fabric in this grant request because of the high cost of fabric installation and also the Charles Mix Conservation District capability to mechanically and chemically clean trees. The balance of the trees are to receive the mechanical and chemical maintenance service provided by the Charles Mix Conservation District. Up to three acres in this project will incorporate the restoration of an existing shelterbelt to improve the efficiency, longevity and usefulness to the landowner. The Charles Mix Conservation District will use its tree shredding equipment to establish an area large enough for access of the tree planting and maintenance equipment in an existing shelterbelt to insure the placement and survival of new seedlings.

Shelterbelts greatly diminish the effect of cold temperatures on livestock. This significantly lowers stress on animals and consequently reduces feed energy

requirements. Livestock producers and ranchers will see better animal health and greater financial gain. A University of Nebraska study showed that shelterbelts reduced winter heating bills by as much as 30%. The study also indicated that when cost-share was included, negative returns were all but eliminated and the benefits exceeded costs up to a rate of 37%.

In as little as two years shelterbelts can effectively protect buildings and roadways from drifting snow. These projects will add diversity to the landscape and also beautify farmsteads, cost effectively increasing property values. Trees also provide diversity of habitat and cover for many species of wildlife. Fish and other aquatic animals benefit from the role of trees in reducing erosion and filtering pollutants and agricultural runoff. In an agricultural setting, trees provide greater plant diversity, creating a healthier ecosystem.

F. Partner justification

The South Dakota Department of Agriculture Resource Conservation and Forestry Division will be providing funds through the Conservation Commission to supplement landowner and Charles Mix Conservation District funds. The division's field foresters will also be utilized to approve of the planning and follow up procedures of the grant.

The Yankton Sioux Tribe will be involved in all sites that are located on Tribal lands assisting in the cultural resources and technical assistance and possibly providing financial assistance to appropriately located Tribal sites.

The Charles Mix Conservation District will provide technical assistance, inspection, application, follow up and reimbursement costs to the grant projects. All scheduling, reporting and record keeping will also be provided by the Conservation District.

Landowners will provide the balance of costs associated with the tree planting projects. They will also assume the responsibility for all replacement trees and all the tree maintenance costs after the 1st year.

G. Measuring the success

The Charles Mix Conservation District will monitor the shelterbelts for survival and maintenance. Landowners will be interviewed to determine how the shelterbelt complimented the overall operation of the farm or ranch. Livestock health, feed savings and energy savings as well as wildlife use and erosion reduction will be monitored by the landowner. Projects will be displayed to the general public through direct mailings and the Conservation District newsletter. Projects funded by this grant will also be incorporated into other local conservation and RC&D tours.

Davison Conservation District
1820 North Kimball, Suite B
Mitchell, South Dakota 57301
Phone: (605) 996-1564 Ext. #3

South Dakota Department of Agriculture
Division of Resource Conservation and Forestry
Attention: Bill Smith
523 East Capitol
Pierre, SD 57501

SD Conservation Commission:

The Davison Conservation District is submitting a grant application for the 2017 Fall Grant Round. The following application is for our Cover Crop/Grazing Project that will start July 1, 2018 and end December 31, 2019.

Along with the application, you will find a copy of the minutes from our board meeting, the districts W-9, spreadsheets to explain how we came up with our figures, and the narrative that goes with our application.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration on our grant application. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Davison Conservation District Manager at (605) 996-1564 Ext. #3.

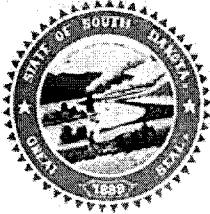
Sincerely,



Jim Lehi

Davison CD

District Manager



Department of Agriculture

Division of Resource Conservation & Forestry

Grant Application Form

Applicant Information:

Organization: Davison Conservation District

Telephone: (605) 996-1564

Tax Status: Government

Mailing Address: 1820 North Kimball Suite B

City: Mitchell

State: SD Zip: 57301

Project Contact:

Project Officer: Jim Lehi

Fax: (855) 256-2557

Telephone: (605) 996-1564

Email: jim.lehi@sd.nacdnet.net

Project Information:

Project Name: Cover crop/Grazing Project

Start Date: 7/1/2018 End Date: 12/31/19

Legal description: County: Davison

Township: _____ Range: _____ Section: _____ Qtr: _____ Qtr: _____

Type of Grant:

Conservation Grant Community Forestry

Insect/Disease Invasive Species

Forest Stewardship Mountain Pine Beetle

Other (Specify) _____

Financial Information:

Grant Funds Requested: 61,110 Partner Contributions (total) 72,070 Total Project Cost: 133,180

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

The Davison Conservation District Cover crop/Grazing Project is an effort to continue to put conservation practices on the land by offering to operators/landowners, who are not eligible to receive assistance through any other government program, cost share. Our project is designed to reduce cropland/grassland erosion, increase organic matter, improve rangeland and pasture land conditions, improve water quality and protect ground water which addresses the goals identified by the SD Coordinated Soil and Water Conservation Plan. The 2017 Conservation Commission approved practice cost and percentage will be followed. Eighteen months is a practical time span to install practices and utilize the funding to achieve the proposed goals. Participating in the project will be the Davison Conservation District and NRCS.

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

Applicant Signature Jim Lehi Authorized Signature District Manager Title 9/27/17 Date

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

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Approved by: _____ Signature _____ Title _____ Date _____

BUDGET SHEET

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

A. OPERATING BUDGET

1. Salary/Benefits	4,880	
2. Travel		
3. Contractual Services	118,380	
4. Supplies	9,920	
5. Equipment (list major equip.)		
6. Consultant Services		
Total Projects Costs	133,180	This total must equal 133,180

B. ACTIVITY BUDGET

Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
1. Salaries/Benefits	1,920	4,880			6,800
2. Practice Installation	59,190	61,190	2,000		122,380
3. Technical Assist.		2,000		2,000	4,000
4.					0
5.					0
6.					0
7.					0
8.					0
TOTALS	61,110	68,070	2,000	2,000	133,180
					This total must equal 133,180

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

Partner	Amount Cash	Amount In-Kind	Total
1. RC&F	61,110		61,110
2. Davison CD	4,880		4,880
3. Landowners	61,190	4,000	65,190
4. USDA NRCS		2,000	2,000
5.			0
6.			0
7.			0
8.			0
TOTALS	127,180	6,000	133,180
			This total must equal 133,180

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			\$\$	Grant	Local	Inkind	Total
Administration @ 40%	hr	240	20	\$1,920.00	\$1,920.00	\$960.00	\$4,800.00
Cover Crop	ac	750	45	\$16,875.00	\$16,875.00		\$33,750.00
Pipeline	ft	10,800	3.6	\$19,440.00	\$19,440.00		\$38,880.00
Riparian Area @ 50%							
Tank	gallons	4905	1.6	\$3,924.00	\$3,924.00		\$7,848.00
Riparian Area @ 50%							
Solar Pumps	ea	3,000	2	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00		\$6,000.00
Riparian Area @ 50%							
Fence		16,200	1.06	\$8,586.00	\$8,586.00		\$17,172.00
Riparian Area @ 50%							
Well	ft.	600	22	\$6,600.00	\$6,600.00		\$13,200.00
Riparian Area @ 50%							
Rural Water Connection		2,550.00	2	\$765.00	\$765.00		\$1,530.00
Livestock portion only @ 30%							
Davison Employee wage to install practices	hrs	200	20		\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$4,000.00
District and NRCS Technical assistance	hrs.	200	20		\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$4,000.00
Total Practices inkind hrs							
Partners		50	20			\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Local		50	20				
Grand Total				\$61,110.00	\$65,110.00	\$6,960.00	\$133,180.00

Davison Conservation District

Cover Crop/Grazing Project

Project Narrative

Project Description and Need

There is a need for financial assistance to implement conservation practices that are not eligible for any other cost share program, either because of lack of funding or eligibility requirements. Due to the high cost often associated with installing conservation practices, many land owners and operators will be unable to install practices needed to address soil erosion, water quality, livestock grazing, and other resource concerns unless alternative funding is available.

The Davison Conservation District Cover Crop/Grazing Project will provide cost share for the seed and the seeding of the Cover Crop, installation of wells, rural water connections, fence, pipeline, tanks and solar pumps. The Conservation Grants have been well received by Davison County landowners.

If funding for Cover Crop/Grazing Project is awarded, this will make it possible for the district to accept applications for practices to be constructed in 2018 and 2019 which will continue our very successful program. Eighteen months is a reasonable time frame to complete installation of conservation practices with the funding request.

The Cover Crop/Grazing Project involves all of Davison County. Landowners/Operators in the county will be contacted and informed of the opportunity to construct eligible conservation practices using assistance from the grant. The proposed project will comply with the SD Coordinated Soil and Water Conservation Plan by addressing identified needs. This will reduce cropland/grassland erosion, improve wildlife habitat, rangeland/pastureland condition, reduce compaction, increase organic matter, improve water quality, improve inadequate livestock water, and protect ground water.

Davison Conservation District and NRCS will assist in the design, layout, and construction, and inspect the practices installed. The conservation district and NRCS will provide technical assistance to monitor progress of the project, and will conduct follow-up reviews of the installed practices. At the end of the eighteen month project, the landowner will assume responsibility of the applied practice.

Cost share will be based on the 2017 Conservation Commission approved cost share percentages. Practices accepted will be from the 2017 Conservation Commission approved practice cost list. Practices offered will be cover crops, pipeline, tanks, fence, rural water connections, solar pumps and wells. A spreadsheet of the proposed eligible practice and the goal set forth are included on a separate sheet.

The goal of this project is to conserve, develop, and enhance natural resources and environment for the benefit of all by improving management of our soil and water resources. The installation of these practices will help with erosion control, water and soil quality, reducing water and wind erosion, improve grassland management and wildlife habitat in Davison County.

Final Products

Sediment control is a major concern in the tributaries and their water destinations. The completion of this project will provide added protection of soil and water erosion, improve water development, and provide information and awareness. Soil is the most important natural resource in the county.

Approximately 10-15 landowner/operators will be able to improve their conservation program.

Partner Justification

Davison Conservation District has an excellent working relationship with Pheasants Forever, GFP, NRCS, and USFWS. We will put articles in our newsletter to inform and educate the public of conservation programs and needs in the county. The wide scope of technical expertise offered by the partnership involved in this project eliminates the need for outside consultations.

Identify how you will measure the success of the project

The success of this project will be measured by the number of conservation practices and acres that benefit from these practices that are implemented to improve or maintain natural resources and by the amount of landowners/operators assisted.

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The Davison Conservation District is submitting a grant application for the 2017 fall Grant Round. The following application is for our tree planting project that will start January 1, 2018 and end December 31, 2018.

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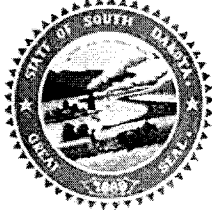
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Sincerely,



Jim Lehi

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District Manager



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Division of Resource Conservation & Forestry

Grant Application Form

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Mailing Address: 1820 North Kimball St. Suite B
City: Mitchell
State: SD Zip: 57301

Project Contact:

Project Officer: Jim Lehi
Fax: (855) 256-2557

Telephone: (605) 996-1564
Email: jim.lehi@sd.nacdnet.net

Project Information:

Project Name: Tree Planting
Start Date: 1/1/18 End Date: 12/31/18
Legal description: County: Davison
Township: _____ Range: _____ Section: _____ Qtr: _____

Type of Grant:

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

Financial Information:

Grant Funds Requested: 20,650 Partner Contributions (total) 20,650 Total Project Cost: 41,300

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

The Davison Conservation District tree planting grant will benefit 20 - 25 landowners in Davison county. This one year project proposes to continue the District's program of cost-share to landowners for establishment of multi-purpose shelterbelts. These shelterbelts are multi-purpose plantings needed by landowners in Davison county to restore or maintain water quality, improve or maintain soil productivity, create wildlife habitat, conserve energy, and provide snow protection.

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

Applicant Signature: Jim Lehi Title: DISTRICT MANAGER Date: 9/21/17
Authorized Signature

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

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Signature Title Date

BUDGET SHEET

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

A. OPERATING BUDGET

1. Salary/Benefits	300	
2. Travel		
3. Contractual Services	41,000	
4. Supplies		
5. Equipment (list major equip.)		
6. Consultant Services		
Total Projects Costs	41,300	This total must equal 41,300

B. ACTIVITY BUDGET

Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
1. Administration	300				300
2. Site Prep			300		300
3. Trees & Shrubs	5,100	5,100			10,200
4. Fabric	10,550	10,550			21,100
5. Tree Protectors	4,000	4,000			8,000
6. Fabric Squares	700	700			1,400
7.					0
8.					0
TOTALS	20,650	20,350	300	0	41,300
					This total must equal 41,300

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

Partner	Amount Cash	Amount In-Kind	Total
1. RC&F	20,650		20,650
2. Landowners	20,350	300	20,650
3.			0
4.			0
5.			0
6.			0
7.			0
8.			0
TOTALS	41,000	300	41,300
			This total must equal 41,300

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The Davison conservation District Grant request for \$20,650 will be split approximately in the following manner:

Site prep – 4 hours @ \$300.00

Trees & Shrubs – 444 rods @ \$5,100.00

Fabric – 17,584 feet @ \$10,550.00

Tree Protectors – 728 @ \$4,000.00

Fabric Squares – 280 @ \$ 700.00

Davison Conservation District

Shelter Belt Program

Project Narrative

Project Description and Need:

The Davison Conservation District shelter belt program will be used by 7-10 landowners in Davison County, and benefit all citizens living in the county. This one year project proposes to continue the District's program of cost share to landowners for establishment of multi-purpose plantings needed by landowners in Davison County to restore or maintain water quality, improve or maintain soil productivity, create wildlife habitat, conserve energy, and provide snow protection.

Identify how you will measure the success of the project:

The Davison Conservation District will be responsible for this project's implementation, and follow up with landowners to insure maintenance and practice effectiveness, documentation of benefits and outcomes, and for administration.

The Davison Conservation District will provide technical assistance to landowners for planning, planting, and maintenance of these shelterbelts as an in kind contribution from existing staff.

Partner Justification:

Landowners implementing conservation practice under this proposed project will comply with the practice installation and maintenance requirements utilized by the USDA – Natural Resources Conservation Service.

APPROVED MINUTES OF MEETING
DAVISON CONSERVATION DISTRICT

July 13, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Wade Strand at 8:20 p.m. at the USDA Service Center in Mitchell, SD.

Supervisors present were: Wade Strand, Bruce Haines, Paul Hetland and Darwin Kreth. Advisors present: Dean Strand. Others present were: Heidi Rients, DC; Jim Lehi, District Manager and Debbie Bartscher, District Secretary-Treasurer.

The agenda for the July meeting was approved in a motion by D. Kreth and seconded; motion carried.

The minutes from the May board meeting were approved in a motion by P. Hetland and seconded; motion carried.

The treasurer's report was given for the months of May and June showing a beginning balance of \$48,499.28; disbursements of \$68,228.13, receipts of \$61,081.90 leaving cash available on June 30, 2017 of \$41,353.05. A motion was made by B. Haines and seconded to pay the pending bills. Motion carried.

REPORT: Jim Lehi

Jim mentioned to the board that there were a few items at the tree shed that he would like to get rid of: cattle panels, 100 gal. tank, etc. No action was taken at this time. The district received a notice of intent to mine. Jim mentioned that the district had to get 50 rolls of fabric and some staples from Aurora CD to finish up for the season. Jim contacted Agassiz Seed and they will send the fabric and staples to Aurora County to replace what we got from them and then bill the Davison CD. The district received a grant from the SD Conservation Commission in the amount of \$11,500 for the forestry cutter. A motion was made by P. Hetland and seconded by D. Kreth to apply for a tree planting grant and a cover crop grant this fall; motion carried.

REPORT: Heidi Rients

Heidi reported that they are pretty much caught up on CCRP applications. FSA still can take applications but cannot send to NRCS yet. Emergency grazing is open on certain CP practices. They are still field checking some new grass seedings and trees. South Dakota is taking on 150,000 more CSP acres so 5 more (4 Hanson, 1 Davison) is tentatively going to be pre-approved. The tillage survey was completed on 6-13-17. She mentioned that newsletter articles are done and being printed. Heidi encouraged the board members to sign up for the Client Gateway. Some letters have been sent out to individuals that have expressed interest.

The board discussed donating fabric and staples to the new Veterans Park in Mitchell. A motion was made by B. Haines and seconded by D. Kreth to donate the fabric and staples; motion carried.

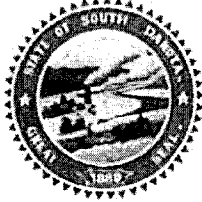
The SDACD Endowment Fund was discussed. A motion was made by D. Kreth and seconded by B. Haines to send \$200.00 to the endowment fund in memory of Lewis Moseman – Aurora CD and Nancy Barrick – Armour; motion carried.

Highlights of the South-James-Missouri Area Meeting were discussed.

The board discussed the 2018 budget. They will be meeting with the County Commissioners on July 18, 2017 to discuss the district's budget and request county funds for another year.

There being no further business to come before the board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Debbie Bartscher
District Secretary-Treasurer



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

Applicant Information:

Organization: Davison Conservation District
 Telephone: (605) 996-1564
 Tax Status: Government

Mailing Address: 1820 N. Kimball, Suite #B
 City: Mitchell
 State: SD Zip: 57301

Project Contact:

Project Officer: Jim Lehi
 Fax: (855) 256-2557

Telephone: (605) 996-1564
 Email: jim.lehi@sd.nacdnet.net

Project Information:

Project Name: James River Watershed Grazing Management Project
 Start Date: 01/01/2018 End Date: 12/31/2018
 Legal description: County: Davison
 Township: Range: Section: Qtr. Qtr.
N/A N/A N/A

Type of Grant:

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

Financial Information:

Grant Funds Requested: 52,500 Partner Contributions (total) 125,000 Total Project Cost: 177,500

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

The James River Watershed of eastern South Dakota contains many of the highest quality lakes and streams in South Dakota, and this is largely supported by contributing watersheds with well managed grasslands. The James River Watershed Grazing Management project will utilize a wide variety of livestock water developments to facilitate improved grazing management throughout the 9 Conservation Districts that comprise the project area. Through this grant, we plan to implement grazing management projects that will enhance grasslands and play a vital role in supporting high water quality in receiving lakes and streams. Specific conservation practices to be implemented include pipelines, tanks, pasture pumps, alternative energy water pumps, rural water hook-ups and shallow wells. This project is a partnership between 9 Conservation Districts, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), the James River Water Development District (JRWDD) and participating private landowners. The JRWDD is providing \$30,000 of cash for the project, participating landowners will provide \$80,000 in cash and the USFWS will provide \$15,000 of in-kind technical assistance. Each grazing management project implemented through this project will be described in a site-specific USFWS cost-share agreement jointly signed by the participating landowner, the Davison Conservation District and the USFWS. The cost-share agreement will provide details on the specific conservation practices installed and will also outline the details of a 10-year grazing management plan for each tract. The project partners also hope to utilize the funds in this proposal as match to secure additional federal grant resources in the project area to support more conservation work. This provides an opportunity, if awarded, to essentially double the conservation effectiveness of the Commission grant and assist an additional 15+ landowners in the project area with conservation practices and grazing systems. Requests for assistance with these types of grazing lands enhancements are high in the James River Watershed.

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

Applicant Signature Jim Lehi Authorized Signature DISTRICT MANAGER Title 9/27/17 Date

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

For Division Use Only:

Reviewed by: _____
 Signature Title Date

Approved by: _____
 Signature Title Date

BUDGET SHEET

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

A. OPERATING BUDGET

1. Salary/Benefits		17,500	
2. Travel		0	
3. Contractual Services		160,000	
4. Supplies		0	
5. Equipment (list major equip.)		0	
6. Consultant Services		0	
Total Projects Costs		177,500	This total must equal <u>177,500</u>

B. ACTIVITY BUDGET

Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
1. Water Development for Grazing Mgt	50,000	80,000	0	30,000	160,000
2. Project Administration	2,500				2,500
3. Technical Assistance (USFWS)			15,000		15,000
4.					0
5.					0
6.					0
7.					0
8.					0
TOTALS	52,500	80,000	15,000	30,000	177,500
					This total must equal <u>177,500</u>

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

Partner	Amount Cash	Amount In-Kind	Total
1. RC&F Grant	52,500		52,500
2. Participating Landowners	80,000		80,000
3. James River Water Development District	30,000		30,000
4. USFWS (Technical Assistance)		15,000	15,000
5.			0
6.			0
7.			0
8.			0
TOTALS	162,500	15,000	177,500
			This total must equal <u>177,500</u>

SUBMISSION:

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

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

Print

Applicant: Davison Conservation District

Project Name: James River Watershed Grazing Management Project

D. Project Description and Need

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

Upon project completion, the primary beneficiaries will be the private landowners, livestock and wildlife where beneficial grazing management plans will be implemented via the strategic installation of water developments. In addition, there will be direct water quality benefits for the watersheds that are supporting high water quality throughout the James River lowland of eastern South Dakota. Specific water developments to be implemented include pipelines, tanks, pasture pumps, alternative energy water pumps, rural water hook-ups and shallow wells. Providing technical and financial assistance to private landowners will facilitate a wide variety of management actions to improve rangeland stewardship, livestock performance, wildlife production and water quality. Private landowners throughout the project area will benefit directly from the installation of these conservation practices. In addition, a wide variety of benefits will also be realized beyond the project boundaries including improved water quality for downstream stakeholders.

Define who will be responsible for the implementation, maintenance, and follow-up stages of the project.

The Davison Conservation District will be the lead District and will coordinate closely with the other Conservation Districts in the project area on all aspects of project administration and implementation. In addition, close coordination will also occur with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the James River Water Development District (JRWDD). Each grazing management project funded through this grant will be described in a site-specific USFWS cost-share agreement jointly signed by the participating landowner, the Davison Conservation District and the USFWS. The cost-share agreement will provide details on the specific conservation practices installed and will also prescribe the details of a 10-year grazing management plan for the tract.

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

Individual projects will be located throughout the 9 Conservation Districts in the James River Watershed that compromise the project area. A Joint Powers Agreement will be developed between all participating Conservation Districts.

Describe the specific environmental, natural resource, ecological, educational and/or socio-economic need(s) the projects will address.

By providing technical and financial assistance to livestock producers, important grasslands in the project area will be maintained and enhanced. Maintaining and improving grasslands in any watershed has been demonstrated to provide numerous downstream environmental benefits such as reduced erosion, flood attenuation and improved water quality. Strategically located and reliable livestock watering facilities are a critical component of any grazing management plan and are key to maintaining livestock grazing as a primary landuse in the project area.

In addition to the installation of conservation practices, the project will also provide a variety of technical assistance and educational resources to participating landowners. Specifically, each program participant will be provided a set of introductory materials to the South Dakota Grassland Coalition (SDGC). It is hoped that this will lead to membership in the SDGC and potential enrollment in the annual SDGC "Grazing School." The SDGC is widely recognized as a leading organization in South Dakota in assisting landowners to improve both rangeland stewardship and ranch profitability.

Briefly describe the specific on-the-ground restoration activities to be undertaken onsite to achieve the project objectives, and why it is needed.

In order to facilitate grazing management plans, the project will install pipelines, tanks, pasture pumps, alternative energy water pumps, rural water hook-ups and shallow wells. Potential for additional conservation practices such as fence and grass seeding also exists via separate programs offered by the USFWS, the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (SDGFP). The specific elements of each grazing plan will be prescribed in a USFWS 10-year cost-share agreement jointly signed by the Davison Conservation District, USFWS and the participating landowner. The cost-share agreement and associated maps will also describe an ecologically-based grazing plan with AUMs and grazing dates.

Explain if this project is part of a larger regional and/or local watershed effort

The nine-county project area contains some of the highest quality lakes and streams in South Dakota. This is largely due to the amount of grassland in the contributing watersheds of the project area. Grassland landscapes are widely recognized as critically important for maintaining high water quality in downstream receiving waters. As such, the actions forwarded in this proposal directly support a number of larger ongoing conservation initiatives. For example, the Prairie Pothole Joint Venture and many of its member organizations note that grassland conservation is a critical conservation need. Within South Dakota, local Conservation Districts, SDACD and wildlife conservation groups have a 20+ year history of partnering together on grassland conservation projects that simultaneously support wildlife conservation and the goals of the South Dakota Coordinated Plan for Natural Resources Conservation. An added benefit of partnering with the USFWS is being able to utilize their demonstrated history of securing additional project funds via the North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA). If the Commission grant is awarded, the Davison Conservation District plans to combine the Commission funds and associated landowner funds in this proposal as non-federal match for an upcoming NAWCA grant application. This provides an opportunity to potentially double the funding available to landowners for grassland conservation practices in the project area. All of the actions in this proposal and the subsequent NAWCA grant directly support a wide variety of the goals and objectives of the 2012 Coordinated Plan for Natural Resources Conservation.

Describe provisions to ensure long-term management and protection of the project (e.g., conservation easements on private land, long-term monitoring program)

Each site-specific grazing management project funded through this grant will be described in a USFWS cost-share agreement jointly signed by the participating landowner, the Davison Conservation District and the USFWS. The cost-share agreement will provide details on the specific conservation practices installed and will also prescribe the details of a 10-year grazing management plan. In addition, project partners will continue to offer technical assistance to help improve grazing management as environmental factors affect grazing opportunities. Another method to facilitate ongoing technical assistance for program participants is to provide each landowner with a set of introductory materials to the South Dakota Grassland Coalition (SDGC). It is hoped this will lead to membership in the SDGC and potential enrollment in the annual SDGC "Grazing School."

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

Project partners will work closely with landowners on a site-specific basis to assure that any necessary permits are in place before project installation.

E. Final Products

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

Upon completion, we estimate this project will provide strategically located livestock watering options for approximately 15 participating landowners. This will directly facilitate an equal number of ecologically-based grazing management plans and all of the associated grassland stewardship, water quality and wildlife conservation benefits. In addition, past history has shown the Conservation Districts in the project area will likely assist an additional 15+ landowners by partnering with the USFWS to pursue a NAWCA grant application to fund additional conservation practices in the project area.

F. Partner Justification

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

The 9 Conservation Districts noted in this proposal all have many years of support and dedication to the natural resources in their respective counties. The supervisors and advisors on the Conservation District Boards have determined the resource concerns of their counties and the practices appropriate to address those concerns. With the help of JRWDD, USFWS and SDGC we are confident we can successfully implement this project.

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

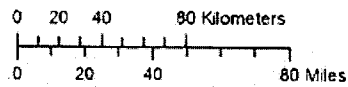
Project success will be measured by the number of grazing systems implemented and acres of improved grassland management. It is anticipated approximately 15 grazing systems will be implemented over an estimated 2,500 acres at the fully funded level.

James River Watershed Grazing Management Project (Water Development)

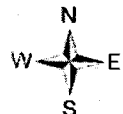


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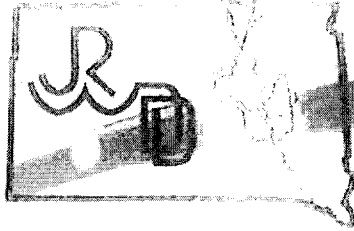
 Project Area



1 inch = 47.35 miles



James River Water Development District



September 14, 2017

Jim Lehi, District Manager Davison Conservation District

Davison Conservation District

1820 N Kimball, Suite #B

Mitchell, SD 57301

Dear: Mr. Lehi;

The James River Watershed Development District (JRWDD) would like to express support for the cooperative James River Watershed Grazing Management Project. It is our understanding that the Davison Conservation District will soon be submitting a Conservation Commission grant proposal for the project to the SD Department of Agriculture, Division of Resource Conservation & Forestry.

If Davison Conservation District is successful securing additional funding through the Conservation Commission, JRWDD will provide \$30,000 to the project for the installation of conservation practices to facilitate improved stewardship on grazing lands throughout the multi-conservation district project area (Spink, Brown, Beadle, Sanborn, Hutchinson, Hansen, Davison, Yankton, and Aurora Conservation Districts).

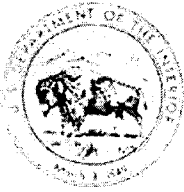
We appreciate the opportunity to be a partner with this project and demonstrate JRWDD's commitment to assist producers with improving range condition, controlling soil erosion, and increasing water quality. Broad-based support for such projects is essential for continued delivery of on-the-ground conservation practices. We are hopeful that the Davison Conservation district is successful with this application to secure additional funding through the Conservation Commission. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (605)-352-0600 or davebartel@mtdcnetwork.com

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dan Klimisch".

Dan Klimisch

Chairman

James River Water Development District



United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
South Dakota Partners for Fish & Wildlife Office
P.O. Box 247, 520-B 3rd Avenue North
Brookings, South Dakota 57006
Phone: 605-697-2500 FAX: 605-697-2505



September 7, 2017

Re: James River Watershed Grazing Management Project

Jim Lehi, Conservation District Manager
Davison Conservation District
1820 N. Kimball, Suite #B
Mitchell, SD 57301

Dear Mr. Lehi:

In follow-up to our recent discussions, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service through our Partners for Fish and Wildlife (PFW) program fully supports your application for a Coordinated Soil and Water Conservation Grant. The PFW program recognizes that your grant titled "James River Watershed Grazing Management Project" will provide a wide variety of grassland stewardship, wildlife conservation and water quality benefits throughout east-central South Dakota.

As discussed, we stand ready to contribute \$15,000 of technical assistance through the PFW program to help support the project. In addition, we pledge to work closely with you to leverage the non-federal funds in your project as match to obtain a complimentary federal grant for additional grassland conservation projects. The PFW program and South Dakota's Conservation Districts have a proven track record of securing such grants, which essentially doubles the conservation funds available to landowners in the project area.

Thank you for the opportunity to be a partner in this important project and just let me know if we can assist in any other way as you move forward with your conservation efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steve Spawn".

Steve Spawn
South Dakota Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program

UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF MEETING
DAVISON CONSERVATION DISTRICT

September 7, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Wade Strand at 8:10 p.m. at the USDA Service Center in Mitchell, SD.

Supervisors present were: Wade Strand, Bruce Haines, Paul Hetland, Lewis Bainbridge and Darwin Kreth. Others present were: Heidi Rients, DC; Jim Lehi, District Manager, Debbie Bartscher, District Secretary-Treasurer and Steve Spawn, US Fish and Wildlife Service.

The agenda for the September meeting was approved in a motion by L. Bainbridge and seconded; motion carried.

The minutes from the August board meeting were approved in a motion by D. Kreth and seconded; motion carried.

The treasurer's report was given for the month of August showing a beginning balance of \$38,375.27; disbursements of \$44,430.17, receipts of \$40,701.29 leaving cash available on August 31, 2017 of \$34,646.39. A motion was made by B. Haines and seconded to pay the pending bills. Motion carried.

REPORT: Steve Spawn, US Fish and Wildlife Service

Steve talked to the board about applying for a conservation commission grant and for the Davison Conservation District to be the lead district for it. The grant would be called the James River Watershed Grazing Management Project and it would encompass 9 Conservation Districts within the James River Watershed. A motion was made by B. Haines and seconded by D. Kreth to apply for this grant; motion carried.

REPORT: Jim Lehi

Jim mentioned to the board that he would like to get a plaque or something for Dean Strand who resigned off of the board. This will be discussed at the next board meeting. Jim has been working on tree plantings for next year. The district has a few acres of dormant grass seeding to drill.

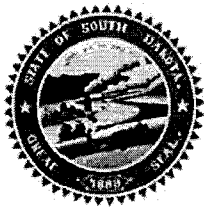
REPORT: Heidi Rients

Heidi reported that Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) has been approved for Hanson and Aurora County land. Sign up deadline is September 29th. They are doing field work on new EQIP applications. The deadline for EQIP signup is October 20, 2017. NRCS has been checking out and certifying EQIP practices as soon as they are completed and working on re-enroll CSP. The Civil Rights Review for the office went well – just missing one poster. Heidi

attended the SDSU Forage Fiesta event the end of August. She briefly talked about the reorganization of USDA, more details to be coming later.

There being no further business to come before the board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Debbie Bartscher
District Secretary-Treasurer



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

Applicant Information:

Organization: Day Conservation District Mailing Address: 600 East Hwy 12, Suite 1
 Telephone: (605) 345-4661 City: Webster
 Tax Status: Government State: SD Zip: 57274
A copy of the state-required W-9 form must be attached

Project Contact:

Project Officer: Dennis Skadsen Telephone: (605) 345-4661
 FAX: _____ Email: dennis.skadsen@sd.nacdnet.net

Project Information:

Project Name: Northeast Glacial Lakes
 Start Date: 07/01/2018 End Date: 06/30/2019
 Legal description: _____ County: Day
 Township: _____ Range: _____ Section: _____ Qtr: _____ Qtr: _____

Type of Grant:

- Conservation Grant
- Insect/Disease
- Forest Stewardship
- Other (Specify) _____
- Community Forestry
- Invasive Species

Financial Information:

Grant Funds Requested: 25,000 Partner Contributions (total) 360,105 Total Project Cost: 385,105

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

The goal of the Northeast Glacial Lakes Watershed Improvement and Protection Project is to improve and protect the water quality of northeast South Dakota lakes, streams, and rivers by providing technical and financial assistance to agricultural producers to implement best management practices that reduce the amount of bacteria, nutrients, and sediment loads entering project water bodies.

The project is funded by an EPA 319 Clean Water Grant administered by the SD Dept. of Environment and Natural Resources through July 31, 2019. This application is for year 2 of project segment 4.

This project is a multi-county effort between the Day, Grant, Marshall, and Roberts Conservation Districts.

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

Applicant Signature Mark Brandt Authorized Signature chairman Title 9-11-17 Date

For Division Use Only:		
Reviewed by: _____	_____	_____
Signature	Title	Date
Approved by: _____	_____	_____
Signature	Title	Date

BUDGET SHEET

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

A. OPERATING BUDGET

1. Salary/Benefits	88,950	
2. Travel	4,000	
3. Contractual Services	290,275	
4. Supplies	0	
5. Equipment (list major equip.)	0	
6. Consultant Services	1,880	
Total Project Costs	385,105	This total must equal <u>385,105</u>

B. ACTIVITY BUDGET

Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
1. Wages and Benefits	16,800	0	0	63,650	80,450
2. Administration	2,200	0	0	3,300	5,500
3. Adm. Support	0	3,000	0	0	3,000
4. Travel	0	0	0	4,000	4,000
5. BPMs	6,000	115,495	0	168,780	290,275
6. Water Monitoring	0	1,280	600	0	1,880
7.					0
8.					0
9.					0
TOTALS	25,000	119,775	600	239,730	385,105

This total must equal 385,105

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

Partner	Amount Cash	Amount In-Kind	Total Cost
1. RC&F	25,000	0	25,000
2. EPA 319	147,080	0	147,080
3. NRCS EQIP	73,425	0	73,425
4. NRCS CCG	19,225	0	19,225
5. Conservation District/Local	3,000	600	3,600
6. Lake Associations	1,280	0	1,280
7. Landowners/Producers	115,495	0	115,495
8.			0
TOTALS	384,505	600	385105

This total must equal 385,105

SUBMISSION:

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

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

D - Project Description and Need

The Northeast Glacial Lakes Watershed Improvement and Protection Project is a multi-year multi-segment EPA-319 Clean Water grant project implemented to improve and protect lakes, streams and rivers in the northeast South Dakota counties of Day, Grant, Marshall, and Roberts.

The protection and improvement of northeast glacial lakes, streams, and rivers water quality will benefit;

- the general public who use and enjoy these valuable resources for recreation,
- owners of lakeside resorts, campgrounds, and restaurants who depend on tourism for a living
- lake property owners who want to protect the value of their lakeshore real-estate,
- and watershed landowners and producers who will benefit by improving their agricultural operations with environmentally sound and economically proven best management practices.

Segment 1 of the project began in May 2007 and was completed June 2009. Segment 2 of the project began July 1, 2010 and was completed on June 30, 2014. Segment 3 began on July 1, 2014 and will be completed on June 30, 2017. Major sources of funding for previous segments were an EPA-319 Clean Water Grant, South Dakota Clean Water State Revolving Fund Grant, and South Dakota Division of Resource Conservation & Forestry Commission Grant. This Resource Conservation and Forestry Commission Grant proposal is for year two of Segment 4 which will begin on July 1, 2018. Previous Commission Grants were received for years 1, 2, and 3 of Segment 3, and year 1 of Segment 4.

An advisory council made up of local, state, tribal and federal partners was convened to plan and oversee the project. A project coordinator will be responsible for the day-to-day operation of the project and oversee implementation of best management practices and all activities listed in the 319 Project Implementation Plan. One full time Project Conservation Technician will work one-on-one with watershed landowners and producers promoting and planning best management practices, and information and education activities. The Day Conservation District's Business Manager will administer project payroll and cost share payments to producers.

Operation and maintenance responsibilities for conservation practices installed will be detailed in contracts between the respective Conservation District and landowner installing the practice. The contracts for conservation practices will specify operation and maintenance needs, procedures for practice failure or abandonment, and the life-span practices will be maintained for the terms agreed upon in the contract. Respective County Conservation Districts will be responsible for completing operation and maintenance scheduling, on-site visits, and follow-up with landowners and producers when actions need to be taken to ensure the practice is maintained throughout its intended lifespan.

The Northeast Glacial Lakes Watershed Improvement and Protection Project will focus on the watersheds of thirteen lakes (page 7) and Upper Little Minnesota River system (page 8) located in four northeast South Dakota counties; Day, Grant, Marshall, and Roberts, and portions of four major river basins, the Big Sioux, James, Minnesota, and Red Rivers.

The best management practices (BMPs) planned for implementation during Segment 4 will reduce nutrients, sediment, and fecal coliform bacteria loading impairing the water quality of northeast glacial lakes, streams, and rivers and thereby;

- protect and support the designated beneficial uses of each waterbody located in the project area,
- address water quality impairments identified during watershed assessments,
- and support Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL) resulting from these studies.

Best management practices needed to achieve the above listed goals include;

- Riparian Buffers
- Shoreline and Streambank Stabilization
- Grassed Waterways
- Grazing Management Improvements
- Forage/Biomass Plantings

Information and education outreach activities will also be implemented to promote project activities and inform the public about conservation issues and solutions. Target audiences include agricultural producers, lake shore property owners, recreational users, and area school teachers and students from elementary through high school grade levels.

Project activities and information will be disseminated through the projects website (www.neglwatersheds.org), district newsletters, area newspapers, and radio and TV outlets.

Project personnel will take part in or conduct the following activities;

- 123 to the Refuge (Audience: 1st through 3rd grade students from area schools)
- Big Sioux Water Festival – Brookings, SD (Audience: 4th grade students)
- Northern Prairie Water Festival – Aberdeen, SD (Audience: 4th grade students)
- Eco Ed Day – Ft. Sisseton State Park (Audience: 5th, 6th grade students from Langford and Britton/Hecla schools)
- Step Outside Programs (Audience: K through 6th grade students)
- Wild and Water – NeSoDak Environmental Learning Center (Audience: area 5th through 12th grade students)
- Day Conservation District Arboretum and Native Plant Site (Audience: agricultural producers, urban homeowners)

- Lakes and Stream Ecology and Water Quality Workshops – NeSoDak Environmental Learning Center – Waubay, SD (Audience: general public, teachers, graduate students)
- Fishing Camp, NeSoDak Environmental Learning Center
- Kayak Camp, NeSoDak Environmental Learning Center
- Northeast Glacial Lakes Blueway Canoe/Kayak Trail System (general public)
- Farm and Home Shows – Webster, Milbank, Sisseton, and Britton (Audience: agricultural producers, general public)
- Northeast Land and Range Judging Contest – Webster, SD (Audience: area high school students)

The sponsor will secure all necessary permits including storm water construction permits, and Section 404 and 401- certification prior to implementation of any grant funded activity that may fall under applicable laws (federal, state or local). The sponsor will hire a certified archaeologist to survey undertakings for federally funded practices. If any cultural resources are found, the State Historical Preservation Officer (SHPO) will be contacted.

E – Final Products

The goal of this project is to reduce non-point source pollutants and improve or protect water quality so each waterbody in the project area is in support of its recommended TMDL and all assigned designated beneficial uses. Completion of the following milestones planned for Segment 4, (years 1 thru 2) will support this goal:

- 510 acres of Riparian Buffers
- 4,000 acres Grazing Management Systems
- 1,500 Feet of Shoreline and Streambank Stabilization
- 20 acres of Grassed Waterways
- 75.5 acres of Forage and Biomass Planting
- 15 Stream Crossings

Cost share for individual practices to meet the above listed milestones will follow the most recent Natural Resources Conservation Service practice docket, and cost share percentages approved for EPA 319 Clean Water Grant funded activities by the SD Dept. of Environment and Natural Resources. An itemized budget is provided on pages 6-7. Individual practices will include: forage/biomass plantings along riparian areas; grassed waterways; streambank and shoreline stabilization (riprap etc.) cross fencing for riparian protection and grazing management; alternate water development for grazing management and riparian protection (solar systems, ponds, nose pumps, above and below ground pipelines, wells, standard water tanks, rural water hookups); and livestock stream crossings for riparian protection

F – Partner Justification

The Day County Conservation District is the project sponsor. The Day County Conservation District sponsored and completed two EPA 319-funded assessment projects, four EPA 319-funded implementation projects including Segments 1, 2, and 3 of the Northeast Glacial Lakes Watershed Improvement and Protection Project; and several Coordinated Soil and Water Conservation grants. The project will be completed in cooperation with the Grant, Marshall, and Roberts Conservation Districts. The following is a list of all project partners and a short description of their involvement.

- **U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)** – Primary funding source for project (EPA Section 319 Grant). Region 8 EPA Officials will be invited to participate in project reviews, be provided access to project reports through GRTS, and grant final approval of the project implementation plan and final report as submitted through SD DENR.
- **South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources (SD DENR)** – Administer EPA Section 319 grant funds and provide oversight of all project activities. Project administration will include on-site office visits, watershed tours, review/initial approval of reports, and approval of payment requests for 319 funds.
- **Grant County Conservation District** – Project partner/co-sponsor by MOU, local support and funding.
- **Marshall County Conservation District** – Project partner/co-sponsor by MOU, local support and funding.
- **Roberts County Conservation District** – Project partner/co-sponsor by MOU, local support and funding, local sponsor of the Mississippi River Basin Healthy Watersheds Initiative.
- **Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)** – Provide technical assistance for BMPs through District Conservationists, Soil and Range Conservationists, and Tribal Liaison. Provide program funds for the Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP), Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP), Wetland Reserve and Wetland Reserve Enhancement Program (WRP/WREP); and technical assistance with the Conservation Collaboration Grant.
- **Farm Service Agency (FSA)** – Provide program funds for Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) and Continuous Conservation Reserve Program (CCRP).
- **U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)** – Technical advice and cost-share funds through the “Partners for Fish and Wildlife” program for grazing improvements, small dams, wetland restoration, and grass seeding.
- **South Dakota Game, Fish, and Parks (GFP)** – Technical advice and cost-share funds through the Department’s “Private Lands Programs” for riparian buffer protection, grazing improvements, wetland restoration, and grass seeding.

- **South Dakota Department of Agriculture** – Funding through the South Dakota Coordinated Soil and Water Conservation Commission Grant for technical assistance and conservation practice implementation.
- **South Dakota Association of Conservation Districts (SDACD)** – Technical advice.
- **James River Water Development District (JRWDD)** – Local support and funding for Marshall County activities.
- **East Dakota Water Development District** – Local support and funding for Grant County activities and Dakota WaterWatch.
- **South Dakota Discovery Center and Aquarium** – Funding for workshops through the EPA 319 Information and Education Grant Program.
- **Enemy Swim Lake Sanitary Sewer District** – Local support and funding for water quality monitoring.
- **Pickerel Lake Conservancy** – Local support and funding for water quality monitoring.
- **Ne-So-Dak Environmental Learning Center** – Local support, campus and staff for workshops and environmental education programs sponsored by the watershed project.

G – Project Success

Progress towards attaining the project goals will be monitored based on milestones. Progress will be reported in annual EPA 319 GRTS Reports; and semi-monthly and monthly reports to project sponsors and Advisory Council members. Local support and partner contributions will be tracked through records of landowner time and financial contributions, and through attendance records at annual tours, informational meetings, and Project Coordinator presentations and contacts.

The effectiveness of BMPs installed and load reductions achieved relative to improvement in water quality will be evaluated using tools available from SD DENR and NRCS. The following reductions will be reported;

- Sheet, rill, and gully erosion formulas for soil loss and transport. RUSLE 2 will be used.
- Step-L model for changes in loadings resulting from implementation of best management practices.

Improvements to lake and stream water quality will be measured by in-lake and stream testing conducted by project personnel, local lake associations and sewer districts; and volunteers participating in the Dakota WaterWatch program.

Table 1. Itemized Project Budget

Project Coordinator

Total 1 FTE = \$42,000.00

EPA 319 Grant @ 60% = \$25,200.00

Commission Grant @ 40% = \$16,800.00

Administration

(District Business Manager)

Total = \$5,500.00

EPA 319 Grant @ 60% = \$3,300.00

Commission Grant @ 40% = \$2,200.00

Grassed Waterways

Total = \$12,000.00

EPA 319 Grant @ 25% = \$3,000.00

Landowner/Producer @ 25% = \$3,000.00

Commission Grant @ 50% = \$6,000.00

Project Conservation Technician

Total 1 FTE = \$38,450.00

EPA 319 Grant @ 50% = \$19,225.00

NRCS CCG Grant @ 50% = \$19,225.00

Administrative Support

(District Board of Supervisors)

Total = \$3,000.00

Conservation Districts Local Cash = \$3,000.00

Travel/Lodging/Meetings

Total = \$4,000.00

EPA 319 Grant = \$4,000.00

Riparian Area Management

Total = \$90,000.00

EPA 319 Grant = \$67,500.00

Landowner/Producer = \$22,500.00

Forage/Biomass Planting

Total = \$3,875.00

EPA 319 Grant = \$2,325.00

Landowner/Producer = \$1,550.00

Grassed Waterways

Total = \$7,500.00

EQIP @ 50% = \$3,875.00

Landowner/Producer @ 50% = \$3,875.00

Bank Stabilization

Total = \$76,650.00

EPA 319 Grant = \$15,330.00

NRCS EQIP = \$25,550.00

Landowner/Producer = \$35,770.00

Stream Crossings

Total = \$40,000.00

EPA 319 Grant = \$7,200.00

NRCS EQIP = \$14,000.00

Landowner/Producer = \$18,800.00

Grazing Management Improvements

Total = \$60,000.00

NRCS EQIP = \$30,000.00

Landowner/Producer = \$30,000.00

Water Quality Monitoring

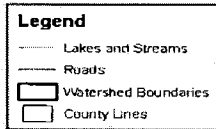
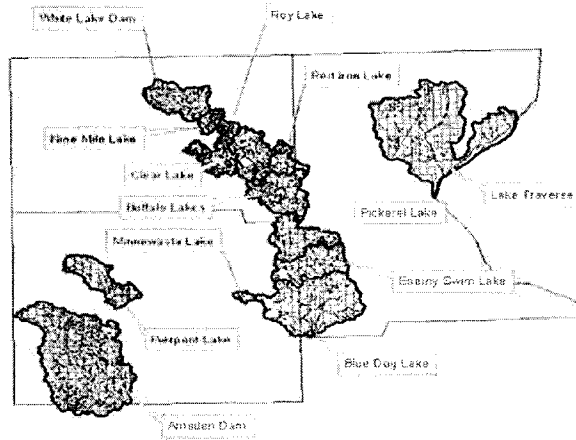
Total = \$1,880.00

Local Cash In-Lake Water Quality Testing - \$1,280.00

Day Conservation District In-Kind - \$600.00



Northeast Glacial Lakes Watershed Improvement and Protection Project



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9-11-17

The Day County Conservation District's monthly Board Meeting was held on September 11, 2017 at 9:00am at the USDA conference room in Webster. With the following in attendance Frank James, Mark Brandlee, Steve Sigdestad, Todd Kaufman, Joe Butler, Dennis Skadsen, Misti Taylor, Todd Granum and Matt Hubers.

Chairman Brandlee brought the meeting to order at 9:00am. Motion by James and seconded by Sigdestad to approve the agenda. All voted aye. Motion carried. Minutes from the August board meeting were presented. James moved to approve the minutes as given. Sigdestad seconded it. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was given by Taylor. Moved by James seconded by Sigdestad to accept the treasurer's report as presented. All voted aye. Motion Carried.

DCCD approved contracts # 176-184.

NRCS report— Hubers updated board on programs, NRCS has been busy with CSP reenrolls and EQIP payments. EQIP payments must be paid by Sept. 30. The deadline for 2018 EQIP applications has been set for Oct. 15. DU has 2 EQIP initiatives currently – one for the James River watershed and one for the Bitter Lake watershed. These projects will help cost share practices to improve salinity issues. This is a separate funding pool from the DU 1 million donation to help cost share of sustainable ag. practices in the Bitter Lake Watershed. Discussion on stipulations. NRCS participated in EcoEd Day and will be participating in Land and Range Judging Granum entered the meeting. Short discussion on a tiling project. Granum exited. Butler and Kaufman entered.

Lake Project report... Skadsen reported NEGL has been working with SWO Tribe on a fish survey. The survey should wrap up by the end of the week. Discussion on MOU agreement and necessity. A motion was made by Butler to sign a MOU agreement between NEGL and SWO. Kaufman seconded. All voted aye. Motioned carried. CCG started 9/5. Motion by Kaufman to apply for a \$25,000 Commission grant to run July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019. James seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried. Due to receiving funds from the CCG grant, the current Commission grant's budget needs to be modified. Motion by James to transfer \$6,000 of the Commission grant funding from benefits and wages to cover cost share for approximately 8 grassed waterways. Butler seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried. NEGL continues to stay busy with educational outreach including, EcoEd Day, 2-3 to the Refuge, Northern Prairie Water Festival, Becoming an Outdoor Woman, and meeting 2 school groups at the Abby of the Hills for water quality classes. Skadsen exited the meeting.

Board Member Update:

Discussion on District's financial standing compared to previous months.

Old Business:

- Discussion on improvements at the shed. Weedbadger will not be repaired and Taylor will look into surplus procedure. Motion by James to install safety gate onto tree planter to prevent injury while using the newly installed measuring wheel. Seconded by Butler.

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All voted aye. Motion carried. Per employee observations, motion by James to replace front tires on JD tractor. Seconded by Kaufman. All voted aye. Motion carried.

- Discussion on SDACD Convention. Motion by James to donate \$50 worth of items to the silent auction. Seconded by Butler. All voted aye. Motion carried
- Taylor updated board on EcoEd day and Soil Health School. 48 individuals participated in EcoEd and 2 producers were sponsored by the district to attend Soil Health School.

New Business:

- Taylor reported the district has been approved to sale seed through Millborn. Hansmeier's will also be contacted to establish a similar relationship
- Discussion on Aflac, medical insurance, and safety policies and benefits. Taylor reported the most popular Aflac policies were Accident and Critical Care and suggested including Cancer. These will be the offered policies. Motion by James to allow part time employees to be eligible for Aflac. Seconded by Kaufman. All voted aye. Motion carried. Ashton Case has volunteered to write detailed safety procedures and add them to the employee manual.
- Discussion on letter requests received. Motion by James to write letter of support for a multi-county water development grant being spearheaded by Hamlin County. Seconded by Kaufman. All voted aye. Motion carried. The board choose to hold off on writing the legislators about the future of the water easement programs until a draft from Spink County is received and more info from NRCS is obtained.
- Discussion of possible funding opportunities – DU cost share, GFP water development, multi-county tree grant
- Discussion on upcoming events including windbreak training, new employee training, property safety survey, 2-3 to the Refuge, and NE Land and Range Contest
- Discussion on the annual Christmas Banquet. Taylor will check on availability of Pont's in Pierpont and Bitter Lake Lodge in Waubay. Taylor will also collect price quotes for a plaque

Taylor updated board on 2017 district services.

Correspondence: Brown-Marshall Conservation Dist. Thank You, Karst Scholarship Thank You, SDPAA Membership Report, Nelson resignation, Letters of Interest for technician position.

******Next meeting was scheduled for October 2nd at 9am at USDA Conf Room******

James moved to adjourn the meeting and Butler seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Joel Butler, Secretary

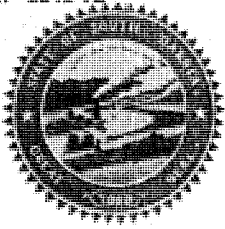
Dates to remember:

September 17th – 19th SDACD Convention - Sioux Falls

September 27th NE Land and Range Contest

September 28th Northern Prairie Water festival—Aberdeen

October 16th Legislative Banquet the Galley



Department of Agriculture

Division of Resource Conservation & Forestry

Grant Application Form

Applicant Information:

Organization: Douglas County Conservation District
Telephone: (605) 724-2846
Tax Status: Government

Mailing Address: PO Box 28
City: Armour
State: SD Zip: 57313

Project Contact:

Project Officer: Morris Wegehaupt
Fax: _____

Telephone: (605) 724-2846
Email: _____

Project Information:

Project Name: Tree & Fabric Project
Start Date: 01/01/2018 End Date: 06/30/2019
Legal description: County: Douglas
Township: _____ Range: _____ Section: _____ Qtr: _____ Qtr: _____

Type of Grant:

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

Financial Information:

Grant Funds Requested: 17,000 Partner Contributions (total) 17,000 Total Project Cost: 34,000

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

The Tree & Fabric Project will reduce soil loss by wind and water.

This project will also provide financial and technical assistance to landowners in developing a wildlife resource and reduce soil erosion. Douglas County Conservation District (DCCD) and USDA - NRCS will do the technical conservation planning. The financial assistance will provide shelterbelt cover & food for wildlife and protection of livestock.

DCCD will administer the project.

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

Applicant Signature Morris Wegehaupt Authorized Signature Supervisor Title 8-29-17 Date

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

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Reviewed by: _____
Signature Title Date

Approved by: _____
Signature Title Date

BUDGET SHEET

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

A. OPERATING BUDGET

1. Salary/Benefits	1,000	
2. Travel		
3. Contractual Services	33,000	
4. Supplies		
5. Equipment (list major equip.)		
6. Consultant Services		
Total Projects Costs	34,000	This total must equal 34,000

B. ACTIVITY BUDGET

Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
1. Administration	1,000		1,000		2,000
2. Trees	7,000	7,000			14,000
3. Fabric	9,000	9,000			18,000
4.					0
5.					0
6.					0
7.					0
8.					0
TOTALS	17,000	16,000	1,000	0	34,000
					This total must equal 34,000

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

Partner	Amount Cash	Amount In-Kind	Total
1. RC&F	17,000		17,000
2. DCCD		500	500
3. USDA NRCS		500	500
4. Landowner		16,000	16,000
5.			0
6.			0
7.			0
8.			0
TOTALS	17,000	17,000	34,000
			This total must equal 34,000

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Pierre, SD 57501-3182**

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Coordinated Soil and Water Conservation Grant 2017

D. Project Description & Need

The project will be in Douglas County and the beneficiaries will be the landowners, sportsmen and sportswomen. The practices will improve the wildlife habitat for those who use the grant to install the practices and the landowners adjacent to the implemented projects. The communities in this county will continue to see an economic boost from the increase in wildlife numbers, since we are the heart of pheasant country.

The activities to be funded by this project will be woody habitat for wildlife and potential livestock protection, and fabric for weed control in the woody habitat. This will reduce soil and wind erosion.

These practices can greatly enhance wildlife habitat by creating winter cover and food for wildlife when developing the woody habitat.

This is part of Lewis and Clark Watershed.

The DCCD will be responsible for the implementation and follow up on all projects funded. USDA NRCS will also develop a conservation plan to ensure long term management of the practices. If any federal, state, or local permits are required they will be obtained before the project is started.

E. Final Products

The project's goal is to install up to 10 livestock/wildlife shelterbelts plans. The expected practices to implement plans are the following:

Woody Habitat (trees): 15 ac

Fabric : 15 ac

The landowners will be the primary beneficiaries. Overall it will create more protection for livestock and wildlife food & habitat and significantly reduce soil erosion, protecting our most precious natural resource; which in turn will help the communities in this area to continue to stay economically strong.

F. Partner Justification:

The DCCD has been supporting the natural resource conservation and protection within the counties. The District has the personnel, expertise, and equipment to support the implementation of this project. The district also has USDA NRCS employee that is available to assist.

E. Identify how you will measure the success of the project:

Success will be measured by the number of woody habitat established that will control wind and soil erosion. The goal is 15 acres of shelterbelt.

Tuesday August 15, 2017
Douglas County Conservation District
Board of Supervisor Meeting
4:00pm
USDA Service Center

Attended: Morris Wegehaupt, Julie Feenstra, Aaron Lau, Ron Vanden Berge, Matt Woener, Tina DeHaai

Absent: Austin Luebke

Called meeting to order: Morris

Agenda: Motion to approve agenda as circulated by Julie and seconded by Ron. All in favor Motion Carried

Minutes: Ron motioned to approve July meeting minutes, and seconded by Julie. All in favor Motion Carried

Treasurer's Report: discussion on making calls to producers on the Accounts Receivable, Accounts payable, and Reconciliation/Bank Statement were reviewed and Motion to accept treasurer's report for July by Ron and seconded by Aaron. All in favor Motion Carried.

SDML was discussed for work comp and keep the same.

Convention: Convention materials were gone over by the Board

Grant Round: Discussion was made on grant. Julie made a motion to have Tina write a grant for tree planting and fabric application, seconded by Aaron, all in favor Motion Carried.

Executive Session:

Motion by Ron to enter into executive session for personnel at 4:40pm, seconded by Julie, Tina & Matt were asked to stay, all in favor Motion Carried.

Morris declared executive session over at 5:37 pm.

Motion to give Marty and Norman a bonus of \$250 each by Julie seconded by Aaron, all in favor, Motion Carried.

Julie motioned to offer employee \$15/hour for 20 hours a week with a 6 month probationary period & 3 days needs to be consistent & \$200/month towards insurance, seconded by Aaron, All in favor, Motion Carried.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 26, 2017 7:00pm

Motion to Adjourn by Julie seconded by Aaron, all in favor, Motion Carried

Morris Wegehaupt, Chairman

Respectfully Submitted by

Tina DeHaai



Department of Agriculture

Division of Resource Conservation & Forestry

Grant Application Form

Applicant Information:

Organization: Gregory County Conservation District

Telephone: (605) 775-2770

Tax Status: Government

Mailing Address: PO Box 339

City: Burke

State: SD Zip: 57523-0339

Project Contact:

Project Officer: Ken Steele

Fax: _____

Telephone: (605) 775-2770

Email: gregorycd@sdconservation.net

Project Information:

Project Name: Gregory County Projects 4

Start Date: 01/01/2018 End Date: 12/31/2018

Legal description: County: Gregory

Township: _____ Range: _____ Section: _____ Qtr: _____ Qtr: _____

Type of Grant:

Conservation Grant Community Forestry

Insect/Disease Invasive Species

Forest Stewardship Mountain Pine Beetle

Other (Specify) _____

Financial Information:

Grant Funds Requested: 110,000 Partner Contributions (total) 110,000 Total Project Cost: 220,000

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

Install grazing best management practices to better distribute grazing. Pipeline, tanks, and crossfence will all be used as parts of this project.

Install shelterbelts for better cattle protection.

We have a total of 12 producers signed up for projects.

Commission funding would help these producers install 62,2140 feet of pipeline, 19 tanks, 10,560 feet of crossfence and 3 shelterbelts.

Our District board, along with our NRCS personal, will further review and rank our producer requests to match available funding.

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

Applicant Signature *Gregory Steele* Authorized Signature *Chairman* Title Chairman Date 9-29-17

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

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BUDGET SHEET

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

A. OPERATING BUDGET

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

220,000		
220,000	This total must equal	220,000

B. ACTIVITY BUDGET

Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
1. Pipeline	84,500	84,500			169,000
2. Tanks	10,900	10,900			21,800
3. Crossfence	5,800	5,800			11,600
4. Shelterbelts	8,800	8,800			17,600
5.					0
6.					0
7.					0
8.					0
TOTALS	110,000	110,000	0	0	220,000
			This total must equal		220,000

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

Partner	Amount Cash	Amount In-Kind	Total	
1. RC&F	110,000		110,000	
2. Landowner	110,000		110,000	
3.			0	
4.			0	
5.			0	
6.			0	
7.			0	
8.			0	
TOTALS	220,000	0	220,000	
			This total must equal	220,000

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Applicant Organization Name: Gregory County Conservation District

D. Project Description and Need

- Explain who will be the primary beneficiaries of this project

The primary beneficiaries will be Gregory County landowners/operators on which property these projects will be implemented.

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

The Gregory County Conservation District, the landowners/operators and all other partners will jointly implement these projects.

- Indicate where this project will be located (district, watershed, community, etc. attach map(s) as relevant

Individual projects will be located within Gregory County

- Describe the specific environmental, natural resource, ecological, educational, and/or social-economic need(s) the projects will address

Livestock production remains one of the primary land uses throughout the Gregory County Conservation District. Maintaining and improving grasslands has demonstrated to provide riparian area benefits such as reducing soil erosion and improving water quality over the land. Shelterbelts, cross fencing, pipelines, and tanks are critical components to maintaining livestock grazing as a primary land use.

- Briefly describe the specific on-the-ground restoration activities to be undertaken on-site to achieve the project objectives, and why it is needed.

Fencing will be implemented on sensitive riparian areas to keep cattle out. Seed marginal cropland back to grass to reduce erosion. Install pipelines and tanks to replace riparian watering areas.

- Describe provisions to ensure long-term management and protection of the project (e.g., conservation easements on private land, long-term monitoring program)

Producers will be required to follow NRCS practice lifespan guidelines. Status reviews will be done.

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

None needed currently, but could need some for individual projects.

E. Final Products

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

Approximately 62,214 feet of pipeline, 19 tanks, and 10,560 feet of crossfence and 3 shelterbelts will be implemented through this project.

CRP- Marginal pastureland can be used to fence out seasonal or perennial streams. We could use this and then add pipelines, dams, cross fences, etc. to it. This will help improve water and range conditions on many acres.

F. Partner Justification

- Describe the strengths, qualifications and nature of the contributions of your organization and other collaborating organizations

The Gregory County Conservation District has always supported natural resource conservation within the county. The Conservation District board is aware of the natural resource needs and the practices that need to be addressed within the county.

Project Partners Include: SD Resource Conservation and Forestry
 Gregory County Conservation District
 319 Funds
 Landowners

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

Project success will be measured by the number of projects implemented. This project will assist 12 producers.



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Clean. Clear. Conservation

The Gregory County Conservation District met on Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at 1:00 PM with Gregg Lundberg presiding.

Board Members Present: Gregg Lundberg, Kay Don Jons, OB Steffen, David Jones, Justin Keegan, Andy Wonnemberg

Board Members Absent: Todd Hoffman, Jim Birkel

Others Present: Ken Steele, District Manager, Tina Schonebaum, District Secretary, Dan Wehmeyer, Acting DC

The meeting was called to order by Gregg Lundberg at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, September 20, 2017 in the FSA Conference room in Burke.

OB made a motion to approve the agenda. Kay Don seconded. Motion carried.

The minutes of the August meeting were read. OB made a motion to approve the minutes. Kay Don seconded. Motion carried

OB Steffen presented the Treasure's Report. OB made a motion to approve the treasures report. David seconded. Motion carried

New Business:

Tree Cooler: Discussion was held on people and organizations using the tree cooler. The Board will handle this on a case by case basis.

Commission Grant: OB made a motion to apply for a commission grant. Kay Don seconded. Motion carried.

Ken, Gregg and Tina gave reports on the SDACD Annual Convention in Sioux Falls.

NRCS Report:

Dan gave the NRCS report.
Deadline to sign up for EQIP is October 20, 2017

District Report:

Ken gave the District report.

Kay Don made a motion to approve the following bills for payment OB seconded.
Motion carried

Bills:

Wellmark (Health Ins.)	\$1,672.32
Tina Schonebaum (Wages)	\$926.56
Ken Steele (Wages)	\$1,105.61
SDRS (Employee retirement)	\$640.68
SDACD (Convention Registration)	\$400.00
EFTPS (Payroll liabilities)	\$1,362.94
Tina Schonebaum (Wages)	\$926.58
Ken Steele (Wages)	\$1,105.62
Jim's Garbage (Garbage haul)	\$75.00
Golden West (Telephone)	\$232.60
Gregory Times Advocate (Newsletter)	\$166.50
Burke True Value (Shop supplies)	\$10.77
JD Financial (Drill parts)	\$142.82
Main Street Auto (Shop supplies)	\$15.30
Gregory Co. Hwy Dept. (Gas & diesel)	\$204.09
SD Dept. of Revenue (Sales tax)	\$47.78
Ambient LLC (Rain gauges)	\$171.29
SD Dept. of Labor (Unemployment Ins.)	\$103.37
Verizon (Cell phone)	\$74.11
City of Burke (Utilities)	<u>\$109.19</u>
	\$9,493.13

Kay Don made a motion to adjourn. OB seconded. Motion carried.

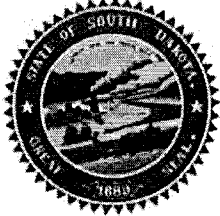
Meeting Adjourned: 2:35 PM

Tina Schonebaum
Secretary

Upcoming events:

Next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 18, 2017

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Pierre Office

Applicant Information:

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

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

Project Contact:

Project Officer: Peggy Loomis
Fax:

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

Project Information:

Project Name: 2018 SDACDE Conservation Promotion
Start Date: 01/01/2018 End Date: 12/31/2018
Legal description: County:
Township: Range: Section: Qtr: Qtr:

Type of Grant:

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

Financial Information:

Grant Funds Requested: 6,200 Partner Contributions (total) 6,200 Total Project Cost: 12,400

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

The Hamlin Conservation District is requesting cost share assistance on behalf of the SD Conservation District Employees Association, to aid in outreach and the promotion of all SD Conservation District. The outreach and promotion activities could include, but are not limited to: Area Farm Shows, State Fair Booth, State Fair Value Added Day, Local Workshops and Seminars. Conservation outreach is also achieved through education. Those activities may include: soil judging schools, grazing schools, various educational programs in local schools, and participation in Soil Stewardship Week involving area churches. There are also opportunities through local District scholarships to attend camps, and Soil Health seminars. A great way to reach the public has been through the involvement with local tours as presented by NRCS and other partners. The districts also publish articles capturing events, awards dinners, and activities involving conservation. Most of these efforts come with a cost. Outreach and promotion of the districts is vital to each districts success. This funding will enable all S.D. Districts to make conservation more visible to the public. It will support continued and additional public awareness about the importance of conservation in our local and surrounding areas.

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

Applicant Signature Peggy Loomis District Manager 09/22/2017
Authorized Signature Title Date

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

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Reviewed by: Signature Title Date

Approved by: Signature Title Date

BUDGET SHEET

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

A. OPERATING BUDGET

1. Salary/Benefits	5,800	
2. Travel	800	
3. Contractual Services	200	
4. Supplies	5,600	
5. Equipment (list major equip.)		
6. Consultant Services		
Total Projects Costs	12,400	This total must equal 12,400

B. ACTIVITY BUDGET

Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
1. Salary/Benefits		3,000	2,800		5,800
2. Travel	400	400			800
3. Administration	200				200
4. Supplies	5,600				5,600
5.					0
6.					0
7.					0
8.					0
TOTALS	6,200	3,400	2,800	0	12,400
			This total must equal		12,400

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

Partner	Amount Cash	Amount In-Kind	Total
1. RC&F	6,200		6,200
2. SD Conservation District	6,200		6,200
3.			0
4.			0
5.			0
6.			0
7.			0
8.			0
TOTALS	12,400	0	12,400
			This total must equal 12,400

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

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Project Description and Need

1. Primary Beneficiaries of this Project -

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

Responsible for implementation, maintenance and follow-up -

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

Indicate where this project is to be located -

This project will take place in the whole state of South Dakota. One important event will be the Value Added Day at the SD State Fair. A booth had previously been contracted which had been a very successful event for outreach and awareness. This funding will allow the districts to not only have a presence at the fair, however, it will also be available for additional events, workshops or items that will continue on with the outreach / promotion agenda. Activities could include soil judging schools, grazing schools, various educational programs in the local schools, and participation in Soil Stewardship Week involving area churches. A great way to reach the public has been through the involvement with local tours as presented by NRCS as well as other partners.

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

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

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

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

Final Products –

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

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

<i>Practice</i>	<i>Maximum Cost</i>	<i>Estimated Units</i>	<i>Total Cost</i>	<i>Cost-Share %</i>	<i>CC Grant \$</i>	<i>CD \$</i>
Travel	\$800		\$800	50%	\$400	\$400
Supplies	\$5,600		\$5,600	100%	\$5,600	\$0
Administrative	\$200		\$200	100%	\$200	\$0
Wages	\$26.84	hour	\$5,800	0%		\$5,800
Totals			<u>\$12,400</u>		<u>\$6,200</u>	<u>\$6,200</u>

HAMLIN COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING
September 21, 2017 9:00 A.M.

This notice is to inform the public of the scheduled **E-Mail** meeting being held on Thursday, September 21, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

The purpose of the e-mail communication is to obtain approval to proceed with a Conservation Commission grant application. The funding will be for the South Dakota Association of Conservation Districts Employees to promote the conservation districts through various avenues. The Hamlin County Conservation District will be the main sponsor of the grant; handling all financial responsibilities and reimbursements of any funds.

Upon approval of this grant application, the District Manager will write and submit the application for the spring Conservation Commission grant round.

Future District Board meeting dates are:

- Tuesday October 10, 2017 7:00 p.m.
- Monday, December 11, 2017 1:00 p.m.

Persons needing special accommodations should contact Peggy Loomis at (605)783-3642 or hamlincd@sdconservation.net at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting date.

Peggy Loomis

From: Peggy Loomis <hamlincd@sdconservation.net>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 10:17 AM
To: 'Chad Schooley'; 'Jared Namken'; 'Dorene Lemme'; Lenny Saathoff
Subject: Outreach Grant

On a motion from Lemme, with a second from Brusse, the Hamlin County Conservation District will submit a grant application for SDACDE to obtain funding for Conservation Promotion. The Hamlin County Conservation District will be the sponsor of this grant; taking the financial responsibility of all funding and reimbursement requests. Approval was also obtained from Chairman Schooley (via e-mail). Motion carried. Loomis will submit necessary paperwork to apply for the grant prior to the October 1 deadline.

Thank you,
Peggy Loomis, District Manager

Printed copies sent to: James Anderson, HCCD Supervisor; Larry Brusse, HCCD Supervisor; Brian Scott, SDDA Resource Conservation & Forestry



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SOUTH DAKOTA ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICT EMPLOYEES

2017 SDACDE GENERAL MEETING – RAMKOTA, SIOUX FALLS, S.D.

SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Wendy Mathers	Aurora	Peggy Loomis	Hamlin
Robin Viestenz	Beadle	Becca Naser	Hand
Peg Haenfner	Bon Homme	Annette Steilen	Hanson/McCook
Joan Crooks	Brookings	Bonnie Schmidt	Harding
Jon Finnegan	Brookings	John Boes	Hughes
Judy Skoglund	Brown Marshall	Rosemarie Shoop	Hughes
Tina DeHaai	Brule Buffalo	Allen Gross	Hutchinson
Yvette Kirkman	Butte	Tonja Jessen	Hyde
Alex Petrik	Charles Mix	Valerie Feddersen	Jones
Nick Stotz	Charles Mix	Tanya Flegel	Kingsbury
Dawn Schulte	Charles Mix	Zindie Meyers	Lawrence
Tanner Clausen	Clark	Lynda Johnson	Lincoln
Misi Kayl	Clay	Jean Fagerland	Marshall
Nikki Zubke	Codington	Tami Moore	Miner
Angela Keierleber	Custer	John Parker	Minnehaha
Jim Lehi	Davison	Lindsay Mader	Pennington
Debbie Bartscher	Davison	Kimberly Schweiss	Potter
Misti Taylor	Day	Jodi Hook	Roberts
Maria Broksieck	Deuel	Shana Jensen	Sanborn
Stephanie Pauli	Grant	Cam Lux	South Brown
Ken Steele	Gregory	Ivy Pazour	Spink
Tina Schonebaum	Gregory	Dennis Clemens	Spink
Shelia Trask	Haakon	Charles Groen	Turner

OTHERS PRESENT: Spencer Grabb, Beadle; Cec Johnson, Independent Consultant; Brian Scott, SDDA-RC&F, Sioux Falls; Tiffany Shannon, SDDA-RC&F, Pierre; Jenna Schweiss, Potter

CALL TO ORDER: SDACDE President Tami Moore welcomed members and visitors to the Employees Meeting. The meeting was called to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

MEMBERS PRESENT: 46 members signed in. 39 districts were represented.

MINUTES: The minutes from 2017 SDACDE Leadership were sent to all members via e-mail prior to the meeting. These were opened for discussion. Lynda Johnson (Lincoln) made a motion to approve the minutes as reviewed, with a second by Robin Viestenz (Beadle). All voted in favor. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT: The following Financial Report dated September 13, 2017 was submitted by Treasurer, Peggy Loomis, for approval.

Bank Balance on February 22, 2017	\$4,444.76
Income	\$10,713.14
Expenses	\$9,369.70
Bank Balance on September 13, 2017	\$5,788.20

Savings Account Balance as of February 22, 2017	\$11,130.79
Deposits	\$1.11
Certificates of Deposit	
03354 Matures November 6, 2017 (18 mo CD)	\$5,172.65
25780 Matures September 28, 2017 (5 mo CD)	\$5,438.42
Certificates of Deposit total as of September 13, 2017	\$10,611.07
Total Ending Balance (Checking, Savings, CD)	\$27,531.17

The Financial Report was approved with a unanimous vote of the members.

MEETINGS ATTENDED:

Meeting notes for meetings attended by Chairperson Moore (Miner) were e-mailed prior to the meeting for review. Tami had attended the State Technical Committee meeting in March; the Northern Plains Regional Meeting in June, which was hosted by South Dakota; and the NACD Forestry meeting, where she and Tina DeHaai (Brule-Buffalo) gave a presentation.

SDACDE COMMITTEE REPORTS:

General Business. Val Feddersen, Zindie Meyers, Bonnie Schmidt. No report.

Room Lottery. Joan Crooks, Peggy Loomis. All attending employees were able to get rooms at the Ramkota. Peggy Loomis is stepping down and Maria Broksiek will be on the committee.

By-Laws. Zindie Meyers, Bonnie Schmidt. These were just updated. No report.

State Technical Committee. Peggy Loomis, Sheila Trask. Val Feddersen will replace Sheila on this committee for the Pierre meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for September 27, in Huron.

Nominations. Joan Crooks is stepping down from this committee. Peg Haenfler, BonHomme, expressed interest in being on this committee. All Area Directors will be on the committee, as contacts for future nominations.

Publicity. Wendy Mathers, Lesa Stephens, Stephanie Pauli. Water bottles and can cozies were purchased, as pre-orders. Small stock available for purchase.

State Fair. Jean Fagerland, Stephanie Pauli, Maria Broksiek, Nicolle Zubke. This topic is discussed in New Business.

Awards. Zindie Meyers, Harvey Shafer. There were three nominations submitted. Awards to be presented at the supper.

Contour Lines. Peggy Loomis, Angie Keierleber. Most districts contributed. This has been forwarded to the RC&F to be posted on the Districts Only website.

Education. Peggy Loomis, John Parker, Kylee Shotkowski. No report.

Scholarships. Joan Crooks, Maria Broksiek, Nicolle Zubke. Discussion on Karst Scholarship application qualifications. To broaden terminology for Ag related field to read Ag &/or Conservation related field.

New Employee Packet. Area Directors. All Area Directors should have supplies available for new employee packets to distribute.

Employee Surveys. All Area Directors are to be gathering the information from their area districts. Posted on the Districts Only website. This employee and services information is a very valuable tool when discussing these topics at district board meetings.

OLD BUSINESS:

Docket Increase. Loomis reported the docket increase request submitted by SDACDE had been approved at the Conservation Committee Meeting. These prices will reflect the 2017 Docket.

State Fair Grant Application. This grant was awarded at the May Conservation Commission meeting to be used for the State Fair along with various promotional activities.

Employee Handbook. Yvette Kirkman, Zindie Lawrence, Wendy Mathers, Peggy Loomis, Tami Moore, and Bonnie Schmidt volunteered to work on this project. Information is being gathered with the intention of a revised handbook being complete for Leadership.

Tree Fabric Cost. Due to office changes, no action has been taken. John Parker will re-address this idea.

NEW BUSINESS:

Terms of Office. The term of the Chairperson expires with convention. Tina DeHaai (Brule-Buffalo), nominated Tami Moore (Miner) as the Chairperson, with a second by Wendy Mathers (Aurora). John Parker (Minnehaha), made a motion to cease nominations. Bonnie Schmidt (Harding) seconded this motion. All voted in favor of Tami Moore as Chairperson for the next term. Motion passed.

NCDEA Dues. Tina DeHaai (Brule-Buffalo), made a motion to pay the \$200 dues to the National Conservation District Employees Association. Annette Steilen (Hanson), seconded this motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

Conservation Commission Funding. The NRCS/RCPP proposal was discussed. All were encouraged to attend the Conservation Commission meeting at 7 a.m. Monday. This will affect all districts.

Long Range Plan. Zindie Meyers (Lawrence), made revisions to the Long Range Plan. No action taken due to lack of feedback. This item was tabled until Leadership.

2018 Leadership Conference. March 1 & 2, 2018 at the Ramkota in Pierre. The Area Directors will be on committees for training ideas, food, agenda, etc. Discussion on possibly starting earlier in the day for more training time. Ideas are being accepted for training sessions. Possibilities are: Reading and Understanding Soil Books; the NRCS Technical Guide,

Quick Books Training. This training requires a full day. Areas are organizing trainings on their own.

2018 NACD Annual Meeting. January 27-31, 2018 in Nashville, TN. Rooms are \$199/night; Registration is \$460 before 12/15/17 (\$15 discount if done online). The Employee can receive up to \$500 each, with a maximum payout from SDACDE of \$1000.

South Dakota State Fair. Thank you to all who volunteered to work at the booth this year!! There was a prize basket from each area and a slide presentation which were a big success. Volunteer commitment for full five days continues to be a challenge. The Value Added Day in the Ag tent (on Ag day) was discussed along with options of Dakota Fest and a Value Added Day at the Stock Show. A vote was taken by show of hands regarding the State Fair Booth. Thirteen voted to continue with the 5 day State Fair booth. Sixteen voted to pursue the one day Value Added Day. One voted not to participate in either. As per employee vote, Tami will pursue the Value Added Day to have a booth for one day, in their tent.

Conservation Promotion. Utilizing our most recent grant, ideas for promotion are being sought. Copies of the slide show presentation to be distributed? Event banners for each of the seven Areas. At this time a new grant application was discussed. Funds would be helpful with Soil Judging Schools, Grazing Schools, educational programs presented in schools, etc. Peg Haenfler (Bon Homme), made a motion for Peggy Loomis (Hamlin) representing SDACDE, to apply for a Conservation Promotional Grant for the fall grant round. Lynda Johnson (Lincoln) seconded this motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

Employee & District Services Survey. Area Directors are responsible for each area. They need to update and submit each report to the RC&F for posting on the website. Employees need to forward their updates to directors. The District Directory should also be updated

Stewardship: Material is listed on the NACD website. All is downloadable for each district to print.

Accounting Manual Updates and Changes. Tina DeHaai (Brule-Buffalo) and Tiffany Shannon (SDDA-RC&F) have been updating the manual. Requesting feedback on the new manual suggestions.

Other Business. Eleven Service Awards are to be presented at the supper tonight. Loomis presented the following employee statistics:

45 employees have been here less than 10 years.

16 employees have been here 10-19 years.

12 employees have been here 20-35 years.

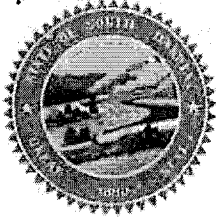
62% of all SCADE employees have been here under 10 years. Why are we chasing them away? How are we going to hold on to them? Offer better benefits. Prepare a better Employee Manual. Better training so they aren't so overwhelmed.

Health Insurance Pool. The Executive Board voted to pursue a new health insurance pool option for employees and supervisors. More information to come!
There being no further business, Chairperson Tami Moore adjourned the meeting at 4:35 p.m.

Following the regular business meeting, Kim, Envirothon gave a brief presentation.

Minutes respectfully submitted by *Peggy Loomis*, SDADE Secretary/Treasurer.

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

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Resource Cons. & Forestry
Pierre Office

Applicant Information:

Organization: Hamlin Conservation District

Telephone: (605) 783-3642

Tax Status: Government

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 165

City: Hayti

State: SD Zip: 57241

Project Contact:

Project Officer: Peggy Loomis

Fax: _____

Telephone: (605) 783-3642

Email: hamlincd@sdconservation.net

Project Information:

Project Name: 2018 Shelterbelt Renovations

Start Date: 01/01/2018 End Date: 06/30/2019

Legal description: County: Hamlin

Township: _____ Range: _____ Section: _____ Qtr: _____ Qtr: _____

Type of Grant:

Conservation Grant Community Forestry

Insect/Disease Invasive Species

Forest Stewardship Mountain Pine Beetle

Other (Specify) _____

Financial Information:

Grant Funds Requested: 14,477 Partner Contributions (total) 28,303 Total Project Cost: 42,780

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

The Shelterbelt Renovations project for 2018 and 2019 will offer financial and technical assistance to landowners for the cost of renovating their existing shelterbelts and replacing the trees. Many of these belts are past the forty year mark and are no longer serving their purpose of good wind or snow protection. Shelterbelts will lose their effectiveness due to age, neglect, storm damage, and disease. The cost to the landowner to renovate a shelterbelt is often prohibitive. Hamlin Conservation District would like to be able to provide landowners with a cost share option to enable them to proceed with renovations in our county. This project will provide cost share for dead tree removal and replanting trees with or without fabric installation for approximately 5 acres of trees. The renovations will include the removal of all or partial rows of existing trees. The removal of the existing shelterbelts will begin in 2018, with all sites prepared for planting by Sept 1, 2018. The replanting of trees will take place in the spring of 2019. This project will be completed within 18 months, with a final report to follow. The 2017 Conservation Commission Docket will be followed for all cost percentages and guidelines.

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

Applicant Signature Peggy Loomis District Manager _____ Date 09/07/2017
Authorized Signature Title

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

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Signature Title Date

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BUDGET SHEET

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

A. OPERATING BUDGET

1. Salary/Benefits	345	
2. Travel		
3. Contractual Services	26,800	
4. Supplies	15,635	
5. Equipment (list major equip.)		
6. Consultant Services		
Total Projects Costs	42,780	This total must equal 42,780

B. ACTIVITY BUDGET

Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
1. Technical Assistance	138		207		345
2. Contractual Svcs	7,120	19,680			26,800
3. Supplies	7,219	8,416			15,635
4.					0
5.					0
6.					0
7.					0
8.					0
TOTALS	14,477	28,096	207	0	42,780
					This total must equal 42,780

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

Partner	Amount Cash	Amount In-Kind	Total
1. RC&F	14,477		14,477
2. Hamlin County Landowners	207		207
3. Hamlin County Conservation District	28,096		28,096
4.			0
5.			0
6.			0
7.			0
8.			0
TOTALS	42,780	0	42,780
			This total must equal 42,780

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D. Project Description and Need

1. Primary Beneficiaries of this Project
 - i) Hamlin County Producers – provide cost-share for area producers to clean up/restore and replace aging shelterbelt plantings.
 - ii) Surrounding Area – will benefit through reduced soil erosion, protection to crops, livestock and farmyard. These shelterbelts keep the cold winter winds at bay, as well as the hot summer winds. They give protection from deep snow piles to soil erosion. As well as reduce farmstead/feedlot energy costs, increased wildlife habitat and country aesthetics.
 - iii) Hamlin County Community – economic benefits through improved efficiency for livestock, reduction of energy costs, and improved value of land.
2. Responsible for implementation, maintenance, and follow-up
 - i) Hamlin Conservation District – our district will evaluate the proposed renovation site to determine if the site is in need of renovating. If it is determined feasible, a plan of action will be drawn up with the producer. Year 1 will include the plan of action, removal of dead trees, and sod control. Year 2 will include the replacement tree plantings with or without fabric installation, and maintenance. Year 3 will include survival and monitoring of the site.
 - ii) Trees will be removed and planted following approval from the area forester.
3. Indicate where this project will be located
 - i) This project will be located within The Hamlin County Conservation District boundaries, however, if producers in Codington County Conservation District show interest and the funds are available, this project will extend to Codington County.
4. Describe the specific environmental, natural resource, ecological, educational needs the project will address
 - i) Environmental & Natural Resource – reduce soil erosion, improve and protect water quality, improve air quality, increase wildlife habitat, and use of more efficient energy.
 - ii) Social Impact – This Grant will help to beautify the community. Trees truly add to the beauty of the land. More efficient use of our energy saves money which is a social benefit to each County.
5. Federal, State, or Local permits required to complete this project
 - i) Local zoning permits will be obtained if required. Cultural Resources are considered for all conservation activities.

E. Final Products

Expected benefits of the project include the conservation of the natural resources in Hamlin County through the restoration of approximately 5 acres of diseased, neglected, and dying shelterbelts. The goal is to improve such shelterbelts by either removing them and replanting the trees or replacing trees into the existing shelterbelts. Socio-economic benefits of Hamlin Shelterbelt Renovation Project will come as a result of increased aesthetics in rural areas and increased efficiency for homeowners. In addition, by improving existing shelterbelts, there is an increased awareness of resource conservation.

F. Partner Justification

1. The Hamlin County Conservation District will be responsible for the administration of the project. The 2018 Conservation Commission Approved Practices Costs and the Approved Cost-Share Percentages will be followed. The South Dakota Coordinated Soil and Water Conservation Plan will be followed. The district will conform to the goals and objectives of this plan. The district has an excellent tree planting program, and will be responsible for the planting of the trees/shrubs. The district will be responsible for the project management, marketing, shelterbelt design, technical assistance, and evaluation of the project.
2. The Conservation Commission Grant will be responsible for approximately 34% of the entire project.
3. The project will use the Cooperative Extension Service for their resources for adaptable trees in the area, disease concerns, and general knowledge of trees.
4. If the project requires fencing needs, the producer will be referred to US Fish & Wildlife

for any possible fencing projects.

5. The tree plantings will follow the guidelines and specifications approved by the area forester.
6. The Landowner will have the most to gain from this project. He will provide at least 64% of the cost of the total project.

G. Success of the Project

Project success will be measured by the number of acres of shelterbelts renovated and the number of landowners assisted. Tree survival will be evaluated on all plantings in August and September of each year. The improvement of water quality, reduction of soil erosion, the protection of ground water, and the improvement of range and pastureland will be the true measures of success.

Success rates in projects of this variety are very hard to measure. At the rate that trees are being removed and not replaced, any new plantings should be considered a success! The value of these tree sites is incalculable.

Shelterbelt Renovations 2015 - 2016
Approved Practices and Cost-Share Percentages

Practice	Maximum Cost	Estimated Units	Cost Share %	Total Cost \$	CC Grant \$	Producer Costs \$	CD Costs \$
Technical Assistance	\$23.00/hr	15 hours	40%	\$345	\$138	\$0	\$207
Tree/Shrub Planting	\$5.25/rr avg	5 acres	50%	\$5,225	\$2,475	\$2,750	\$0
Fabric Application	\$0.61/ln ft	5 acres	50%	\$10,410	\$4,744	\$5,666	\$0
Dead Tree Removal (incl. roots)	\$4000/ac	4 acres	25%	\$24,000	\$6,000	\$18,000	\$0
Dead Tree Removal (above ground)	\$2800/ac	1 acres	40%	\$2,800	\$1,120	\$1,680	\$0
Totals				\$42,780	\$14,477	\$28,096	\$207
Total Cost of Project	\$42,780				34%	66%	

Calculations for cost share percentages:

3111' per acre. 3111' x 5 acres = 15555'; 15555 / 16.5 rr = 942.7 rod rows

5 acres = 942.7 rod rows x \$5.25/rr (this is avg of tree/shrub docket) = \$4949.18 x 50% (this is what docket shows the grant can pay) = \$2474.59 for the grant cost share on the **trees/shrubs**

15555' x \$0.61/ln ft (docket price for fabric) = \$9488.55 x 50% (grant pays) = \$4744.27 for the grant cost share on the **fabric**

\$6000 (price allowed on docket for removal with roots) x 4 acres = \$24000 x 25% (cost share) = \$6000

\$2800 (price allowed on docket for removal no roots) x 1 acre = \$2800 x 40% (cost share) = \$1120

Totals	Grant	Producer	HCCD	
\$345	\$138	\$0	\$207	Tech Assistance
\$5,225	\$2475	\$2750	\$0	Trees/Shrubs
\$10410	\$4744	\$5666	\$0	Fabric
\$24,000	\$6,000	\$18,000	\$0	removal w/roots
\$2,800	\$1,120	\$1,680	\$0	removal no roots

\$42,780	\$14,477	\$28,096	\$207
	<u>34%</u>	<u>66%</u>	

HAMLIN COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING
September 6, 2017 7:00 p.m.

SUPERVISORS PRESENT

Jared Namken, Vice Chairman
James Anderson, Supervisor
Larry Brusse, Supervisor
Dorene Lemme, Supervisor
Lenny Saathoff, Advisor

OTHERS PRESENT

Peggy Loomis, District Manager
Jim Dylla, NRCS District Cons.
Kurt Forman, USFWS
Brian Scott, Div ResConForestry
Carmen Jankord, Producer

The Hamlin County Conservation District Board of Supervisors met Wednesday, September 6, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the district office.

Discussion was opened for the June Regular Board Minutes. Lemme made a motion to approve as read, with a second from Brusse. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report and Accounts Receivable were read and approved, on a motion by Namken, with a second by Anderson. Motion carried.

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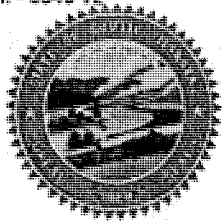
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Peggy Loomis, District Manager

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Resource Cons. & Forestry
Pierre Office



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

Applicant Information:

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

Mailing Address: 301 Marsh Street
 City: Hayti
 State: SD Zip: 57241

Project Contact:

Project Officer: Peggy Loomis
 Fax: (605) 783-3642

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

Project Information:

Project Name: Prairie Coteau Watershed Enhancement Project
 Start Date: 01/01/2018 End Date: 12/31/2018
 Legal description: County: Hamlin
 Township: Range: Section: Qtr: Qtr:
 N/A N/A N/A

Type of Grant:

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

Financial Information:

Grant Funds Requested: 52,500 Partner Contributions (total) 125,000 Total Project Cost: 177,500

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The Prairie Coteau of northeastern South Dakota contains many of the highest quality lakes and streams in South Dakota, and this is largely supported by contributing watersheds with well managed grasslands. The Prairie Coteau Watershed Enhancement project will utilize a wide variety of livestock water developments to facilitate improved grazing management throughout the 11 Conservation Districts that comprise the SDACD "Coteau Area." Through this grant, we plan to implement grazing management projects that will enhance grasslands in these watersheds and play a vital role in supporting high water quality in receiving lakes and streams. Specific conservation practices to be implemented include pipelines, tanks, pasture pumps, alternative energy water pumps, rural water hook-ups and shallow wells. This project is a partnership between eleven Conservation Districts, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks (SDGFP) and NRCS. The SDGFP is providing \$30,000 of cash for the project, participating landowners will provide \$80,000 in cash, and the USFWS will provide \$15,000 of in-kind technical assistance. Each grazing management project implemented through this project will be described in a site-specific USFWS cost-share agreement jointly signed by the participating landowner, the Hamlin Conservation District and the USFWS. The cost-share agreement will provide details on the specific conservation practices installed and will also outline the details of a 10-year grazing management plan for each tract. The project partners also hope to utilize the funds in this proposal as match to secure additional federal grant resources in the project area to support more conservation work. This provides an opportunity, if awarded, to essentially double the conservation effectiveness of the Commission grant and assist an additional 15+ landowners in the project area with conservation practices and grazing systems. As of today, we currently have 12 producers in the project area on a waiting list to implement projects during the 2018 field season.

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

Applicant Signature: Peggy Loomis District Manager 09/07/2017
 Authorized Signature Title Date

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

For Division Use Only:

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

BUDGET SHEET

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

A. OPERATING BUDGET

1. Salary/Benefits	17,500	
2. Travel	0	
3. Contractual Services	160,000	
4. Supplies	0	
5. Equipment (list major equip.)	0	
6. Consultant Services	0	
Total Projects Costs	177,500	This total must equal 177,500

B. ACTIVITY BUDGET

Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
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2. Project Administration	2,500				2,500
3. Technical Assistance (USFWS)			15,000		15,000
4.					0
5.					0
6.					0
7.					0
8.					0
TOTALS	52,500	80,000	15,000	30,000	177,500
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2. Participating Landowners	80,000		80,000
3. SD Dept. of Game, Fish and Parks	30,000		30,000
4. USFWS (Technical Assistance)		15,000	15,000
5.			0
6.			0
7.			0
8.			0
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SUBMISSION:

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

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

Print

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Define who will be responsible for the implementation, maintenance, and follow-up stages of the project.

The Hamlin Conservation District will be the lead District and we will coordinate closely with the other Conservation Districts in the project area on all on all aspects of project administration and implementation. In addition, close coordination will also occur with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks (SDGFP) and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). Each grazing management project funded through this grant will be described in a site-specific USFWS cost-share agreement jointly signed by the participating landowner, the Hamlin Conservation District and the USFWS. The cost-share agreement will provide details on the specific conservation practices installed and will also prescribe the details of a 10-year grazing management plan for the tract.

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

Individual projects will be located throughout the eleven Conservation Districts that compromise the SDACD Coteau Area. A Joint Powers Agreement will be developed between all participating Conservation Districts.

Describe the specific environmental, natural resource, ecological, educational and/or socio-economic need(s) the projects will address.

By providing technical and financial assistance to livestock producers, important grasslands in the project area will be maintained and enhanced. Maintaining and improving grasslands in any watershed has been demonstrated to provide numerous downstream environmental benefits such as reduced erosion, flood attenuation and improved water quality. Strategically located and reliable livestock watering facilities are a critical component of any grazing management plan and are key to maintaining livestock grazing as a primary landuse in the project area.

In addition to the installation of conservation practices, the project will also provide a variety of technical assistance and educational resources to participating landowners. Specifically, each program participant will be provided a set of introductory materials to the South Dakota Grassland Coalition (SDGC). It is hoped that this will lead to membership in the SDGC and potential enrollment in the annual SDGC "Grazing School." The SDGC is widely recognized as a leading organization in South Dakota in assisting landowners improve both rangeland stewardship and ranch probability.

Briefly describe the specific on-the-ground restoration activities to be undertaken onsite to achieve the project objectives, and why it is needed.

In order to facilitate grazing management plans, the project will install pipelines, tanks, pasture pumps, alternative energy water pumps, rural water hook-ups and shallow wells. Potential for additional conservation practices such as fence and grass seeding also exists via separate programs offered by the USFWS, NRCS and SDGFP. The specific elements of each grazing plan will be prescribed in a USFWS 10-year cost-share agreement jointly signed by the Hamlin Conservation District, USFWS and the participating landowner. The cost-share agreement and associated maps will also describe an ecologically-based grazing plan with AUMs and grazing dates.

Explain if this project is part of a larger regional and/or local watershed effort

The eleven-county project area contains some of the highest quality lakes and streams in South Dakota. This is largely due to the high amounts of grassland in the contributing watersheds of the project area. This type of unique grassland landscape is widely recognized as critically important for maintaining high water quality in downstream receiving waters. As such, the actions forwarded in this proposal directly support a number of larger ongoing conservation initiatives. For example, the Prairie Pothole Joint Venture and many of its member organizations note that grassland conservation is a critical conservation need. Within South Dakota, local Conservation Districts, SDACD and wildlife conservation groups have a 20+ year history of partnering together on grassland conservation projects that simultaneously support wildlife conservation and the goals of the South Dakota Coordinated Plan for Natural Resources Conservation. An added benefit of partnering with the USFWS is being able to utilize their demonstrated history of securing additional project funds via the North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA). If the Commission grant is awarded, the Hamlin Conservation District plans to combine the Commission funds and associated landowner funds in this proposal as non-federal match for an upcoming NAWCA grant application. This provides an opportunity to potentially double the funding available to landowners for grassland conservation practices in the project area. All of the actions in this proposal and the subsequent NAWCA grant directly support a wide variety of the goals and objectives of the 2012 Coordinated Plan for Natural Resources Conservation.

Describe provisions to ensure long-term management and protection of the project (e.g., conservation easements on private land, long-term monitoring program)

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

Project partners will work closely with landowners on a site-specific basis to assure that any necessary permits are in place before project installation.

E. Final Products

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

Upon completion, we estimate this project will provide strategically located livestock watering options for approximately 15 participating landowners. This will directly facilitate an equal number of ecologically-based grazing management plans and all of the associated grassland stewardship, water quality and wildlife conservation benefits. In addition, past history has shown the Hamlin Conservation District has a very good chance to assist an additional 15+ landowners by partnering with the USFWS to pursue a NAWCA grant application to fund additional conservation practices in the project area.

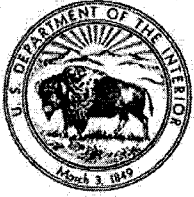
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Describe the strengths, qualifications and nature of the contribution of your organization and other collaborating organizations

The eleven Conservation Districts noted in this proposal all have many years of support and dedication to the natural resources in their respective counties. The supervisors and advisors on the Conservation District Boards have determined the resource concerns of the county and the practices appropriate to address those concerns. With the help of NRCS, USFWS, SDGFP and SDGC we are confident we can successfully implement this project.

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

Project success will be measured by the number of grazing systems implemented and acres of improved grassland management. It is anticipated approximately 15 grazing systems will be implemented over an estimated 2,500 acres at the fully funded level.



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Brookings, South Dakota 57006
Phone: 605-697-2500 FAX: 605-697-2505



August 4, 2017

Re: Prairie Coteau Watershed Enhancement Project

Peggy Loomis, Conservation District Manager
Hamlin Conservation District
301 Marsh Street
Hayti, SD 57241

Dear Ms. Loomis:

In follow-up to our recent discussions, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service through our Partners for Fish and Wildlife (PFW) program fully supports your application for a Coordinated Soil and Water Conservation Grant. The PFW program recognizes that your grant titled "Prairie Coteau Watershed Enhancement Project" will provide a wide variety of grassland stewardship, wildlife conservation and water quality benefits throughout northeastern South Dakota.

As discussed, we stand ready to contribute \$15,000 of technical assistance through the PFW program to help support the project. In addition, we pledge to work closely with you to leverage the non-federal funds in your project as match to obtain a complimentary federal grant for additional grassland conservation projects. The PFW program and South Dakota's Conservation Districts have a proven track record of securing such grants, which essentially doubles the conservation funds available to landowners in the project area.

Thank you for the opportunity to be a partner in this important project and just let me know if we can assist in any other way as you move forward with your conservation efforts.

Sincerely,

Kurt Forman
South Dakota Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program, State Coordinator



**SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF
GAME, FISH AND PARKS**

523 EAST CAPITOL AVENUE | PIERRE, SD 57501

August 10, 2017

Peggy Loomis, District Manager
Hamlin County Conservation District
PO Box 165
Hayti, SD 57241

Dear Ms. Loomis:

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We appreciate the opportunity to be a partner in this important project and the district's commitment to assist producers with improving range condition, wildlife habitat and water quality within this portion of the Prairie Pothole Region. Broad-based support for such projects is essential for continued delivery of on-the-ground conservation practices. We are hopeful that the district is successful with this application to secure additional funding through the Conservation Commission. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (605) 773-3658 or tim.olson@state.us.sd

Sincerely,

Tim Olson
Senior Private Lands Biologist

cc: Kurt Forman, USFWS



Brown-Marshall Conservation District

PO Box 73, 304 Main Street
Hecla SD 57446
Phone 605-994-2016 Cell 994-7016
brownmarshallcd@sdconservation.net

August 25, 2017

South Dakota Conservation Commission
523 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, South Dakota 57501

RE: Prairie Coteau Watershed Enhancement Project

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Sincerely,

Judy Skoglund

District Manager,
Brown-Marshall Conservation District

Marshall County Conservation District

PO Box B 505 Vander Horck Ave
Britton SD 57430-008
605-448-2442 #3 FAX: 855-256-2568
marshallcd@sdconservation.net
jean.fagerland@sd.nacdnet.net



AUGUST 14, 2017

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

RE: Prairie Coteau watershed Enhancement Project

South Dakota Conservation Commission:

The Marshall County Conservation District would like to express their support of the Grant Application submitted by the Hamlin County Conservation District for the Prairie Coteau Watershed Enhancement Project.

Experiencing the recent drought, many landowners have expressed interest to help manage and improve their rangeland cover, water quality and quantity for their livestock. This grant would be very beneficial for producers in the Coteau Area to address these resource concerns. It will also help landowners downstream to reduce erosion and improve their water quality as well.

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Thank you for considering this grant application.

Sincerely,

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Jean Fagerland

Marshall County District Manger

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Art Steiner".

Art Steiner

Marshall County District Board Chairman



Roberts
Conservation District

September 9, 2017

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

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South Dakota Conservation Commission:

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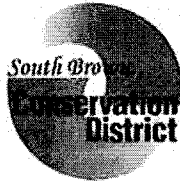
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Kylee Shotkoski
District Resource Manager, Roberts Conservation District



South Brown Conservation District
524 S. Enterprise St., Suite 300
Aberdeen, SD 57401
(605) 226-3360 ext. 3

August 29, 2017

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

RE: Prairie Coteau Watershed Enhancement Project

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Lindsey Simon
District Manager, South Brown Conservation District

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- Clark
- Codington
- Day
- Marshall
- Roberts
- South Brown

The above districts have applicants interested in cost share for Prairie Coteau Watershed Enhancement Projects.

If any projects are considered in other Coteau area districts, an agreement will be signed and filed.

Copies can be presented upon request.

**Peggy Loomis, District Manager
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HAMLIN COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING
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Sept 27 – State Tech Committee Meeting, Huron

The next district board meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 10 at 7:00 p.m.

Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m., with a second by Brusse. Schooley adjourned the meeting.

Peggy Loomis, District Manager

Interest in the Proposed Watershed Enhancement Project

	Producer	County	Pipe (ft)	Tanks	RW	Solar Pump	Solar Panels	Well	Notes
1	Amundson, Lonnie	Day	100	1		1			portable tank w/solar panel. Est. \$5500
2	Wasilk, Nick	Day	2,450	3		1			13' tanks @2300 gal. Est. \$9400
3	Ceroll, Travis	Day	10,000	8					1300 gal tanks; 2" pipe Est. \$52,000
4	Iverson, Dale	Marshall	yes	1					Est. \$3,500
5	Brown, Tim	Roberts	10,000	4		1			1000 gal tanks. Well pd by Tim. Est. \$20,000
6	Ammann, Shelly	Roberts	2,650	1					500 gal tank Est. \$3,500
7	Cole, Ricky	Day/Marshall			1			1	BDM \$30,000
8	Kriz, Jason	Roberts	yes	1	1	1			
9	Lentsch, Dan	Day	950	1		1	1	1	well 170', 13' tank @ 2300 gal
10	Feller, Scott	Day	5700	3		1	3	1	well 100', 13' tanks @ 2300 gal
11	Zubke, Chuck	Day	800	2		2			13' tanks @2300 gal., pumps @\$3850 each/fence out 2 dugouts
12	Bucklin, Will	Day	500	1		1			10' tank@981 gal., fence out 1 dugout



DEUEL COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
PO Box 348 – Clear Lake, SD 57226
Telephone: 605-874-8225 Ext. 3
maria.broksieck@sd.nacdnet.net

September 11, 2017

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

RE: Prairie Coteau Watershed Enhancement Project

Dear South Dakota Conservation Commission:

The Deuel County Conservation District would like to express their support of the grant application submitted by Hamlin County Conservation District for the Prairie Coteau Watershed Enhancement Project.

It is our understanding that this grant would help several landowners and address many resource concerns in our Coteau Area. Specifically, this grant would help manage and improve rangeland, water quality, livestock, and wildlife protection. The grant would help the landowner participants, but also stakeholders in land downstream to help reduce erosion and improve their water quality.

The Coteau Area Conservation Districts participated in the previous Water Quality Grant, and it was well received by producers in our area. There are many more producers wanting to also take part in this type of project, which is why we are in support of the new Prairie Coteau Watershed Enhancement Project.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Maria Broksieck".

Maria Broksieck

District Manager
Deuel County Conservation District



A cleaner environment, naturally.

Codington County Conservation District
1720 4th Street NE, Suite 3
Watertown, South Dakota 57201
Phone: 605-882-4989 #3
E-mail: nicolle.zubke@sd.nacdnet.net

September 8, 2017

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

RE: Prairie Coteau Watershed Enhancement Project

South Dakota Conservation Commission:

The Codington County Conservation District is writing this letter in support of the Grant Application being submitted by Hamlin County Conservation District for the Prairie Coteau Watershed Enhancement Project.

This grant would help many landowners and resource concerns within the Coteau area; by helping manage and improve rangeland, water quality, livestock, and wildlife production. Landowners would not be the only ones benefiting from the grant, but stakeholders in land downstream to reduce erosion and improve their water quality.

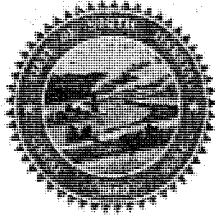
With the success of the previous Water Quality Grant in the Coteau Area, there are many more producers wanting to take part in this type of project. The Coteau Area hopes to be able to help with the new Prairie Coteau Watershed Enhancement Project, therefore we support the project.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this grant application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nicolle Zubke".

Nicolle Zubke
District Manager for the Codington County Conservation District



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

Applicant Information:

Organization: Hanson Conservation District Mailing Address: P.O. Box 176
 Telephone: (605) 239-4635 City: Alexandria
 Tax Status: Government State: SD Zip: 57311

A copy of the state-required W-9 form must be attached

Project Contact:

Project Officer: Annette Steilen Telephone: (605) 239-4635
 FAX: _____ Email: HD34@triotel.net

Project Information:

Project Name: Hanson Shelterbelt Project
 Start Date: 01/01/2018 End Date: 07/01/2018
 Legal description: _____ County: Hanson
 Township: _____ Range: _____ Section: _____ Qtr: _____ Qtr: _____

Type of Grant:

- Conservation Grant
- Insect/Disease
- Forest Stewardship
- Other (Specify) _____
- Community Forestry
- Invasive Species

Financial Information:

Grant Funds Requested: 9,000 Partner Contributions (total) 9,000 Total Project Cost: 18,000

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

The Hanson Conservation District Shelterbelt Project is an effort to continue to put conservation practices on the land by offering cost-share to landowners/ operators who are not eligible to receive assistance through other programs. The shelterbelt program has been well received in past years with the landowners of Hanson County. This continued assistance thru Hanson Conservation District would be appreciated by all. The project is designed to provide field wind breaks, improve air quality and to provide shelter and protection to livestock and wildlife. The 2018 Conservation Commission approved practice cost and percentage will be followed. 6 months is enough time to get the projects installed to achieve these goals.

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

Applicant Signature Annette Steilen Title District Manager Date 9-29-17
 Authorized Signature _____

For Division Use Only:

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

Hanson 11/1/17

BUDGET SHEET

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

A. OPERATING BUDGET

1 Salary/Benefits	300	
2 Travel		
3 Contractual Services	17,500	
4 Supplies		
5 Equipment (list major equip.)		
6 Consultant Services	200	
Total Project Costs	18,000	This total must equal 18,000

B. ACTIVITY BUDGET

Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
1 Admin	300				300
2 Info & Education	50	50			100
3 Technical Assist	200	400		100	300
4 Site Prep			400		400
5 Trees	1,930	1,930			3,860
6 Shrubs	752	752			1,504
7 Fabric	4,673	4,673			9,346
8 Tree Tubes/ Stakes	1,095	1,095			2,190
9					0
TOTALS	9,000	8,000	400	100	18,000

This total must equal 18,000

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

Partner	Amount Cash	Amount In-Kind	Total Cost
1 RC&F	9,000		9,000
2 Hanson Conservation Dist	50	400	400.50
3 Land Owners	8,450	400	8,850
4 NRCS		100	100
5			0
6			0
7			0
8			0
TOTALS	17,500	500	18,000

This total must equal 18,000

SUBMISSION:

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

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

Hanson Conservation District

2018 Shelterbelt Project

Project Description & Need

Hanson Conservation District has observed a continued need for financial assistance to implement conservation practices that are not eligible for other cost share because of lack of funds or eligibility requirements. The beneficiaries of these shelterbelts are Livestock, Wildlife, crops and people. By improving our Natural Resources, the region will benefit also. Improving air quality, erosion control, protection for wildlife and so much more.

If awarded the funding for this project, the Hanson Conservation District will be responsible for the implementation, maintenance and follow up of the project. All practices will be required to follow and meet NRCS standards. Producers will work with the Conservation District as well as the NRCS office and our local Forester.

This project will be available to all of Hanson County. Availability of the grant funds will be publicized to land owners and operators in Hanson County by Hanson Conservation District with the assistance of NRCS.

The Shelterbelt Project will comply with the South Dakota Coordinated Soil and Water Conservation Plan by addressing identified needs addressed in our **Locally Led Work Group**. Some of these concerns are, air quality, wind and soil erosion & wildlife habitat.

Beneficiaries in the Hanson Shelterbelt Project will be assisted with determining the appropriate trees and shrubs and also if any would benefit from the protection of tree tubes. The assistance will be provided by the Hanson Conservation District and the NRCS.

Cost shares will be based on the 2018 Conservation Commission Approved Practices Costs. The practice that would be offered is the installation of Shelterbelts.

The goal of the project is to conserve, develop and enhance our natural resources & the environment for all of Hanson County by improving management of air quality, reducing wind erosion, providing energy conservation and providing wildlife habitat. The installation of shelterbelts will help to reduce crop land wind erosion, help with energy conservation and improve wildlife habitat.

Final Products

The completion of the Shelterbelt Project for conservation practices will provide for and include 3-4 land owners or operators who are able to install wind breaks, living snow fences or provide livestock & wildlife protection on several acres.

Partner Justification

Hanson Conservation District has formed strong bonds with local land owners & operators with a guided assistance from Natural Resources Conservation Service, Game Fish & parks, State Forestry Department and Pheasants Forever.

Identify how you will measure the success of the project

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

Hanson Conservation District

Regular Board Meeting

September 11, 2017

Meeting called to order: 7:00 pm

Attendance: Chairman Wenande, Vice Chairman Brakke, Treasurer Pociask, Supervisor Huber, Supervisor Schoenrock, Advisor Pueppke, District Conservationist Rients & District Manager Steilen

Corrections and Approval of Agenda: Agenda was approved as read

Review and Approval of Minutes: Brakke moved that Minutes from the last meeting be approved as read, Schoenrock 2nd.....Motion Passed

District Conservation's Report: District Conservationist Rients shared information about current programs and activity.... Report Handout is available in the District Office

Treasurer's Report: Treasurers Report was presentedPociask moved that the Treasurers report be approved and all bills presented be paid, Huber 2nd...Motion passed...Full report is available in the District Office

Managers' Report: Reports on Cover Crop Drilling & Shed Clean Up were given. Reminder of State Convention Sept 17th thru 19th was given, Brakke & Steilen will both be attending. Giving a Conservation Award of some sort to Alvin Plaggman was discussed, Steilen will look into whats available. Grant activity was also updated.... Full report in the office

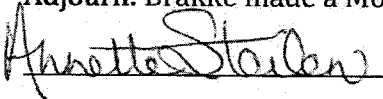
Executive Session: (pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2) Not Needed

Other Business before the Board: Brakke made a motion that Steilen spend \$50 on something to donate to the Silent Auction at the State Convention, Huber 2nd...Motion Passed

Motion was made by Huber and 2nd by Pociask to apply for a Shelterbelt Grant for \$9000 and that Manager Steilen is approved to sign any documents needed...Motion Passed

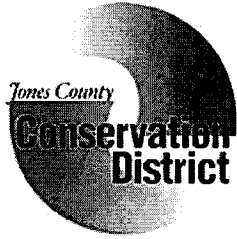
Date of Next Meeting: The next meeting scheduled is on Monday November 6th, 2017

Adjourn: Brakke made a Motion to Adjourn the Meeting, Huber 2nd..... Motion Passed



Annette Steilen ~ Manager

Don Wenande ~ Chairman



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

September 28, 2017

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

RE: Jones/American Creek Multi Practice Grant VI

Dear Conservation Commissioners,

Jones County Conservation District is submitting a grant for multi practices. American Creek Conservation District will also participate in this grant. We have a list of 8 producers wanting to do various practices to enhance their operations.

The producers interested in pipeline and tank projects and cross fences have either applied for or considered EQIP but have not ranked high enough to get funded or are a single practice which is also difficult to get funded through EQIP.

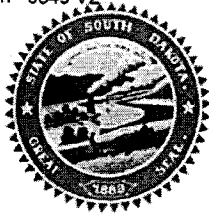
These practices address a wide variety of resource concerns in our counties such as soil health, water quality, reduction in erosion and sediment, enhanced rangeland and increased habitat for wildlife.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this grant.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Valerie Feddersen".

Valerie Feddersen
District Manager
Jones County Conservation District



Department of Agriculture

Division of Resource Conservation & Forestry

Grant Application Form

Applicant Information:

Organization: Jones County Conservation District
Telephone: (605) 669-2404
Tax Status: Government

Mailing Address: PO Box 298
City: Murdo
State: SD Zip: 57559

Project Contact:

Project Officer: Valerie Feddersen
Fax:

Telephone: (605) 669-2404
Email: valerie.feddersen@sd.nacdnet.net

Project Information:

Project Name: Multi Practice Grant VI
Start Date: 01/01/2018 End Date: 06/30/2019
Legal description: County: Jones
Township: Range: Section: Qtr: Qtr:

Type of Grant:

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

Financial Information:

Grant Funds Requested: 27,482 Partner Contributions (total) 70,126 Total Project Cost: 97,608

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

Jones County and American Creek Conservation Districts are seeking a grant to assist landowners in funding a variety of conservation practices that will follow the guidelines of the approved practices of the conservation commission docket. Practices will be installed on private land in Lyman and Jones Counties. The conservation districts will partner with landowners, West River Water Development District and Natural Resources Conservation District within the project areas.

Eight producers and several thousand acres of land and wildlife will benefit by installing approximately 23030 feet of pipeline, 8 tanks and 9640 feet of cross fence.

Upon implementation of these projects a variety of resource concerns will be addressed; such as enhanced rangeland, grazing management, soil health, water quality, reduced erosion, sediment reduction and increased benefit for wildlife.

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

Applicant Signature Valerie Feddersen District Manager _____ 9/29/2017
Authorized Signature Title Date

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

For Division Use Only:

Reviewed by: _____
Signature Title Date

Approved by: _____
Signature Title Date

BUDGET SHEET

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

A. OPERATING BUDGET

1. Salary/Benefits	6,000	
2. Travel		
3. Contractual Services	91,608	
4. Supplies		
5. Equipment (list major equip.)		
6. Consultant Services		
Total Projects Costs	97,608	This total must equal 97,608

B. ACTIVITY BUDGET

Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
1. Pipelines	21,418	49,975			71,393
2. Tanks	2,999	6,998			9,997
3. Cross Fence	3,066	7,153			10,218
4. Administration				6,000	6,000
5.					0
6.					0
7.					0
8.					0
TOTALS	27,482	64,126	0	6,000	97,608
					This total must equal 97,608

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

Partner	Amount Cash	Amount In-Kind	Total
1. RC&F	27,482		27,482
2. Landowners	64,126		64,126
3. West River Water Development District	6,000		6,000
4.			0
5.			0
6.			0
7.			0
8.			0
TOTALS	97,608	0	97,608
			This total must equal 97,608

SUBMISSION:

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

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

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Project Narrative: Multi Practice Grant VI

D. Project Description and Need

The proposed Multi Practice Grant will benefit rangeland and wildlife within the Jones County and American Creek (Lyman County) boundaries. The improvement of natural resources will benefit the region as a whole. Improved soil and water quality affects both our health and economy. Soil is the basis of our agricultural community. Soil health affects its ability to support plant and animal life and support human health and survival. Water is essential to life; protecting water quality ensures we will have clean water for drinking, fishing, watering livestock, wildlife habitat, and reduced sediment.

All projects will follow the guidelines of the Conservation Commission Approved Practices. Grant funds will be used for the following activities under grazing management – pipeline, tanks and cross fencing will be installed for better grazing utilization, water quality, soil health, enhanced rangeland and increased wildlife habitat areas. If prior approval to all projects is requested we are willing to take the necessary steps for prior approval to any and all practices. We rely on NRCS specifications as guidelines for the grant. Jones County Conservation District and American Creek Conservation District will work together to provide agreements that will address the life of the practice and maintenance responsibilities. The agreements will accompany all projects and will be signed by landowners.

All projects will be located within the Counties of Jones and Lyman, South Dakota.

Pipeline, tanks and cross fencing practices have been denied through EQIP due to low ranking or the project is a single practice which would result in low ranking for EQIP. Multi Practice grant VI will ensure funding for the types of projects which will promote water quality, soil health, enhanced rangeland, grazing management and increased wildlife habitat areas. Previous Multi Practice grants have been utilized, currently under the Multi Practice Grant IV there are three producers with pipeline and tank projects in various stages of completion; producer one pipeline is complete and tanks need protection then the project needs certified and bills turned in, producer 2 and producer 3 are awaiting contractor arrival with plans to have the projects completed the end of October. Currently under the Multi Practice Grant V we have two producers with plans to install pipeline and tank this fall they have been given an estimated October start date. The stream barb projects under the Multi V grant have been a little difficult to get figures put together from the engineers but progress is being made. With costs coming in a bit higher than expected there may only be two producers that are able to utilize the Multi V grant.

All required permits will be obtained before the installation of practices.

E. Final Products

Technical and financial support will be provided for a variety of conservation practices. Practices include: Grazing Management – pipeline, tanks and cross fence

F. Partner Justification

Project Partners Include: SD Resource, Conservation and Forestry
Jones County Conservation District
American Creek Conservation District
Landowner
Natural Resource Conservation Service

West River Water Development District has been a partner on the previous Multi Practice grants and we will seek administrative assistance again if the grant is funded.

Both Jones County and American Creek Conservation Districts have worked together on previous grants and current grants. Our Joint Powers agreement is awaiting one signature and then will be sent to the required persons.

G. Measure Success of Project

The success of this project will be measured by number of producers assisted, conservation practices completed, the acres benefited from practices, increased soil health activity, increased water quality and the enhanced wildlife benefits completed through the grant. A final report will be completed and pictures will be included if obtained for the project.

MULTI PRACTICE GRANT VI BUDGET

			<i>COST-SHARE</i>			
			<i>TOTAL COST</i>	<i>@ 30%</i>	<i>LANDOWNER</i>	<i>WRWDD</i>
Pipelines (Feet)	23,030	\$3.10	\$71,393.00	\$21,417.90	\$49,975.10	
Tanks (Gallons) (8 tanks)	6,248	\$1.60	\$9,996.80	\$2,999.04	\$6,997.76	
Crossfence (Feet)	9,640	\$1.06	\$10,218.40	\$3,065.52	\$7,152.88	
TOTALS			\$91,608.20	\$27,482.46	\$64,125.74	

These projects would serve eight producers.

Administration (Hours)	300	\$20.00	\$6,000.00		\$6,000.00
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West River Water Development District has been very gracious in providing administration costs on the last 5 multi practice grants. They are aware of the application for the multi practice grant VI and we will seek administration funding from WRWDD if the grant is awarded.

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE
JONES COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MEETING
AUGUST 8, 2017
USDA SERVICE CENTER MURDO**

PRESENT:

Richard Nix	Paul Thomas	Darrell Daum
Wanda Larson	Mike Hunt	

ABSENT:

None

OTHERS PRESENT:

Valerie Feddersen, District Manager
Scott Mathews
David Klingberg, FSA

Meeting called to order by Chairman Richard Nix @ 1:33 PM

AGENDA:

Paul Thomas moved to approve the Agenda, seconded by Darrell Daum. Motion carried.

MINUTES:

Wanda Larson moved to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2017 meeting, seconded by Paul Thomas. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

July

General Account:

Checkbook Balance as of June 22, 2017	\$	7,193.27
Receipts	\$	30,485.35
Paid Disbursements	\$	23,632.73
Checkbook Balance as of July 18, 2017	\$	14,045.89

August

General Account:

Checkbook Balance as of July 18, 2017	\$	14,045.89
Receipts	\$	27,785.53
Disbursement	\$	40.10
Checkbook Balance as of August 12, 2016	\$	41,791.32

Paul Thomas moved to pay West Central Electric, Farmers Union Oil Co., payroll, Wellmark, Doug Nies, and SDACD Convention Registration, seconded by Mike Hunt. Motion carried.

July and August financial reports filed for financial review.

DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT: Valerie Feddersen reported on activities for the last two months.

NRCS DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST REPORT RYAN WILLERT: See attached report.

GRANTS UPDATE: Valerie Feddersen updated the board on current grants. Discussed the need to impose a deadline on projects because of the need to get projects completed and not hold up funds for other producers and to be able to get the money utilized by the deadline of the grant so other extensions will not have to be requested. Darrell Daum moved to impose a 90 day completion for projects with discretion of the board if project is unable to meet the deadline, seconded by Wanda Larson. Motion carried.

Also discussed seeking a Multi Practice VI grant. There have been a few pipeline and tank requests and Lyman County would have a few projects as well. Darrell Daum moved to apply for a Multi Practice Grant, seconded by Wanda Larson. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Prairie Area Meeting Follow Up and Endowment Fund Honoree Nancy Barrick: Valerie Feddersen provided a written report on information from the Prairie Area Meeting. Discussed the Area Endowment Honoree. Paul Thomas moved to contribute \$100.00 in honor of Nancy Barrick seconded by Darrell Daum. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tree Concerns with Producer: Producer joined the meeting with concerns to tree survival in shelterbelt that was planted in the spring of 2017. Report was provided by Ryan Willert, NRCS DC. Dave Klingberg, FSA joined the discussion to answer questions. Drought has been especially hard on trees state wide and seems to have had substantial affect to Rocky Mountain Juniper and Eastern Red Cedar. John Ball has inspected many tree sites, the Nursery stock and coolers as well as district coolers. Reports from John Ball stated that watering was a key factor for survival this year. The producer chose to not place fabric on three rows of conifer trees. Dave Klingberg stated that FSA will cost-share 50% of CRP planted trees because of the drought. FSA will pay 50% of what is billed to the producer to replant the trees. Producer would like to see additional cost-share from the district to replace trees. Darrell Daum moved mechanically replant the three conifer rows of trees in 2018 and producer will be charged for the planting minus the up to 10% loss policy held by the district and the up to 10% policy will be honored for replants in 2019, seconded by Wanda Larson. Motion carried.

Discussion ensued on good ground preparation being a factor for tree survival. Paul Thomas moved to set a date of ground preparation being completed by August 1 the year prior to the trees being planted effective for the fall of 2018, seconded by Wanda Larson. Motion carried.

State Fair Information: Picture collages have been provided for a power point to be shown at the SDACDE Booth and Convention. Valerie Feddersen requested an updated Supervisor picture to include on the picture collage.

SDACD Convention: All information for SDACD Convention was presented to the Board. Valerie Feddersen will attend convention. As the deadline for registration nears it will determine any other attendees.

Silent Auction Items: Darrell Daum moved to donate up to \$50 worth of merchandise for the silent auction at Convention, seconded by Mike Hunt. Motion carried.

Set Prices for 2018: Prices will remain the same.

Fabric and pins for 2018: Looks like we should have enough fabric for the 2018 season but pins will be needed. Wanda moved to get a pallet of pins at the discounted price offered by Barlow Ag Sales, seconded by Paul Thomas. Motion carried.

Conservation Plans: Paul Thomas moved to approve conservation plan CTA General 2017-2, seconded by Mike Hunt. Motion carried. Darrell Daum moved to approve conservation plans CSP 2017 1-4, seconded by Mike Hunt. Motion carried. Darrell Daum moved to approve conservation plans CRP 2017 12-21, seconded by Paul Thomas. Motion carried.

Executive Session: None needed at this time.

Next Board Meeting is set for September 11, 2017 at 1:30 PM.

Tentatively set October meeting for October 16, 2017 @ 1:30 PM

Darrell Daum moved to adjourn, seconded by Wanda Larson at 4:34 PM

Submitted by Valerie Feddersen, District Manager

Approved,

Approved,

Richard Nix, Chairman

Valerie Feddersen, District Manager



Department of Agriculture

Division of Resource Conservation & Forestry

Grant Application Form

Applicant Information:

Organization: Marshall County Conservation District
 Telephone: (605) 448-2442
 Tax Status: Government

Mailing Address: PO Box 8, 505 Vander Horck
 City: Britton
 State: SD Zip: 57430

Project Contact:

Project Officer: Jean Fagerland
 Fax: (855) 256-2568

Telephone: (605) 448-8514
 Email: jean.fagerland@sd.nacdnet.net

Project Information:

Project Name: Multi purpose Multi County Conservation Grant
 Start Date: 1/1/2018 End Date: 12/31/2019
 Legal description: County: Marshall
 Township: _____ Range: _____ Section: _____ Qtr: _____

Type of Grant:

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

Financial Information:

Grant Funds Requested: 142,063 Partner Contributions (total) 296,929 Total Project Cost: 438,992

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

The Conservation Districts of Brown, Marshall & Day are requesting a grant to help cost share implementation of practices that have not qualified for federal cost share programs. Many of them being a single practice that doesn't rank high enough for EQIP application approvals, do not meet cropping history for CCRP, or are not in the right water shed for a Lakes project. There are needs for cover crop seedings, livestock winter feeding areas that may need a clean water diversion or a buffer strip to prevent runoff from reaching a nearby stream or wetland, and repairing existing waterways so they function properly again. A majority of existing shelterbelts in our counties are 75-100 years and in need of renovating. Our goal is to renovate 20 acres of shelterbelts with-in the Brown-Marshall, South Brown, Day and Marshall County Conservation Districts. We will also target the planting of wildlife tree belts and other plantings that do not qualify for federal cost share. The drought conditions in our counties have producers requesting help with urgent needs for dugout clean-outs and other water sources for their grazing operations. With all of these projects an emphasis on soil health will be stressed. Soil health workshops will be planned to help educate our producers on the importance of soil health with goals to improve range health through better grazing practices, increase organic matter in the soils, and reduce erosion to improve water quality in the prairie pothole and lakes region of our state.

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

Applicant Signature Jean Fagerland Authorized Signature District Manager Title 9/26/17 Date

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

For Division Use Only:

Reviewed by: _____
 Signature Title Date

Approved by: _____
 Signature Title Date

Marshall

BUDGET SHEET

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

A. OPERATING BUDGET

1. Salary/Benefits	13,900	
2. Travel		
3. Contractual Services	425,092	
4. Supplies		
5. Equipment (list major equip.)		
6. Consultant Services		
Total Projects Costs	438,992	This total must equal 438,992

B. ACTIVITY BUDGET

Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
1. Soil Health workshops	1,500		1,500		3,000
2. Dug out clean out	23,100	53,900	34,100		111,100
3. fence, pumps, seeding	5,913	13,919	1,760		21,592
4. Tree removal costs (20 ac)	30,500	91,500	3,000		125,000
5. Tree Establishment (40 ac)	26,400	26,400			52,800
6. Fabric & tubes	52,850	52,850	4,400		110,100
7. Tree site land preparation			3,000		3,000
8. Technical Assistance	1,800		10,600		12,400
TOTALS	142,063	-238,569	58,360	0	438,992
		<i>250,669</i>	<i>46260</i>		438,992
				This total must equal	438,992

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

Partner	Amount Cash	Amount In-Kind	Total
1. RC & F			0
2. Conservation Commission	142,063		142,063
3. Conservation Districts		12,100	12,100
4. County producers	238,569	46,260	284,829
5.			0
6.			0
7.			0
8.			0
TOTALS	380,632	58,360	438,992
			This total must equal 438,992

SUBMISSION:

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 Resource Conservation & Forestry
 523 E. Capitol Avenue
 Pierre, SD 57501-3182

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D. Project Description and Need:

Primary beneficiaries will be the individual landowners/operators of Brown/Marshall, South Brown, Day, and Marshall County but residents as a whole will benefit from improved tree plantings and grazing systems which affect our wetlands, streams and lakes. The improved water quality will enhance wildlife habitat and benefit lake recreation, hunting and fishing.

The multi-counties landowner/operators, with technical assistance from NRCS and the Districts will be responsible for implementation of the practices. Maintenance and follow-up being the responsibility of the landowner/operator.

The project will have locations in Brown/Marshall, Brown, Day and Marshall Counties.

Within these counties we have many existing shelterbelts that are in need of renovation as most of the plantings are at least 75 years old. Weekly we have producers asking about assistance to help with this large task. These tree plantings are difficult to fit into a cost share program but are still beneficial plantings for farmsteads and wildlife. Since we are planning to renovate shelterbelts we feel this project needs to be a 2 year project. Renovations usually take 2 years by the time the shelterbelt is cleaned up and prepared properly for replanting. Methods for removal will vary. Some cooperators will hire contractors to do the work, while others will remove them themselves. We plan to cost share the removal expense with the stipulation that the belt be replanted. We will not cost share removal of trees unless there is a plan to restore the old shelterbelt that will serve the same purpose as the original planting. This project like other federal and state cost share programs requires that any practice installed should remain in existence for at least 10 years.

The recent drought has also placed an urgency for livestock water. We have a long list of producers who do not have the means to use rural water and so have requested help to improve the watering source they do have. We would like to assist producers not only with dugout cleanouts if that is their only source of water but also to encourage them to fence the dugout and use a pump and tank to improve the water quality and quantity over time.

Practices in these counties affect the NE lakes region, Crow Creek watershed, James River Watershed, and part of the Wild Rice Creek Watershed that flows north with smaller portions of the counties flowing into the Little Minnesota and Big Sioux watersheds.

A written agreement describing the practice and life span of the practice will be signed by the landowner and conservation district to ensure that the practice will be maintained for the life span of the practice.

The practices we plan to promote will not require federal or state permits. If there are local zoning requirements the landowner will be responsible for securing these permits. Cultural resources will be completed prior to any undertaking if required.

E. Final Products:

Our goal is to renovate app. 20 acres of trees over a 2-year period and assist producers in planting another 40 acres. We would like to help 22 producers with their livestock watering needs and improve grazing systems due to the excessive drought conditions. We will encourage fencing out of the dugouts with seeding of the banks required to prevent erosion. Pumps and tanks will increase the life span of the water source as it will prevent cattle from eroding the banks. We will promote soil health through our workshops and practices so the soils of our counties will be more productive and increase in organic matter and reduce erosion so that we improve soils and water quality in the NE region of our state.

F. Partner Justification:

The Conservation Districts are requesting a small amount of technical support funding for a part time technician that will assist NRCS with enlisting producers who are willing to install or repair conservation practices. District managers will take care of agreements, finances, some planning and contracting while the part time technician and NRCS will provide technical assistance, planning and oversight of the practice installation. Since a combination of District and NRCS personnel will be assisting we estimate we will need approximately 530 hours x \$20 /hr over the two year span. (\$10,600) The Districts will contribute by donating this employee time to the project.

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

We will measure our success by whether we accomplish the goals set forth. Repaired and improved livestock watering, better grazing systems, tree belts to protect soils, enhance wildlife habitat and improve water quality. When we are able to offer cost share, cooperators are willing to commit to the cumbersome task of renovating their shelterbelts and making improvements to their grazing systems. As we implement these practices we will be reaching out to educate our county producers to apply soil health practices to improve their operations and protect the prairie pothole and lakes region of our state.

2018 Grant estimates		Grant Funding	2017 Conservation Commission Cost-share %	Local funds producers	Local In-Kind Districts & producers	Total
Soil Health Workshop	2	\$1,500.00	50%		\$1,500.00	\$3,000.00
Dug out clean out	22	\$23,100.00	30%	\$53,900.00	\$34,100.00	\$111,100.00
(1/2 of the dugouts)	11	\$2,211.00	30%	\$5,159.00		\$7,370.00
tanks	11	\$2,640.00	30%	\$6,160.00		\$8,800.00
fence	11	\$512.00	20%	\$2,050.00		\$2,562.00
critical area seeding	11	\$550.00	50%	\$550.00		\$1,100.00
					\$1,760.00	\$1,760.00
Tree removal cost	20 ac	\$30,500.00	20%	\$91,500.00	\$3,000.00	\$125,000.00
Tree Establishment	40 ac	\$26,400.00	50%	\$26,400.00		\$52,800.00
Fabric & tubes		\$52,850.00	50%	\$52,850.00	\$4,400.00	\$110,100.00
Tree site land preparation					\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Technical Assistance		\$1,800.00			\$10,600.00	\$12,400.00
TOTAL		\$142,063.00		\$238,569.00	\$58,360.00	\$438,992.00

MARSHALL COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT MINUTES

Tuesday, September 26th, 2017

PRESENT: John Knebel, Tom Martin, Harland Peterson, Jim Grimsrud, Neil Bien, Darian Kilker, Walton Johnson & Jean Fagerland. Jessica Dowler—Marshall County NRCS

ABSENT: Art Steiner, Jordan Hupke

Vice -Chairman John Knebel called the district board meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. The August regular board minutes were reviewed. Martin moved to approve the minutes as sent. Bien seconded. The motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was handed out for review. Account balances were as follows Checking Account, \$70,770.15; Savings Account, \$37,535.47; Petty Cash, \$39.18; Certificate of Deposit, \$50,300.44; Accounts Receivable to date: \$76,130.07. Martin moved to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Kilker seconded. The motion carried. Martin moved to move \$50,000 from checking to a 6 month CD. Discussion followed. The accounts receivable will be cleared up with CRP cost share reimbursements within the next month. Kilker seconded the motion and it carried. Fagerland reported that UCC board wanted to reimburse for her time and wages. A bill was sent for \$1123.40.

Vouchers were signed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Knebel, Martin and Fagerland reported on the state convention. There was a lot of good information on soil health especially from the keynote speaker, Dr. David Montgomery. His books are currently being passed around the supervisors and they will continue to share what they have been reading during our upcoming meetings. Martin reported that the Speech Theme for 2018 will be "Ag Technologies for the Future".

Wanda received the SDACD and a SDACDE awards of excellence. Kurt Forman of USFWS presented her with an award for her help in being one of the first District managers to begin the "partnership" practices with USFWS. She also received an award from RC&F for her work with grants.

Tom Martin was voted as one of the three candidates for the State Commission. The names were sent to the Governor for his appointment.

Survival checks of the tree sites have been completed by Peterson and Fagerland. The sites were remarkably in good condition considering the drought conditions during most of the summer months.

Eco Ed Day was held at Fort Sisseton on September 6th with 48 students and 14 instructors /helpers in attendance. The sessions include Prairie & Range (Jessica Dowler, NRCS), Soils (Matt Hubers, NRCS), Forestry (Aaron Keisz), water Quality (Dennis Skadsen) and Wetlands (Laura Hubers, FWS) The rainfall simulator was presented right after lunch served by the District. The Brookings NRCS FSO personnel Eric Barsness, Val Dupraz and Ryan Forbes also shared some of the duties of the various NRCS potions and threw in a little recruiting for the 7th graders for the future. Knebel was a group leader for the day.

NRCS REPORT:

Jessica Dowler, Soil Con for NRCS, reported that the staff has been very busy with CtSP 2017 contracts and CtSP re-enrollments. The 2017-18 EQIP signup is October 20th. ECP has 12 applications through FSA that NRCS has helped to plan for the \$75000 that Marshall County has to offer its livestock producers. The staff has finished over 400 CRP emergency haying plans and app. 50 emergency grazing plans these will add up to over 500 management plans that will affect the wildlife habitat in Marshall County. Dowler and Fagerland attended the two day Windbreak training held in Huron this past week. The sessions were all good, with excellent information especially from John Ball on pests and diseases. He is encouraging producers to take down any sickly ash trees to prevent the EAB from finding an easy source to invade.

WETLAND REPORT:

Fagerland reported that Jesse Brook, NRCS wetland specialist has been completing wetland activity in Marshall County and Roberts County.

NEW BUSINESS:

Fagerland is presented the multi-county grant for water developments (mainly dugout cleanouts that do not qualify for EQIP cost sharing), tree renovations/establishments, and soil health workshops. Brown/Marshall, South Brown, and Day County have requested to be part of this grant. They will be sending letters of support to be sent in with the grant application due Oct 2nd. Martin made a motion to send the grant to the Commission for funding. Kilker seconded it. The motion carried.

Martin offered to attend the County Commission meeting to thank them for their support of the District. He will wait till January when we will send an annual report with for their review.

The Marshall County Extension has requested support for the sponsoring of the conservation award for 4-H Recognition. Kilker made a motion to send the \$10 for the award. Martin seconded. The motion carried.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:

Fagerland reminded the supervisors to check their emails for the schedule for the "Other Waters of the US" webinars.

Information was also sent home with the supervisors to share with any producers that may be interested in regard to the new rates for the NRCS easement program --WRE.

Upcoming events are:

- Legislative Banquet to be held in Webster on October 16th.
- NE Land and Range Day Sept 27th,
- NE Water Festival on September 28th.

There being no further business, Martin made a motion for the meeting to be adjourned.

Jean Fagerland, Secretary



Brown-Marshall Conservation District

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Hecla SD 57446
Phone 605-994-2016 Fax 605-994-2024

October 1, 2017

Art Steiner, Chairman
Marshall County Conservation District
PO Box 8
Britton SD 57430

Dear Mr. Steiner;

The Brown-Marshall Conservation District (BMCD) commits to the Multi-District Renovation and Tree planting conservation commission grant application for the purpose of providing cost share for renovating existing shelterbelts, establishment of new belts, improvements and assistance with livestock watering sources, and provide soil health workshops to area producers.

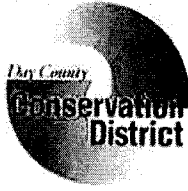
It is our understanding that your District will be the Grant sponsor for the project. BMCD will promote the project in our District, and spend the necessary in kind hours to endorse this grant.

We hope that the cost-share provided through this Grant will help increase tree planting by renovating existing belts, and establishing new ones. These shelterbelts will help reduce soil & wind erosion, and provide shelter for livestock, wildlife, and farmsteads. We also hope that the cost share provided will provide assistance to producers needing to improve their livestock watering sources, along with educating producers on the benefits of good soil health.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dana Dennert".

Dana Dennert, Chairman
Brown-Marshall Conservation District



75 Years of Conservation EST. January 14, 1942

**Day County
Conservation District**
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Webster, SD 57274-1135
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<http://daycd.org>

September 28, 2017

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

RE: Multi-Purpose Multi County Conservation Grant

South Dakota Conservation Commission,

The Day County Conservation District would like to express support of the grant application submitted by Marshall County Conservation District for the Multi-Purpose Multi County Conservation Grant.

This grant will provide a great number of local landowners with a means to alleviate resource concerns found in Brown, Day, and Marshall Counties. Specifically, the grant would educate landowners on soil health techniques through workshops, renovate and establish shelterbelts, and improve livestock water sources. Practices implemented by this grant would also benefit downstream stakeholders by reducing erosion and improving water quality.

The conservation districts of Brown/Marshall, South Brown, Day, and Marshall have participated in grants of similar nature in the past. Previous grants of this kind have been well-received and looked at favorably by area landowners. In order to best serve the producers of the area, the Multi-Purpose Multi County Conservation Grant is needed to continue to fulfill project requests and protect our natural resources.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.

Best,

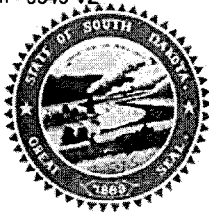
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Mark Brandlee
Chairman
Day County Conservation District

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Department of Agriculture

Division of Resource Conservation & Forestry

Grant Application Form

Applicant Information:

Organization:

Telephone:

Tax Status:

Mailing Address:

City:

State: Zip:

Project Contact:

Project Officer:

Fax:

Telephone:

Email:

Project Information:

Project Name:

Start Date: End Date:

Legal description: County:

Township: Range: Section: Qtr: Qtr:

Type of Grant:

Conservation Grant Community Forestry

Insect/Disease Invasive Species

Forest Stewardship Mountain Pine Beetle

Other (Specify)

Financial Information:

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

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

The goal of the 2018/19 MC Tree Grant is to establish new shelterbelts for livestock protection and field windbreaks for crop protection. Another goal is to renovate already existing shelterbelts and field windbreaks that have deteriorated over the years. The Project will be carried out in both Mellette and Todd Counties. Project start date will be January 1, 2017 and will be completed by June 30, 2019.

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

Applicant Signature *Jerry Kroger* Authorized Signature *Jerry Kroger* Title Supervisor Date 9-29-17

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

For Division Use Only:

Reviewed by: _____
Signature Title Date

Approved by: _____
Signature Title Date

BUDGET SHEET

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

A. OPERATING BUDGET

1. Salary/Benefits	1,700	
2. Travel		
3. Contractual Services	38,300	
4. Supplies		
5. Equipment (list major equip.)		
6. Consultant Services		
Total Projects Costs	40,000	This total must equal 40,000

B. ACTIVITY BUDGET

Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
1. Trees & Shrubs	6,000	6,800			12,800
2. Fabric	12,500	13,000			25,500
3. Administration	1,500	0	200		1,700
4.					0
5.					0
6.					0
7.					0
8.					0
TOTALS	20,000	19,800	200	0	40,000
					This total must equal 40,000

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

Partner	Amount Cash	Amount In-Kind	Total
1. RC&F	20,000		20,000
2. Todd & Mellette County Producers	19,800		19,800
3. Todd & Mellette Conservation Dist.	0	200	200
4.			0
5.			0
6.			0
7.			0
8.			0
TOTALS	39,800	200	40,000
			This total must equal 40,000

SUBMISSION:

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D – Project Description and Need

The Mellette and Todd County Conservation Districts are working together to provide a cost share opportunity for producers wanting to install field windbreaks and livestock shelterbelts. The 2018/19 MC Tree Grant project is a continuation of the 2017 MC Tree Grant Project and will continue to help to install conservation practices within the boundaries of the Mellette County Conservation District and the Todd County Conservation District. The primary beneficiaries of this project will not only include landowners and their neighbors, but all citizens of the two conservation districts and the Prairie Area. Projects installed will be for those interested in the many advantages that shelterbelts and windbreaks can provide. Many producers have expressed a desire to plant trees but are unable to qualify for any other cost share and/or are financially unable to do a planting without cost share. We would like to help those who don't meet qualifications for say EQIP, CRP, or Woody Habitat Plantings.

The shelterbelts and windbreaks planned are needed to conserve the two counties' natural resources. Shelterbelts and windbreaks are an important conservation practice used to:

- Protect and conserve our soil by reducing wind and water erosion. Wind erosion will be reduced because plantings will slow down wind speeds, therefore minimizing the wind effects. Water erosion will be reduced by plantings because the trees and shrub roots help hold the soil together.
- Benefit the landowner's livestock by providing shade and shelter. Wildlife will also benefit from the shade and shelter, and they may receive a new food source.
- Reduce wind damage to crops, trap snow that will provide future moisture, and reduce moisture loss through evaporation.
- Provide a potential for increased crop yields for landowners.
- Improve water quality by reducing non-source point pollution. The roots of trees and shrubs filter harmful substances out of water as it soaks downward.
- Provide shade along with organic materials found under them that help to hold moisture so it can be absorbed and replenish groundwater levels. Shade will also keep water cooler for fish eggs to have a better chance at hatching.

The Mellette/Todd County Conservation Districts will provide technical assistance during the planning, designing, and construction of the shelterbelts and windbreaks that be responsible for the implementation, follow-up, and administration of this grant. The districts will assist landowners on the best management practices when it comes to helping them through the process of picking a project site, deciding on the tree species to be planted, determining the correct spacing between trees/shrubs, maintenance, and putting the plan into effect. Plantings will be planned by the Todd/Mellette Conservation Districts, NRCS, and all plans will be approved by the Resource Conservation & Forestry Service Forester.

The producer will be responsible for obtaining any documentation in the event that federal, state, or local permits are required for the project. The producer will also be responsible for the upkeep of the windbreak or shelterbelt after planting certification including but not limited to weed control between the rows of trees and for replacing any dead trees that will not be cost shared through the grant.

E – Final Products

This grant proposal would help cost-share approximately 18 acres of windbreaks, shelterbelts, and shelterbelt renovations for 8 producers. There is about 2,428 rod rows of trees and 447 rod rows of shrubs planned to be planted. It is also planned to apply about 47,483 feet of weed barrier fabric.

F – Partner Justification

Project Partners Include:

- Mellette County Conservation District
- Todd County Conservation District
- SD Dept. of Ag (RC&F Division)
- NRCS
- Producers

The Mellette County Conservation District will take the lead on this project with the assistance of the Todd County Conservation District. The districts will be in charge of making sure the grant functions as intended, doing reimbursements, preparing the final report, and keeping records of the grant from start to finish. Both districts have had many past Conservation Commission grants which have led to the implementation of many conservation practices and management experience. The districts and the local NRCS staff have a great working relationship so we may get technical assistance, guidance, or project planning advice from them. The grants' funds will be matched by the producer and the conservation district. The RCF's field forester will approve all tree plantings and assist the district when it comes to designing the plantings. The division will also do a follow-up inspection after the project/grant has been completed.

G – Identify How You Will Measure the Success of the Project

The success of this project will be measured by the amount shrubs and trees planted, the amount of fabric laid, the acres covered, and the number of producers that we were able to help in establishing a shelterbelt or windbreak. The districts would feel successful if we are able to get all the plantings done in a timely manner and have happy producers. The environmental benefits of these projects are unquantifiable but should be considered a success as well. Future generations will consider this project a success and appreciate our efforts to conserve natural resources that they will enjoy.



Mellette County Conservation District

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White River, S.D. 57579

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Fax. 855-254-6029

September 29, 2017

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

Dear South Dakota Conservation Commission:

The Mellette County Conservation District is proud to submit a grant application for the 2017 Fall Grant Round. The following application is for our 2018/19 MC Tree Grant that will start January 1, 2018 and end June 30, 2019.

Along with our application, you will find a copy of the narrative that goes with our application.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Katherine Alban". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Katherine Alban
Administrative Assistant
Mellette & Todd County Conservation Districts

Mellette County Conservation District

Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting

USDA Service Center- White River, SD.

Monday October 2nd, 2017 7:00PM

Board Members Present: Suzanne England, Bret Strain, Brett Galbraith, Martin Bruce

Others Present: Lealand Schoon District Conservationist, Laurie Chauncey District Manager, Katherine Alban Administrative Assistant.

Chairman England called the meeting to order at 7:12pm and declared a quorum was present.

Agenda was reviewed. Strain made motion to approve Agenda with Second from Galbraith.

Minutes from the August 7th and September 6th, 2017 meetings were reviewed. Bruce made motion to approve minutes from these meetings with a second from Galbraith.

Treasurer's Report/Bills to be paid were reviewed. Bruce made motion to accept treasurer's report and pay the bills with a second by Galbraith.

Wells Fargo Bank Acct. 9/6/17-10/2-17	Beginning balance on 9/6/17	\$ 73,659.38
	Deposits	\$ 34,548.02
	<u>Withdrawals</u>	<u>\$ 21,256.96</u>
	Ending balance on 10/2/17	\$ 86,950.44

Accounts receivable were reviewed. It was decided to assess an additional \$50 to Brooks drill rental for not cleaning the drill.

NRCS reports

DC report- Lealand informed the board that moratorium on pasture taps has been lifted with new protocols. Reported on SDACD Convention Dr. Montgomery presentation on soil health. Shared a print that was given to the office by State Conservationist as a token of appreciation for the work done through the partnership.

Old Business:

Conservation Commission Grants

Multi-Practice Grant- DM informed the board that some of the applicants may opt to apply for EQIP. The grant is scheduled to close December 31, 2017. Strain made the motion to request a six month extension for this grant with a second from Galbraith.

July Multi-Practice Grant this grant will begin when funds in the previous multi-practice grant are used.

Tree Grants Mellette all plantings that were approved for funding in Todd and Mellette County have been submitted for reimbursement under this Grant. There is approximately \$5000 remaining in this grant. This is largely due to several scheduled plantings being accepted for CCRP program through FSA. When the funds in this Grant are exhausted the funds in the Todd Tree Grant will be used.

Todd Tree Grant- There are \$20,000 available for forester approved tree planting in this grant for the 2018 tree season for Todd and Mellette County. The Conservation Commission approved use of these funds for a producer on the Bennett County line in Bennett County. This will be is the funds are not used in Todd and Mellette.

Cover Crop grant- District Manager reported that the Conservation Commission approved use of funds for cover crop seed on demonstration plot for future plantings and study not to exceed \$200 per year. The Grant ends December 31, 2017. Strain made a motion to request a one year extension on the Cover Crop Grant with second from Galbraith.

Personnel- Reviewed and signed employment agreement with administrative assistant Katherine Alban. For scheduling 40 hours every two weeks it was suggested to complete two eight hour days one week and three eight hour days the following week.

Conservation Innovation Grant- South Central RC&D applied for and received a CIG Grant through NRCS for \$183,500 for the next two years to be used to assist NRCS and the Conservation Districts in the SCRC&D area with technical assistance. SCRC&D discussed Work Comp and liability Insurance and asked if this could be handled by the conservation district. The Cost to the district

is not anticipated to be any higher as they are below minimum for work comp and liability insurance. Galbraith made motion that M CCD will be the contractor for SCRC&D CIG grant and to be the employer for the position as needed with a second from Bruce.

Work Product Agreement NRCS- DM shared that this has not yet been received but thought the district would be included in the new fiscal year.

Equipment- DM reported that the new drill is expected to arrive in November. It was decided to charge Brooks an additional \$50 for cleaning the drill.

SDACD Convention DM shared that the Cover Crop Grant amendment request was approved and the grant can be used on the same plot for education information. Also discussed Dr. Montgomery presentation and other breakout sessions.

Cherry Todd Meeting Jerry attended and it sounds like there will be another meeting on September 18th in Mission for the voting membership that were not able to attend.

New Business

Personnel –covered in old business

Fall Grant Round. Application for the 2018-2019 M CCD tree grant was reviewed. Bruce made motion to submit the grant for the fall grant round with a second from Galbraith.

Executive Session- not needed

Correspondence:

NACD- No action Taken

Ranchers Workshop Dwayne Beck from Dakota Lakes Research Farm has been secured for a speaker. It was suggested to check with- Women In Ag for possible presenters.

The Grassfed Exchange will be held in Rapid City on June 21-22, 2018

Next meeting will be held November 6th, 2017 @ 7:00pm.
Bruce made motion to adjourn at 8:40 PM with second by Galbraith

Suzanne England, Chairman
Respectfully Submitted by:
Laurie Chauncey, District Manager



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

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Applicant Information:

Organization: Miner Conservation District
Telephone: (605) 772-5642
Tax Status: Government

Mailing Address: 601 West Farmer Avenue, Suite A
City: Howard
State: SD Zip: 57349

Project Contact:

Project Officer: Tami Moore
Fax:

Telephone: (605) 480-2401
Email: tami.moore@sd.nacdnet.net

Project Information:

Project Name: Conservation Practices
Start Date: 01/01/2018 End Date: 12/31/2018
Legal description: County: Miner
Township: Range: Section: Qtr: Qtr:

Type of Grant:

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

Financial Information:

Grant Funds Requested: 21,633 Partner Contributions (total) 29,518 Total Project Cost: 51,150

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

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Applicant Signature: Tami Moore District Manager: _____ Date: 08/22/2017
Authorized Signature Title

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BUDGET SHEET

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1. Salary/Benefits	2,875	
2. Travel		
3. Contractual Services	39,275	
4. Supplies	9,000	
5. Equipment (list major equip.)		
6. Consultant Services		
Total Projects Costs	51,150	This total must equal 51,150

B. ACTIVITY BUDGET

Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
1. Conservation Practices	20,020	27,905			47,925
2. Promotion	175	175			350
3. Administrative	1,438	1,437			2,875
4.					0
5.					0
6.					0
7.					0
8.					0
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1. RC&F	21,633		21,633
2. Conservation District	1,437		1,437
3. Miner County Producers	28,080		28,080
4.			0
5.			0
6.			0
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8.			0
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Project Narrative: Conservation Practices Grant for Miner Conservation District

D. Project Description and Need

The proposed Conservation Practices Grant will benefit landowners, wildlife, and people that live or visit Miner County. The improvement of natural resources will benefit the entire area as a whole. Improved soil, water and air quality affects both our health and economy. Soil is the basis of our agricultural community. Soil health affects its ability to support plant and animal life and support human health. Water is essential to life, protecting water quality ensures we will have clean water for drinking, watering livestock, and wildlife habitat. There is a need for financial assistance to implement conservation practices that are not eligible for any other cost share program, either because of lack of funding or eligibility requirements. Due to the high cost often associated with installing conservation practices, many land owners and operators are unable to install practices needed to address Grazing Management, Livestock Health, Soil Health, Soil Erosion, Water Quality, Air Quality, and Wildlife Habitat.

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All required permits will be obtained before the installation of practices.

Cost share will be based on the 2017 Conservation Commission Approved Cost Share Percentages and Practice Costs. A spreadsheet of the proposed eligible practices and goals set forth are on a separate sheet. An example of the agreement (agreements will vary based on the conservation practice) to be signed by the landowner is also included.

It will be the responsibility of the district to provide leadership, technical assistance, educational, and financial assistance opportunities to producers in their utilization and management of natural resources. However, the producer has the overall responsibility of implementation and maintenance of the 'on the ground' stewardship activities.

E. Final Product

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F. Partner Justification

The Miner Conservation District and the Howard NRCS will assist in the design, layout, and construction inspection of the practices installed. The conservation district will provide technical assistance to monitor progress of the project, and will conduct follow-up reviews of installed practices. Miner Conservation District has excellent working relationships with SD Game Fish and Parks, US Fish and Wildlife, Ducks Unlimited, Wildlife Turkey Federation, Miner County Extension, Miner County Weed, Miner County Farm Service Agency, and the Miner County Commissioners. The wide scope of technical expertise offered by the partnership involved in this project eliminates the need for outside consultations.

G. Measuring the Success of the Project

The success of this project will be measured by the number conservation practices that are implemented to improve or maintain natural resources and by the amount of landowners or operators assisted.

At the present time we already have the following producers hoping for aid in doing these conservation practices in 2018:

Tree Plantings: Doug Metcalf – 1.2 acres; Shane Davids – 1.9 acres,

Cover Crops – 2 producers – David Callies, Kelly Endorf,

Shelterbelt Renovation – 1 producer – Richard Muth

Miner County Conservation Practices Grant

<u>Practice</u>	<u>Maximum Cost</u>	<u>Est. Units</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>Cost-share %</u>	<u>CC Grant \$</u>	<u>Local Match</u>
<u>Tree Plantings</u>						
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Shrubs & Planting	\$ 5.50	150	\$825	50%	\$ 412.50	\$ 412.50
Trees & Planting	\$ 5.00	1300	\$6,500	50%	\$ 3,250.00	\$ 3,250.00
Fabric & Application	\$ 0.61	15000	\$9,150	50%	\$ 4,575.00	\$ 4,575.00
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Total on Soil Health Practices			\$11,250		\$ 5,625.00	\$ 5,625.00
<u>Shelterbelt Renovations</u>						
Sod Control, chem & mechanical	\$ 200.00	2.5	\$500	40%	\$ 200.00	\$ 300.00
Dead Tree Removal (inc roots)	\$ 6,100.00	2.5	\$15,250	25%	\$ 3,812.50	\$ 11,437.50
Total on Shelterbelt Renovations			\$15,750		\$ 4,012.50	\$ 11,737.50
<u>Administrative</u>						
Salary & Benefits	\$ 28.75	100	\$2,875	50%	\$ 1,437.50	\$ 1,437.50
Total on Administrative			\$2,875		\$ 1,437.50	\$ 1,437.50
<u>Promotion Expenses</u>						
Promotion of Practices	\$ 350.00	1	\$350	50%	\$ 175.00	\$ 175.00
Total on Promotion Expenses			\$350		\$ 175.00	\$ 175.00
Totals			\$51,150		\$ 21,632.50	\$ 29,517.50
					42.3%	57.7%

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On-Line Courses – No on-line courses were completed this month.

Community and/or School Activities –Miner County 4-H Achievement Days – The Conservation District supplied Miner Conservation District can coozies.

Conservation Commission Grants – Discussion was held concerning Grant Applications. Donald Threadgold moved to submit applications for Conservation Practices and Public Awareness. Julie Calmus seconded the move. Discussion was held. A unanimous voice vote was held.

Miner Conservation District Website – Kingsbury is going to assist Tami is getting the Miner Conservation District website up and running on Thursday.

Letters to Senators Thune and Rounds and Representative Noem – Letters of concern were sent concerning the cutting of CTA funding. We stressed this would limit our collective ability to address resource concerns and put conservation practices on the ground. Concern was stressed on the reorganization of USDA agencies which would prove to be detrimental to locally-led conservation.

Name Change Request – A name change from Miner County Conservation District to Miner Conservation District was discussed. Tim Clarke moved to request the name change. Julie Calmus seconded the move. Discussion was held. Following a unanimous voice vote, a letter was signed by Chairman Shumaker requesting a name change. This letter is first submitted to the South Dakota Conservation Commission, if approved it will be submitted to the Secretary of State.

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Respectfully Submitted by Tami Moore, District Manager

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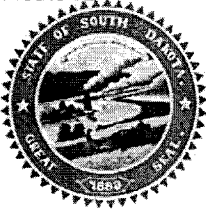
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Department of Agriculture Division of Resource Conservation & Forestry Grant Application Form

Applicant Information:

Organization: Miner Conservation District
 Telephone: (605) 772-5642
 Tax Status: Government

Mailing Address: 601 West Farmer Ave, Suite A
 City: Howard
 State: SD Zip: 57349

Project Contact:

Project Officer: Tami Moore
 Fax: _____

Telephone: (605) 480-2401
 Email: tami.moore@sd.nacdnet.net

Project Information:

Project Name: Conservation Workshop & Education
 Start Date: 01/01/2018 End Date: 12/31/2018
 Legal description: County: Miner
 Township: _____ Range: _____ Section: _____ Qtr: _____

Type of Grant:

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

Financial Information:

Grant Funds Requested: 1,000 Partner Contributions (total) 1,000 Total Project Cost: 2,000

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

Through this grant the Mine Conservation District plans to have a 'Conservation Workshop' (the title is yet to be determined) and some educational activities for students and the community. The workshop is scheduled for February 7, 2018 and will be held at the Miner County Farm and Home Show in Howard. The education activities will involve the community, students, and children.

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2. Salary/Benefits	250	250			500
3.					0
4.					0
5.					0
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PROJECT NARRATIVE

Conservation Workshop & Education Miner Conservation District

D. Project Description and Need

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

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

Miner Conservation District will be responsible for the planning and success of the workshops. The District will also be responsible for promoting the workshops as well as submitting the reimbursement requests and reports for the grant.

- Indicate where this project will be located

The workshop will be located in Miner County.

- Describe the specific environmental, natural resource, ecological, educational and/or socio-economic needs the project will address

The main purpose of this grant is to involve as many citizens of Miner County and surrounding counties as possible to the huge benefits of conservation. It will promote conservation and will also be a great Public Relations project for the Conservation District.

- Describe the specific on-the-ground restoration activities to be undertaken on-site to achieve the project objectives, and why it is needed

The proposed project will consist of a workshop. All expenses will be divided between the Conservation Commission Grant and the Conservation District (with the exception of any 'other funds' donations). The goal of the project is have a workshop with a minimum of 25 people in attendance to each workshop. Through the Conservation Education we hope to provide information to at least 200 people.

- Describe provisions to ensure long-term management and protection of the project

There will not be a long-term management of the project. The benefits will be long term, but the management of the project is just for one year.

E. Final Products

The primary benefits of the project would be more information and education for conservation practices.

F. Partner Justification

The Miner Conservation District will work with any organizations that would like to be involved in our workshops.

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Contribution Agreement with NRCS – Our agreement with NRCS is \$9,075. We submitted a request for \$610, \$2,120, and \$1,510 and received reimbursement. The 4th submission of \$1,950 has been submitted, but funds have not been received.

On-Line Courses – No on-line courses were completed this month.

Community and/or School Activities – Miner County 4-H Achievement Days – The Conservation District supplied Miner Conservation District can coozies.

Conservation Commission Grants – Discussion was held concerning Grant Applications. Donald Threadgold moved to submit applications for Conservation Practices and Public Awareness. Julie Calmus seconded the move. Discussion was held. A unanimous voice vote was held.

Miner Conservation District Website – Kingsbury is going to assist Tami is getting the Miner Conservation District website up and running on Thursday.

Letters to Senators Thune and Rounds and Representative Noem – Letters of concern were sent concerning the cutting of CTA funding. We stressed this would limit our collective ability to address resource concerns and put conservation practices on the ground. Concern was stressed on the reorganization of USDA agencies which would prove to be detrimental to locally-led conservation.

Name Change Request – A name change from Miner County Conservation District to Miner Conservation District was discussed. Tim Clarke moved to request the name change. Julie Calmus seconded the move. Discussion was held. Following a unanimous voice vote, a letter was signed by Chairman Shumaker requesting a name change. This letter is first submitted to the South Dakota Conservation Commission, if approved it will be submitted to the Secretary of State.

SDACD Convention – This will be held September 17 – 19 at the Ramkota in Sioux Falls. The agenda was handed out to board members and all were encouraged to attend. Registrations are due September 6. Each district is responsible for finding \$150 worth of sponsors for the break. Tim and Don will ask their banks for a contribution of \$50.

S.D. NRCS Conservation Collaboration Grant – Our grant application was denied.

Vermillion / Big Sioux Area Endowment Fund Honoree Nomination – Many of the districts in our area have donated to the 2017 Vermillion/Big Sioux Area Endowment Fund Honoree Nancy Barrick. Hopefully we will achieve the \$1,000 level for Presidents Achievement in honor of Nancy.

NRCS REPORT: NRCS Report was given to board members and discussed. Conservation Plans and Contracts were submitted for approval. Donald Threadgold moved to approve, Marvin Kizer seconded the move. Discussion was held. Following a unanimous voice vote, Plans and Contracts were approved.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held Thursday, September 14 @ 5:00 pm. Because of conflicts – this is a date change.

Chairman Shumaker declared the meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.
Respectfully Submitted by Tami Moore, District Manager

September 7, 2017

South Dakota Conservation Commission
523 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, South Dakota 57501



Dear South Dakota Conservation Commission:

The Grant Conservation District would like to express their support of the Grant Application submitted by Hamlin County Conservation District for the Prairie Coteau Watershed Enhancement Project.

It is our understanding that this Grant would help several landowners and address many resource concerns in our Coteau Area. Specifically, this Grant would help manage and improve rangeland, water quality, livestock, and wildlife production. The Grant would help the landowner participants, but also stakeholders in land downstream to help reduce erosion and improve their water quality.

The Coteau Area Conservation Districts participated in the previous Water Quality Grant, and it was well received by producers in our area. There are many more producers wanting to also take part in this type of project, which is why we are in support of the new Prairie Coteau Watershed Enhancement Project.

Thanks you for your consideration of this Grant application.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Pauli
District Manager

Grant County Conservation District
1102 S Dakota Street
Milbank, SD 57252
Phone: 605-432-6572 ext 3
Stephanie.pauli@sd.nacdnet.net



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Pierre Office

Applicant Information:

Organization: Moody Conservation District
Telephone: (605) 997-2949
Tax Status: Government

Mailing Address: 202 E 3rd Ave.
City: Flandreau
State: SD Zip: 57028

Project Contact:

Project Officer: Harvey Shafer
Fax: _____

Telephone: (605) 997-2949
Email: harvey.shafer@sd.nacdnet.net

Project Information:

Project Name: Shelter-belt renovation
Start Date: 01/01/18 End Date: 12/31/20
Legal description: County: Moody
Township: _____ Range: _____ Section: _____ Qtr: _____ Qtr: _____

Type of Grant:

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

Financial Information:

Grant Funds Requested: 25,000 Partner Contributions (total) 49,852 Total Project Cost: 74,852

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

The Moody Shelterbelt Renovation Project will help landowners with the cost of renovating their existing shelterbelts. This projects will provide cost-share for dead tree removal, chemical and mechanical sod control, replanting of trees with or without fabric, and/or hand planting (with or without fabric squares) according to the 2016 Conservation Commission Approved Practices costs & Cost -Share Percentages. It will be recommended to remove the trees. then keep working the site for a minimum of 9 months to remove all roots. Trees must then be replanted in the area the tree were removed within this Grant period.

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

Applicant Signature: John D. Mayes Authorized Signature: _____ Title: Chairman Date: 9/27/17

A copy of the state required [W-9 Form](#) must be attached to this application.

For Division Use Only:

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

BUDGET SHEET

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

A. OPERATING BUDGET

1. Salary/Benefits	3,852	
2. Travel		
3. Contractual Services	60,000	
4. Supplies	11,000	
5. Equipment (list major equip.)		
6. Consultant Services		
Total Projects Costs	74,852	This total must equal 74,852

B. ACTIVITY BUDGET

Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
1. Wages & Benefits	2,000	1,852			3,852
2. Contractual Services	20,000	42,500			62,500
3. Supplies	3,000	5,500			8,500
4.					0
5.					0
6.					0
7.					0
8.					0
TOTALS	25,000	49,852	0	0	74,852
					This total must equal 74,852

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

Partner	Amount Cash	Amount In-Kind	Total
1. RC&F	25,000		25,000
2. Moody Conservation District	1,936		1,936
3. Moody County Producers	47,916		47,916
4.			0
5.			0
6.			0
7.			0
8.			0
TOTALS	74,852	0	74,852
			This total must equal 74,852

SUBMISSION:

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

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

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Brookings County Conservation District
205 6th Street
Brookings, SD 57006
Phone: 605-692-8003 #3
FAX: 855-256-2569
www.brookingsconservation.org

October 10, 2017

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

To Whom It May Concern:

The Brookings County Conservation District strongly supports Moody Conservation District's Shelterbelt Renovation grant proposal.

With the continuing decline of shelterbelts, this project will assist landowners in Moody and Brookings Counties to help restore/and improve the overall function of their shelterbelts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rick Kerr", written in black ink.

Rick Kerr,
Chairman

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A. Project Description & Need

- Primary Beneficiaries of this Project
 - o The project's primary goal is to rejuvenate old and dying shelterbelts in Moody and Brookings county and/or surrounding areas. By providing funding assistance, the project will benefit the livestock producer, local farmers, and the entire community. These will also protect the land from erosion while providing the general public with a more beautiful landscape.
 - o Moody and Brookings County Landowners - this project would supply 10 to 25% cost-share to remove dead trees and would supply 50% cost-share to replant the trees.
 - o Surrounding Areas - will benefit through improved water quality and air quality, reduction in soil erosion, and a more beautiful landscape.
 - o Moody and Brookings County Community - economic benefits through improved efficiency of livestock, reduction of energy costs, and improved value of land.
 - o Most land owners and operators in Miner County want to improve the Aesthetics of their land. Renovating an older shelterbelt will do just that.
- Responsible for Implementation, Maintenance, & Follow-up
 - o Moody and Brookings Conservation Districts will implement this project. Moody and Brookings Conservation Districts will determine if the shelterbelt is in need of renovating. If so, a plan of action will be drawn up with the producer. Year 1 will include the plan of action and removal of dead trees. Year 2 will include the replacement of trees and maintenance. Year 3 will include survival and monitoring.
- Location of this Project
 - Moody And Brookings County,
 - Environmental, Natural Resource, Ecological, Education, and/or Social Impact
 - o The residents of Moody and Brookings County are very much aware of the importance of a beautiful landscape which always include healthy trees. The main historic priorities of the Moody and Brookings Conservation Districts have been water quality, soil erosion, and air quality. This project helps address our priorities and helps us to meet our Long Range Plan goals.
 - o Environmental & Natural Resource - The improvement of natural resource conditions will benefit the region as a whole by improving shelterbelts, providing improved water quality, reduction of soil erosion by wind and water, improved air quality, and a more beautiful landscape for Moody and Brookings County.
 - o Social Impact - The social impact is hard to measure. All small communities are struggling to survive. A beautiful county (and trees do make a county more beautiful) is more appealing to everyone and encourages young people to stay in the area and older people to retire in the area.
 - o Economic Impact - The economic impact is also a very difficult thing to measure. If a properly planted shelterbelt serves its purpose as a feedlot, the cattle producer will save costs of feed and survival of his livestock. The extra income is spent in the community. A properly placed shelterbelt helps provide living snow fences. Less snow removal saves the county tax dollars, which in turn saves everyone. A properly placed and planted shelterbelt saves the homeowner on energy costs - which again goes right back into the community.

- Federal, State, or Local Permits Required
 - o No permits are required for this project. Consideration for cultural resources and environmental impacts will be considered when in the planning phase of this project.

B. Final Products

Expected benefits of the project include the conservation of the natural resources in Moody and Brookings County through the implementation renovating older shelterbelts. By promoting this project, we hope to improve the old, dying shelterbelts by either removing them and replanting the trees or replacing trees in existing shelterbelts.

C. Partner Justification

- Conservation Districts - The Moody and Brookings Conservation District is responsible for all aspects of the grant project. The 2017 Conservation Commission Approved Practices Costs and the 2017 Conservation Commission Approved Cost-Share Percentages will be followed. The South Dakota Coordinated Soil and Water Conservation Plan will be followed. The districts will conform to the goals and objectives of this plan. The districts will be responsible for the project management, marketing, technical assistance, and evaluation of the project. Through in-kind services the district will provide 25% of the technical service. The Conservation Districts will also provide 5% of the cost of the hand plants & fabric squares; the Conservation District will provide 2.5% of the cost of tree planting and tree protectors. The districts will supply 1.6 % of the total budget for this project.
- Conservation Commission Grant - The grant will cover 10-25% of the cost of the tree removal, 50% of the cost of the hand plants, fabric squares, fabric weed barrier & installation, trees & planting, and protectors, and 40% of the cost of sod control. The grant will also cover 75% of the technical service. The Conservation Commission Grant will supply 29.92% of the total budget for this project.
- Division of Resource Conservation & Forestry - The project will use their knowledge of the grant project and procedures. The project will also use the knowledge and approval of the area forester.
- SD Department of Game, Fish & Parks - Funds are sometimes available through them for fencing and/or tree planting. It will be the responsibility of the producer to contact them for possible funding.
- Natural Resource Conservation Service - The NRCSTech Guide will be followed when designing a shelterbelt.
- Land Owner - The landowner will have the most to gain from this project. He will provide at least 25% of the cost of the practices. Even if other funding is found by the producer, he must provide the above percentages of the cost of the project. Under the proposed plan the landowner will supply 67.71% of the total budget for this project.
- Cooperative Extension Service - The Conservation District and land owner will use the knowledge of the extension service and SDSU for choosing replacement trees and care of the trees (such as disease and insect problems).

D. Success of the Project

Success of this project will be measured by the number of shelterbelts renovated and the acres of trees replanted or replaced. With this grant, we hope to cost-share at least 10 acres of shelterbelt renovations throughout Moody and Brookings county. The **improvement of water and air quality, reduction of soil erosion, the protection of ground water, and the improvement of range and pastureland** will be the true measures of success of this project.

Overall success of a conservation project is very hard to measure. A conservation grant project provides wonderful public relations for a conservation district. It allows conservation districts to make more contacts with producers, thus provide more conservation education and assistance on other aspects of their land. The value of a renovated tree site over the next 30 to 50 years is impossible to accurately measure.

Renovated shelterbelts beautify a county and make the residents and visitors of Miner County proud to be a part of the community!

MOODY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board of Supervisors Meeting –Thursday September 14th, 2017

Chairman Jack Majeres called the regular board meeting to order on Thursday September 14th, at 7:00 P.M. at the USDA Service Center Conference Room. Other supervisors present were Warren Jackson, Dean Jaycox and Steve Doyle. Also present Harvey Shafer.

Agenda: Dean moved to approve agenda. Warren second. Motion carried unanimously.

The minutes from the August meeting were reviewed. Warren moved to approve minutes with correction. Dean second. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's report. Steve moved to approve Treasure's report and pay bills. Dean second. Motion carried unanimously.

District Conservation Report: Rhonda called in to report on CRP, EQUIP, WRP & CTA. Warren moved to approve CRP & EQUIP contracts. Steve second. Motion carried unanimously.

Big Sioux Project Update: Jack reported on steering committee meeting. Steve moved to approve letter of request to DENR for 319 funds. Warren second. Motion passed unanimously.

Manager Report: Harvey updated Board on that he has a couple of cover crop seeding's done. Working on annual convention and annual tour.

Old Business

1. Redder Lawsuit: no update
2. Annual Convention: Sept 17-19th Jack, Warren and Harvey will be attending
3. Annual Conservation Tour: September 21st meet at District shed 9:30 A.M. Colman FHA class will meet at first site.
4. Parsley RAM: Sue Parsley meet with board on options for the RAM contract.
5. Public relations outreach: Dean moved to hire Brookings Altima employee to help with the District Facebook page. Steve second. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Conservation Commission Grant Round: Warren moved to apply for Shelterbelt renovation Grant. Steve second. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Review Annual Work Plan: Tabled to the October meeting.

New Business

Steve moved to adjourn... Dean Second. Motion carried unanimously.

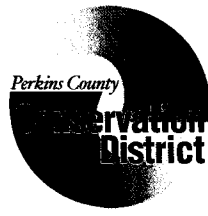
Next Meeting October 19th 2017 @ 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by:

Harvey Shafer, District Manager

Jack Majeres, Chairman



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S.D. of Ag Services

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

September 22, 2017

South Dakota Conservation Commission
C/O Bill Smith Department of Agriculture
523 E Capitol Ave
Pierre, SD 57501

Dear South Dakota Conservation Commission:

The Perkins County Conservation District is proud to submit a grant application for the 2017 Fall Grant Round. The following application is for the NW Area Tree Planting Project that will start January 1, 2018, and end December 31, 2018.

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

This grant and the NW Area Natural Resource Specialist grant are in conjunction with each other. Please take this into consideration when you are reviewing this grant. Thank you for your assistance, and if you have any questions or concerns, please call the Perkins County Conservation District's District Manager at (605) 522-5222 ext. 3.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lyndel Johnson".

Lyndel Johnson
Chairman

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Division of Resource Conservation & Forestry
Grant Application Form

Department of Agriculture
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Applicant Information:

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

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

Project Contact:

Project Officer: Kelsie Chambers
Fax:

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

Project Information:

Project Name: NW Area Tree Planting Grant
Start Date: 01/01/2018 End Date: 12/31/2018
Legal description: County: Perkins
Township: Range: Section: Qtr: Qtr:

Type of Grant:

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

Financial Information:

Grant Funds Requested: 36,907 Partner Contributions (total) 78,982 Total Project Cost: 115,889

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

This project will benefit a six county area (Corson, Dewey, Harding, Perkins, Tri, and Ziebach) by offering cost-share on trees that will benefit livestock that are not eligible for CCRP or EQIP.
The overall goals of the project comply with the South Dakota Coordinated Soil and Water Conservation Plan and the long-range plans of the six conservation districts.
This grant is in conjunction with the Northwest Area Natural Resource Specialist position.
There are already 15 producers in 6 counties lined up to participate in this grant.

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

Applicant Signature: Lyndal Johnson
Authorized Signature: Chairman
Date: 9-22-17

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

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

BUDGET SHEET

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

A. OPERATING BUDGET

1. Salary/Benefits	42,282	
2. Travel		
3. Contractual Services	73,607	
4. Supplies		
5. Equipment (list major equip.)		
6. Consultant Services		
Total Projects Costs	115,889	This total must equal 115,889

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B. ACTIVITY BUDGET

Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
1. Site Prep	592	888			1,480
2. Trees & Planting	6,550	6,550			13,100
3. Shrub Planting	2,374	2,374			4,748
4. Fabric	21,331	21,331			42,661
5. Fence	4,959	19,837			24,797
6. Admin	1,102				1,102
7. NW Forester			28,002		-28,002
8.					0
TOTALS	36,907	50,980	28,002 0.00	0	115,889

This total must equal 115,889

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

Partner	Amount Cash	Amount In-Kind	Total
1. RC&F			0
2. Commission Grant Source	36,907		36,907
3. Landowners	50,980		50,980
4. Natural Resource Specialist		28,002	28,002
5.			0
6.			0
7.			0
8.			0
TOTALS	87,887	28,002 0.00	115,889

This total must equal 115,889

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SECTION D. – C. PROJECT PARTNERS:

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

INSTRUCTIONS

Complete the following section for Coordinated Natural Resources Conservation Grants

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

D. Project Description and Need

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

E. Final Products

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

F. Partner Justification

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

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

Complete the following section for Urban and Community Forestry Challenge Grants

General Grant Requirements

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

The following are requirements for the Insect/Disease Program

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

NORTHWEST AREA TREEPLANTING GRANT

SITE PREPARATION- \$40.00/acre-est. 37 acres =\$1,480.00

Grant-40%	\$592.00
Landowner- 60%	<u>\$888.00</u>
TOTAL	\$1,480.00

TREES & SHRUB PLANTING

Tree planting-3,275 rods x \$4.00/rod =\$13,100.00

Grant-50%	\$6,550.00
Landowner-50%	<u>\$6,550.00</u>
TOTAL	\$13,100.00

Shrub planting-1,055 rods x \$4.50/rod=\$4,747.50

Grant-50%	\$2,373.75
Landowner-50%	<u>\$2,373.75</u>
TOTAL	\$4,747.50

FABRIC WEED CONTROL- 71,102 est. ft x .60/ft-\$42,661.20

Grant-50%	\$21,330.60
Landowner-50%	<u>\$21,330.60</u>
TOTAL	\$42,661.20

FENCE-PROTECTIVE- \$1.06/ft- est. 23,393 ft= \$24,796.58

Grant-20%	\$4,959.32
Landowner- 80%	<u>\$19,837.26</u>
TOTAL	\$24,796.58

ADMINISTRATIVE - \$1,101.68

Perkins County- 5 hours/month x 12 months = 60 hours

Wages	\$918.60
Retirement	\$55.12
Taxes	\$70.27
Unemployment	\$55.12
Workers Comp	<u>\$2.57</u>
	\$1,101.68

IN-KIND NW AREA FORESTER

50% salary/benefits	\$19,694.76
50% travel	\$4,627.00
50% office space & IT	<u>\$3,680.00</u>
	\$28,001.76

PROJECT NARRATIVE:

D. Project Description and Need

This proposed Northwest Area Tree Planting Project will benefit the natural resource management of approximately 15 farmers and ranchers in the Northwest Area, which consists of Corson, Dewey, Harding, Perkins, Tri, and Ziebach counties, along with providing off site benefits to neighbors and other citizens in these producers' watersheds. The shelterbelts cost-shared will have the primary focus of livestock protection, but will also be multi-purpose. The natural resource benefits to these shelterbelts include: improvement of surface water quality, erosion control on cropland, livestock protection to support proper grassland management, wildlife habitat creation, and energy savings.

Project Need:

Many landowners, farmers, and ranchers in the Northwest Area do not qualify for financial assistance for shelterbelt plantings from federal and state cost-share programs, because their needed shelterbelts are:

1. Located in an area that is currently grassland or pastureland (not eligible for CCRP).
2. Located in an area that is cropland and doesn't have the needed cropping history for the period 1996-2002 (not eligible for CCRP).
3. Their planned shelterbelt has natural resource benefits such as erosion control, wildlife habitat, and water quality improvement; however, it does not meet the size, location, requirements or ranking needed for cost-share (not eligible for CCRP).

The demand for shelterbelts by farmers and ranchers involve tree planting not eligible under other existing programs and the proposed multi-purpose shelterbelts provide benefits to livestock, wildlife, water quality, energy savings, and assistance to beginning farmers and ranchers. Producers who participate in the proposed project will be required to prepare their shelterbelt site the summer and fall before tree planting, and seek approval for cost-share prior to site preparation.

The shelterbelts to be planted in the Northwest Area Conservation Districts through this proposed project are needed to conserve the county's natural resources, as they are an important conservation practice used by landowners to:

- The shelterbelts to be planted under this proposed project are also very significant from an economic and social aspect to the area, as they are important to the overall economic success of the areas crop and livestock producers. The sustainability of livestock producers and the grasslands they manage are significantly impacted by the use of shelterbelts to reduce feed costs and calf death losses, improve overall herd health, and implement planned grazing through diversification of their operations for recreation uses (aesthetics and wildlife habitat), and through reduced energy use and increased land values.
- Protect and/or improve the waters to provide needed water quality and quantity. Shelterbelt plantings support clean water for people, fish, and wildlife by filtering out and/or absorbing sediments, nutrients, and chemical or bacterial contaminants.
- Protect or improve soil productivity and quality. Shelterbelts protect soils from wind and water erosion.
- Improve wildlife habitat for game and non-game species. Shelterbelts are significant areas for resident as well as migratory birds for food, nesting and cover, and provide important habitat for game species-such as deer and upland game birds.

Project Goal: The proposed project's goal is to provide technical and financial assistance to landowners in the Northwest Area to complete 37.3 acres site preparation, 23,393 linear feet of new fencing, and 37.3 acres of trees, shrubs, and weed control on acres that are not eligible through the CCRP program or similar conservation programs. This would improve the counties natural resources, the sustainability of farm and ranch operations, and greatly reduce energy cost and use of fossil fuels.

Project Objective: Increase the profitability of farm and ranch operations in the Northwest Area by providing technical and financial assistance to approximately 15 landowners, reducing erosion, improving water quality, increase wildlife habitat, and save energy. All other shelterbelt establishment costs will be provided in-kind by the landowner, or technical assistance provider, and include: producer labor and equipment, site design, replacement trees for death loss and follow-up as needed. The District's proposed sources of funds to cost-share eligible items that meet the direction from the 2017 Conservation Commission Cost-Share Docket. The shelterbelts where cost-share assistance is provided will include field windbreaks, livestock shelterbelts, riparian area plantings, farmstead/livestock shelterbelts, and wildlife plantings.

The Districts will set natural resource priorities and policy for this proposed cost-share assistance to landowners for windbreak and shelterbelt establishment. The Conservation District will continue to provide the landowner with information and assistance on applications for cost-share assistance from existing state and federal programs prior to consideration for cost-share under this proposal. The Conservation District will make the final decision on shelterbelts cost-shared based on the written priorities and policies they establish, and are as follows: (A maximum of cost-share per planting/landowner will be \$7,000.)

Priority #1: Shelterbelts that protect livestock improve aesthetics, sequester carbon, conserve energy for landowners who make a significant part of their income from farming and ranching, and the reduction of fossil fuel consumption.

Priority #2: Shelterbelts that improve or protect water quality in lakes, streams, and aquifers.

Priority #3: Shelterbelts that improve soil productivity.

Priority #4: Shelterbelts that improve or protect grassland resources as part of a landowner's overall plan to improve or maintain good grassland management.

Priority #5: Shelterbelts that establish needed wildlife habitat.

List of Project Activities:

1. Establishing a program eligibility guidelines, program priorities, and make final approval of requests for program assistance (in-kind).
2. Information and education campaign to market shelterbelt benefits and this proposed shelterbelt program, through their newsletter, press releases, and on-farm contacts (in-kind).
3. Coordinating and/or providing technical assistance to landowners for shelterbelt design (in kind). The Districts have a close working relationship with state and federal agencies that currently provide technical and financial assistance to landowners for shelterbelt plantings, and will be able to coordinate assistance to avoid cost-shares where existing assistance is already available.
4. Contracting with landowners for trees, planting, and weed control for three years. Weed control is required; however, landowners choose methods and service providers.
5. Follow-up with landowners a minimum of one time per year for the first three years after shelterbelt planting, to ensure proper management as stated in the Conservation

District/Landowner maintenance agreement. Weed control will be required for three years, and the landowner will replace trees that fail to establish.

6. Project financial records will be maintained and documentation filed on the design, cost, planting (species, size, ect), and follow-up records on performance of each shelterbelt receiving cost-share.

E. Final Products:

The completion of this project's goals, objectives, and activities will provide the following products: 37.3 acres of ground preparation, 23,393 linear feet of new fencing, and 37.3 acres of trees, shrubs, and weed control on acres that are not eligible through CCRP program or similar conservation programs will be established in the Northwest Area, benefitting the natural resources of the counties and the economic stability of approximately 15 agricultural landowners. Most of the landowners provided assistance would not plant these shelterbelts without the proposed assistance.

F. Partner Justification:

The Perkins County Conservation District will be the lead project sponsor. Project management, marketing, and shelterbelt design and shelterbelt maintenance will be provided to the project as an in-kind match by the Northwest Area Natural Resource Specialist. The Northwest Area Conservation Districts will be responsible for all phases of project implementation, follow-up, and administration. Shelterbelt planning and maintenance requirements will be based on the Natural Resources Conservation Service Technical Guide for shelterbelt plantings. Landowners receiving financial assistance will enter into a five year agreement with the Northwest Area Conservation Districts, identifying landowner shelterbelt maintenance requirements. The project will provide assistance to landowners in the Northwest Area counties who are involved in farming or ranching.

Landowners partnering with the Conservation Districts on this proposed project will provide approximately 50-60% of the cost of establishing these practices.

South Dakota Conservation Commission Soil and Water Conservation Grant is proposed to provide approximately 40-50% cost-share to landowners.

The Conservation Districts will work with existing sources of financial and technical assistance for new shelterbelt establishment, and these program's lead agencies include:

1. South Dakota Department of Agriculture-Technical Assistance from the area forester.
2. Natural Resources Conservation Service and Farm Service Agency- Technical (NRCS staff) and financial assistance (CCRP, EQIP).

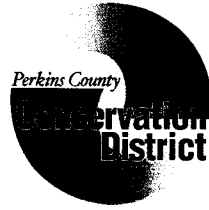
G. Project Success (Measurement)

The success of this proposed project will be measured by:

- Social and economic benefits to landowners, such as carbon sequestration, energy savings, and economic benefits to livestock and grazing enterprises.
- Natural resource benefits by acres of water bodies and/or miles of watercourse with improved water quality.
- Natural resource benefits by acres of cropland, grassland, and wildlife habitat benefited.
- The number of landowners and acres of shelterbelts planted.

2018 Northwest Area Tree Plantings

District	Part.	Acres	Site Prep.	Row Ft.	Tree RR	Trees	Shrub RR	Shrubs	Fabric Ft.	Fabric	Fence Ft.	Fence	Total C/S \$
Corson	3	2.9	\$ 58.00	6775	317.40	\$ 634.80	93.10	\$ 209.48	6775	\$ 2,032.50	0	\$ -	\$ 2,934.78
Dewey	0	0.0	\$ -	0	0.00	\$ -	0.00	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	\$ -
Harding	3	8.8	\$ 176.00	18457	745.70	\$ 1,491.40	369.30	\$ 830.93	18057	\$ 5,889.60	6014	\$ 1,274.97	\$ 9,662.89
Perkins	2	10.5	\$ 210.00	18925	848.20	\$ 1,696.40	298.80	\$ 672.30	18925	\$ 5,677.50	8210	\$ 1,740.52	\$ 9,996.72
Tri-County	5	11.8	\$ 236.00	20815	1083.10	\$ 2,166.20	178.20	\$ 400.98	20815	\$ 6,784.50	6847	\$ 1,451.56	\$ 11,039.24
Ziebach	2	3.3	\$ 56.80	6530	280.90	\$ 539.21	115.30	\$ 253.36	6530	\$ 1,959.00	2322	\$ 461.86	\$ 3,270.23
Totals:	15	37.3	\$ 736.80	71502	3275.30	\$ 6,528.01	1054.70	\$ 2,367.04	71102	\$ 22,343.10	23393	\$ 4,928.91	\$ 36,903.86



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2017 September MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Perkins County Conservation District was called to order on Thursday, September 9, 2017 at 9:07 AM. Supervisors present were Lyndel Johnson, Veronica Kari, Drew Anderson, Willard Ottman, and Peggy Veal. NRCS personnel present was Sarah Eggebo with office personnel, Kelsie Chambers. Also present was FSA personnel, Dean Dittus and Northwest Area Natural Resource Specialist Natalie Euler. All motions were passed with unanimous vote unless otherwise noted. The August 2017 minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Willard and seconded by Veronica to approve the minutes from last month.

The September treasurer's reports were reviewed. A motion was made by Peggy and seconded by Veronica to accept the treasurer's reports. A motion was made by Peggy, and seconded by Veronica to approve the bills for September.

Natalie's Training: *Natalie discussed her training that she attended in July.*

Policy Handbook: *The draft of the policy handbook were discussed and edited. Kelsie will make corrections and send out a final copy of the policy for the board to review and discuss at the next board meeting.*

NW Area Joint Board: *The Joint Board meeting was discussed and explained to the board members that weren't present at that meeting.*

Vouchers: *Veronica signed the latest vouchers.*

Tree Planting Prices: *The prices will remain the same as last year. Kelsie will advertise for tree sales and planting in the Dakota Harrold, the Eido, the Bison Courier, and the KJBM morning messenger for 3 weeks. Natalie will approve tree plots prior to trees being ordered.*

Gravel Mining: *Kelsie provided a gravel mining notice that the district received.*

Tree Planting Grant: *The board moved to apply for a tree planting grant for the Fall Grant Round. Lyndel will sign the application and it will be sent out to all districts involved.*

New Business: *The board decided to have John Deere inspect the drill after fall plantings as the drill is still under warranty.*

NRCS Update: Sarah provided an oral report.

FSA Update: Dean delivered an oral report.

Northwest Area Natural Resource Specialist: Natalie provided an oral report. Natalie will provide the board a draft of policy for her position. Natalie's wage was discussed. She is owed an extra \$.19 an hour since May. It was decided that that money will come from an end of year bonus through the Joint Board account, which will be discussed and officially approved at the next Northwest Area Joint Board meeting.

The next meeting was scheduled for October 19th at 9:00am. The meeting was adjourned at 11:35am.

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Applicant Information:

Organization: Roberts Conservation District
 Telephone: (605) 698-3923
 Tax Status: Government

Mailing Address: 2018 SD Hwy 10 Suite A
 City: Sisseton
 State: SD Zip: 57262

Project Contact:

Project Officer: Kylee Shotkoski
 Fax: (855) 256-2568

Telephone: (605) 698-3923
 Email: kylee.shotkoski@sd.nacdnet.net

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Project Information:

Project Name: Conservation Awareness and Education
 Start Date: 1/01/2018 End Date: 12/31/2018
 Legal description: County Roberts
 Township: _____ Range: _____ Section: _____ Qtr. _____ Qtr. _____

Type of Grant:

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

Financial Information:

Grant Funds Requested: 2,500 Partner Contributions (total) 2,500 Total Project Cost: 5,000

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

This grant will assist Roberts Conservation District with conservation awareness and education. The monies will be used in Roberts County. Educating younger generations on conservation practices and concerns and spreading general public awareness is the best way to promote conservation for many generations. This grant will assist us in many programs/activities such as farm/home shows, Arbor Day activities, conservation workshops, and youth activities. The conservation districts are usually the forefront of community to conservation. Public promotion of our services and presence in the community is huge. We remind the general public of conservation practices and their importance. CD's instill good stewardship ideas in the youth and others.

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

Applicant Signature: Kylee Shotkoski District Resource Manager 9/20/2017
 Authorized Signature: [Signature] Title Chairman Date 10/31/17

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

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 Signature Title Date

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Conservation Awareness and Education Grant Roberts Conservation District

Project Description & Need

- **Primary Beneficiaries of this Project**
 - All of Roberts County will benefit from the project.
 - Youth and school aged children will benefit from specific activities to start conservation awareness at a young age. Conservation starts with education.
 - Community adults will benefit from workshops and public awareness of the Conservation District. Conservation Districts are important for their county's conservation practices and awareness.
 - Local producers will benefit from knowing the Conservation District has options for them to implement conservation practices and educational workshops and demonstrations.

- **Responsible for Implementation, Maintenance, & Follow-up**
 - Roberts Conservation District and its staff are responsible for implementation, maintenance, and follow-up of the activities and project for this grant.

- **Location**
 - Roberts County

- **Environmental, Natural Resource, Ecological, Educational, &/or Socio-Economic Needs**
 - Environmental, natural resources, and ecological needs will be addressed through this grant with workshops to implement conservation practices such as cover crops, water quality, and no-till operations.
 - Educational needs will be addressed through all of the youth activities that teach conservation and ecological information such as Arbor Day presentations.
 - Social impact will be on the entire community through conservation and ecological impacts of the county's water, soil, and vegetation improvements.
 - Impacts will come from the community, youth and adults, knowing the Conservation District is here to assist in their environmental needs.

- **Federal, State, or Local Permits**
 - No permits are required for this project. Cultural resource concerns are considered in all conservation efforts.

Final Products

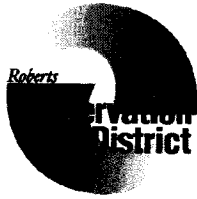
Anticipated benefits of this project are ecological, educational and social. We hope teaching youth about the need for conservation will continue into the next generations. Educating children on the importance of trees for habitat and worms in healthy soil help them as adults to implement better conservation practices such as no-till farming, water quality, or planting shelterbelts. Hosting workshops, being involved in various community activities, and our presence at the Farm/Home show associates Roberts Conservation District with conservation to adults. When they think of conservation or have questions, we hope the public education and awareness of this project brings them to us. Roberts Conservation District would like to be the forefront of conservation assistance for our community. If they have questions about water quality, where to get cover crop or pollinator patch seed, trees, shrubs, and flowers, or soil health demonstrations, we want them to come to us.

Partner Justification

- Roberts Conservation District (RCD) – RCD is responsible for all aspects of the grant project. RCD will provide 50% of the expenses.
- Resource Conservation & Forestry Grant – The grant will cover 50% of the expenses.
- Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) – The relationship between RCD and NRCS is very important to the success of RCD's missions and projects. RCD collaborates with NRCS for expert consultation on conservation matters.
- South Dakota State University Extension Services – RCD collaborates with Extension Services for educational youth activities.
- SD Game, Fish, & Parks (SD GF&P) – RCD collaborates with SD GF&P for educational youth activities.
- Community – Roberts County & the residents – Through attendance of our activities and community projects, RCD can be a large benefit to the county. The more the community utilizes the RCD, the more RCD can do for its community.

Success of the Project

If Roberts Conservation District reaches one school aged child to introduce and enforce conservation, we consider that a success. If we can reach one producer about the importance of conservation practices such as cover crops, we consider that a success. If we reach one urban community member about the importance of pollinator habitat, we consider that a success. If the members of our county recognize Roberts Conservation District as an organization that can help them in their conservation and ecological goals, we consider that a success.



ROBERTS COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING
July 13, 2017 at 8:30 am

SUPERVISORS PRESENT

Calvin Thompson, Chairman
Tim Gleason, Vice Chairman
Cody Hanson, Treasurer
Duane Schneider, Supervisor
Lee Solberg, Supervisor
Bob Osborne, Advisor

OTHERS PRESENT

Kent Duerre, DC-NRCS
Jodi Hook, District Manager
Kylee Shotkoski, District Resource Mgr.
Lorne Aadland, NRCS-Tribal Liaison
Absent: Ben Hanson, Advisor

The Roberts Conservation District: Board of Supervisors met Thursday, July 13, 2017 at the USDA Service Center. Chairman Thompson called the meeting to order at 8:35 am.

Schneider moved to amend the agenda to add Sharon Rolstad FSA County Executive Director. Seconded by Gleason. All voting Aye. Motion carried.

Minutes of the June 15, 2017 meeting were mailed and reviewed. Schneider moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Gleason. All voting Aye. Motion carried.

Treasurer's and P&L report was given by Hook. Gleason moved to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Seconded by Hanson. All voting Aye. Motion carried.

Treasurers' Report:

Opening Balance from June 1, 2017	\$ 32,185.54
Income	\$ 56,813.01
Disbursements	\$ 85,304.23
Checkbook balance June 30, 2017	\$ 3,694.32
Balance in Savings	\$119,814.15
Petty Cash	\$ 270.92
Accounts Receivable	\$ 31,071.00
Accounts Payable	\$ -seed purchases for estimates
Estimates not billed yet (CRP-CSP)	<u>\$ 7,576.00</u>
Total Accounts Receivable	\$38,647.00

FSA Executive County Director: Sharon Rolstad explained about the current drought and that emergency grazing and haying has been opened for certain practices.

NRCS Reports by Kent Duerre:

- CRP- Emergency Haying and Grazing has been enacted in some cases, Sharon Rolstad CED will discuss more.

- CSP- South Dakota received additional acres to fund more 2017 applications thus 3 additional farmers will be receiving contracts in Roberts County bringing the total new applications funded this year to 12.
- EQIP- We're working on all the scheduled practices that need to be installed this summer with our active EQIP contracts.
- WRE- Wetland Reserve Easement Program update: Midwest Land Surveyors will be in the county next week to begin surveying the three 2017 funded offers. The 2016 surveyors are nearly all completed and now we're moving forward with the contracting phase.
- Lake Bdesaka Update: The engineering is nearly complete and now have a fish ladder in the structure, because of the additional cost we're looking for additional funding sources.

Tribal Liaison Reports by Lorne Aadland:

- Working on Strike Force application and mapping for Enemy Swim Buffalo farm.
- Continue to work towards vegetable production as enterprise for Tribe and Tribal members.
- ES water development (pipeline and 2 tanks) is installed and just waiting for insulated covers and will be complete.
- Argo completed dugout in McKinley grazing system. Pay application is waiting signature.
- Working on planning an ES Buffalo pasture walk with Grassland Coalition. Looking at Aug 8th right now.
- Getting midterm mgmt. contracts ready for haying. Also looking at contracts that can be emergency hayed.

NRCS, Wetlands Report by Susan Priest:

- None

District Report by Jodi Hook/Kylee Shotkoski:

- Discussion on Coteau area meeting.
- NESD land & Range Contest donation \$35.00
 - Schneider moved to approve of the \$35.00 donation requested by NESD Land & Range. Seconded by Hanson. All voting Aye. Motion carried.
- Pickup truck purchase and plated.

SDACD: Duane Schneider-Vice President

- Discussion on State Convention in September.

Unfinished Business:

- Policy to be written for interest charged
- To establish and put in minutes resolutions regarding –possibly in Dec or Jan?
 - Reimbursement of cell phones
 - Per Diem rate for the board, wages and other per diems for employees.
 - Proper reporting of 1099 misc. forms.

New Business:

- **New Service to provide and equipment to purchase.**
 - Schneider moved to proceed with the purchase of a batwing mower and to have Board Chairman Thompson and Vice Chair Gleason to make final decision. All voting Aye. Motion Carried.

- **Soil Conservation Award** –Currence Bros will provide sign and award to winner in August at the next meeting.
- The board approved of having a Banquet on Oct 1st at Sodak/Shady.
- Preliminary budget 2018 has been discussed and will provide a budget in November/December.
- **Endowment honoree-Roy Pulfrey donation.**
 - Board approved of Endowment of \$100.00
- **Conservation Commission Grants to submit.**
 - Schneider moved to approve of submitting a tree grant and educational grant. Seconded by Solberg. All voting Aye. Motion carried.

Other District Business:

- **Employee review for new position.**
 - Schneider moved to hire Kylee Shotkoski as the new District Resource Manager. Seconded by Solberg. All voting Aye. Motion carried.

Correspondence: None

Upcoming Events:

- **Master Gardening Training Aberdeen Kylee & Jodi to attend until Aug 2nd.**
- **SDACD convention Sept 17-19, 2017**

Next Meeting Date and Time: Wednesday August 9, 2017-8:30AM

Adjournment with no further business to address before the board. Schneider moved to adjourn. Seconded by Hanson. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by

Approved by

Jodi Hook

Jodi Hook- District Manager

Colin Thompson

Supervisor



Department of Agriculture

Division of Resource Conservation & Forestry

Grant Application Form

Applicant Information:

Organization: Sanborn County Conservation District
 Telephone: (605) 796-4476
 Tax Status: Government

Mailing Address: 203 West 7th St. Suite 200
 City: Woonsocket
 State: SD Zip: 57385

Project Contact:

Project Officer: Shana Jensen District Manager
 Fax: _____

Telephone: (605) 796-4476
 Email: _____

Project Information:

Project Name: Conservation Education Grant
 Start Date: 01/01/2018 End Date: 12/31/2018
 Legal description: County: Sanborn
 Township: _____ Range: _____ Section: _____ Qtr: _____ Qtr: _____

Type of Grant:

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

Financial Information:

Grant Funds Requested: 2,000 Partner Contributions (total) 2,000 Total Project Cost: 4,000

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

The Conservation Education grant will assist the Sanborn County Conservation District with the promotion of Conservation Education throughout the county. We feel the best way to promote conservation is through education and public awareness of the importance of natural resources. Activities through this grant will include an outreach program workshops, conservation youth in action activities, arbor day activities, soil and water stewardship activities, conservation field day, conservation speeches, and many other conservation education and public awareness activities. We, as a Conservation District, have the opportunity, and obligation, to educate the public on the importance of the preserving our natural resources. The public must be reminded of the importance of good conservation. This grant will assist us with these many projects, and help us to accomplish these goals.

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

Applicant Signature Mark Snedder Authorized Signature Chairman SCD Title 9-27-17 Date

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

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BUDGET SHEET

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

A. OPERATING BUDGET

1. Salary/Benefits	1,500
2. Travel	
3. Contractual Services	500
4. Supplies	2,000
5. Equipment (list major equip.)	
6. Consultant Services	
Total Projects Costs	4,000

This total must equal 4,000

B. ACTIVITY BUDGET

Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
1. Supplies	1,000	1,000			2,000
2. Salary & Benefits	700	700			1,400
3. Contractual Services	300	300		100	600
4.					0
5.					0
6.					0
7.					0
8.					0
TOTALS	2,000	2,000	0	100	4,000

This total must equal 4,000

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

Partner	Amount Cash	Amount In-Kind	Total
1. RC&F	2,000		2,000
2. Sanborn County Conservation District	1,700	200	1,900
3. NRCS and/or Other Speakers		100	100
4.			0
5.			0
6.			0
7.			0
8.			0
TOTALS	3,700	300	4,000

This total must equal 4,000

SUBMISSION:

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

SD Department of Agriculture
Resource Conservation & Forestry
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SECTION D. – C. PROJECT PARTNERS:

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

INSTRUCTIONS

Complete the following section for Coordinated Natural Resources Conservation Grants

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

D. Project Description and Need

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

E. Final Products

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

F. Partner Justification

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

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

Complete the following section for Urban and Community Forestry Challenge Grants

General Grant Requirements

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

The following are requirements for the Insect/Disease Program

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

Project Narrative: Conservation Education Grant for Sanborn County Conservation District

A. Project Description and Need

The primary beneficiaries are everyone. Good conservation education is a benefit to all, from the young to the very old, therefore good conservation practices benefit everyone. The Conservation Districts are in the public eye at all times. It is our responsibility and obligation to educate the public of the importance of preserving our natural resources. Conservation Districts play a very important role in the conservation of the county and its surrounding areas. For a Conservation District to be successful, the public must be aware of the Districts purpose.

Sanborn County Conservation District will be responsible for the implementation, maintenance and follow up of these grant activities.

Location of this project would be Sanborn County and possible surrounding areas.

Through this grant we will work to educate all ages in the community of the importance of good conservation of the environmental, and natural resources. The social impact of better conservation results in greater water quality, less soil erosion, more wildlife habitat and many other benefits.

An activity to be undertaken is Sanborn County Conservation District would like to continue our outreach program to educate 4-H youth on the importance of good conservation by learning how to plant a tree. The youth then can take what they learned and exhibit in a project area, such as educational displays and posters in the area of, Conservation & Stewardship or Soil Science, to even giving demonstrative talks at their local county fairs and possibly state fair. If this happens we not only reach the 4-H youth, but their friends and adults around them. This project would achieve our objective of conservation education.

B. Final Product

We hope to educate everyone on the importance of good conservation by teaching

them about our natural resources. We hope to touch every one of the county by having this outreach program and by participating in other activities such as conservation field day, Arbor Day activities, and conservation speeches. Sanborn County Conservation District would like to be referred to as the 'Expert in Conservation', and thought of as the 'Educator of Preserving our Natural Resources'. Sanborn County Conservation District would like to be a household name when it comes to any conservation topics. Through Conservation Education we are able to accomplish these goals.

F. Partner Justification

The Sanborn County Conservation District is responsible for all aspects of the grant projects. The Sanborn County Conservation District will provide 50% of all the expenses. The Conservation Commission Grant will cover 50% of the expense. We will work with the Division of Resource Conservation and Forestry for their assistance in ideas for various projects to improve our conservation districts. The relationship between the Conservation District and the Extension Service is very important in the success of the Conservation Districts and their missions. The relationship between the Conservation District and the NRCS is also very important to the success of the Conservation District and their missions, as well as the success of the NRCS and its missions.

G. Measuring the Success of the Project

The Conservation Education grant will be successful. If you educate the youth of good conservation, if they display their knowledge that they gained, then the project would be successful. Next, the public will be more aware of the importance of the Conservation District's objective and its goals, making the Conservation Education grant successful.

Sanborn County Conservation District
September 11th, 2017

Meeting was called to order by Chairman, M. Snedeker at 6:35pm in the USDA Service Center Conference Room.

Present: Board of Supervisors: J. Fredrichs, R. Clarambeau, M. Snedeker, S. Jensen District Manager, K. Vlieger D.C.

Motion by R. Clarambeau, seconded by J. Fredrichs, to approve the agenda, motion carried.

Motion by R. Clarambeau seconded by J. Fredrichs approved August 2017 meeting minutes, motion carried.

New Business: None.

Unfinished business: None.

NRCS Report: Motion by R. Clarambeau, seconded by J. Fredrichs, to approve several conservation plans, motion carried.

Drainage Report: None.

District Managers Report, by S. Jensen: Motion by J. Fredrichs, seconded by R. Clarambeau to approve drill operator pay at \$15.00/hr., motion passed. Motion by R. Clarambeau you, seconded by J. Fredrichs to approve the Conservation Education Commission Grant, motion passed. Motion by R. Clarambeau, seconded by J. Fredrichs to raise tree planting prices as follows, \$5.50 per rod row for shrubs, and \$5.00 per rod row for trees, motion passed.

Approval of Vouchers to be filed for Audit: Motion by R. Clarambeau, seconded by J. Fredrichs, for vouchers to be filed for audit, motion carried.

Next Month's meeting: October 2nd. at 6:00pm at the USDA Service Center.

There being no further business meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Shana Jensen, District Manager



Yankton County Conservation District
2914 Broadway Avenue
Yankton, SD 57078
605-665-6704 ext. 3

September 25, 2017

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

Dear SD Conservation Commission:

The Yankton County Conservation District (YCCD) is submitting the enclosed application for the 2018 Grant consideration. This application would cover a one year period starting January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2018. Supporting the application, you will find the inclusion of a narrative explaining the purpose of the grant, a spreadsheet with figures supporting the amount requested, and a W-9 form.

Thank you for your consideration of the Yankton County Conservation District's grant request. If you have any questions, please call Cassie Richelieu, YCCD District Manager, at 605-665-2662 ext. 3.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cassie Richelieu".

Cassie Richelieu
YCCD Manager



Department of Agriculture

Division of Resource Conservation & Forestry

Grant Application Form

Applicant Information:

Organization: Yankton County Conservation District
 Telephone: (605) 665-6704
 Tax Status: Government

Mailing Address: 2914 Broadway Ave
 City: _____
 State: SD Zip: 57078

Project Contact:

Project Officer: Cassie Richelieu
 Fax: (605) 665-0998

Telephone: (605) 665-6704
 Email: cassandra.richelieu@sd.nacdnet.net

Project Information:

Project Name: Yankton Co. CD CNRC Project
 Start Date: 1/1/2018 End Date: 12/31/2018
 Legal description: County: Yankton
 Township: _____ Range: _____ Section: _____ Qtr: _____ Qtr: _____

Type of Grant:

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

Financial Information:

Grant Funds Requested: 18,020 Partner Contributions (total) 29,460 Total Project Cost: 47,480

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

This Yankton Co. Conservation District Coordinated Natural Resource Commission project will assist Yankton County producers to implement conservation practices which will improve health of cropland soils, provide dependable water to livestock, improve watering facilities, help facilitate grazing management, improve water quality along streams and lakes and reduce soil erosion. Management and maintenance information will be provided during the planning and implementation process to increase the longevity and effectiveness of these practices. These practices will address goals identified by the SD Coordinated Soil and Water Conservation Plan and serve National water quality improvement efforts. The 2018 Conservation Commission approved practice cost and percentages will be followed. Participating in the project will be Yankton Co., Yankton Co. Conservation District, NRCS, FSA, GFP, and the James River Water Development District.

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

Applicant Signature Cassie Richelieu District Manager 9/26/17
 Authorized Signature _____ Title _____ Date _____

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

For Division Use Only:

Reviewed by: _____
 Signature _____ Title _____ Date _____

Approved by: _____
 Signature _____ Title _____ Date _____

BUDGET SHEET

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

A. OPERATING BUDGET

1. Salary/Benefits	880	
2. Travel		
3. Contractual Services	46,600	
4. Supplies		
5. Equipment (list major equip.)		
6. Consultant Services		
Total Projects Costs	47,480	This total must equal 47,480

B. ACTIVITY BUDGET

Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
1. Cover Crop	7,875	7,875			15,750
2. Brush Control	1,125	1,125			2,250
3. Wells	3,300	7,700			11,000
4. Tanks	960	2,240			3,200
5. Rural Water Tap	1,530	3,570			5,100
6. Pipeline	2,790	6,510			9,300
7. Admin. Salaries	440	440			880
8.					0
TOTALS	18,020	29,460	0	0	47,480
			This total must equal		47,480

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

Partner	Amount Cash	Amount In-Kind	Total
1. RC&F	18,020		18,020
2. Landowner	29,020		29,020
3. Yankton Co. CD	440		440
4.			0
5.			0
6.			0
7.			0
8.			0
TOTALS	47,480	0	47,480
			This total must equal 47,480

SUBMISSION:

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

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

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SECTION D. – C. PROJECT PARTNERS:

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

INSTRUCTIONS

Complete the following section for Coordinated Natural Resources Conservation Grants

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

D. Project Description and Need

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

E. Final Products

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

F. Partner Justification

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

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

Complete the following section for Urban and Community Forestry Challenge Grants

General Grant Requirements

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

The following are requirements for the Insect/Disease Program

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

Yankton County Conservation District

Conservation Grant Project

Project Description:

The Coordinated Natural Resource Commission grant awarded to the Yankton County Conservation District for calendar years 16/17 have been completed. Successful projects that were awarded included cover crops. In the 16/17 grant, two projects were awarded \$2,113.62.

The YCCD hereby submits a new grant request for the calendar year 2018. This grant request, if awarded, will help the local Conservation District assist livestock and crop producers with funding that does not qualify or was not approved for existing NRCS funding.

After a few years of unprecedented profitability, producers seem to again be more frequently coming to NRCS and the Yankton County Conservation District for planning and financial assistance. As always, we have livestock producers asking for modest financial assistance with grassland management to help distribute grazing more effectively. There seems always to be pastureland acres to be cleared of invasive species and requests for wildlife plantings that do not qualify under CRP. The cover crop allocations of 16/17 were a great success as producers continue to learn more about the possibilities for soil health improvements and experiment with seed mixes to accomplish their goals.

If grant funds are awarded, YCCD expects to be able to assist 5-10 producers and landowners with eligible projects. Grant announcements are made via our semi-annual newsletters and through individual outreach opportunities. Cost share assistance will be based on 2017 Commission approved practice units and rates. YCCD and Yankton NRCS will provide technical assistance for planning, design and installation of approved practices, administration of funds and follow-up status reviews during the year following practice installation.

Goals and Benefits:

The goal of this project is to conserve and enhance the natural resources of Yankton County for the benefit of public and private stakeholders locally and throughout the greater watershed area. The funds administered through this grant will be leveraged locally by participant participation of 50-75%. The overarching goal is to provide additional experiential knowledge to more producers thereby improving water quality, soil quality and wildlife habitat through improved crop and grassland management practices.

2017-2018 Grant Request

Practice	Approved Unit Cost	Units	Planned #	C/S%	Grant Request \$	Source	Participant \$	Total Conservation \$
Cover Crop	45	Ac.	350	50	7,875	RC&F	7,875	15,750
Brush Control	150.00	Hr.	15	50	1,125	RC&F	1,125	2,250
Wells	22.00	Ft.	500	30	3,300	RC&F	7,700	11,000
Tanks	1.60	Gal.	2,000	30	960	RC&F	2,240	3,200
Rural Water	2,550	Ea.	2	30	1,530	RC&F	3,570	5,100
Pipeline	3.10	Ft.	3,000	30	2,790	RC&F	6,510	9,300
Admin. Salaries	16.00	Hr.	55	50	440	RC&F	440	880
Totals:					18,020	RC&F	29,460	47,480

2017 Conservation Commission Approved Practices Costs

Practice _{1&3}	Unit	Unit Cost ₂ (specified Max.)
Grass Seeding: (with seedbed prep & operation) Seed: Tame Native grass mix Native grass/Native Forbs Mix Mulching	 Ac. Ac. Ac. Ac.	 \$50.00 \$120.00 \$245.00 \$300.00
Grazing management: Pipeline: Plastic above ground HDPE (below ground) PVC up to 1 1/4" PVC 1 1/2" to 2" (below ground) PVC 3" (below ground) Tanks: Freeze-proof with base Steel rim w/flex. bottom Standard tank installation w/base Fountain type water tanks Pasture pumps (nose pumps) Alternative energy pumps Rural water hookups Dugout construction ₄ Dam construction or repair Wells- Steel or copper/plastic Fencing: electric barbed wire Specialized protective fence Temporary fence Seeding (see grass seeding rates)	 L.f. L.f. L.f. L.f. L.f. Gal. Gal. Gal. Ea. Ea. Ea. Ea. Ea. Surf Ac. L.f. L.f. L.f. L.f. L.f.	 \$1.80 \$2.00 \$2.70 \$3.10/\$3.60 \$4.10 \$2.15 \$0.69 \$1.60 case-by-case \$670.00 case-by-case \$3,700.00 \$3,500.00 \$3,000.00 \$ 36.00/\$22.00 \$0.63 \$1.06 \$0.15 additional \$0.10
Brush Control: Mechanical	Hr.	\$150.00 not to exceed 30 hrs/landowner
Tree planting: Site prep. (tilled/non-tilled areas) Shrubs & planting: Trees & planting: Handplants (bareroot/container) Weed & pest control: ₅ Fabric weed barrier & installation Fabric squares and staple Chemical/Mechanical Tree protectors (with stake)	 Ac. Rod Rod Each L.f. Each Ac. Each	 \$25.00/\$50.00 \$5.50 \$5.00 \$2.00/3.75 \$0.61 \$2.50 \$50/200 \$6.50

Practice _{1&3}	Unit	Unit Cost ₂ (specified Max.)
Soil Health: Cover Crop (inc. seedbed prep. & operation)	Ac.	\$45.00 not to exceed 80 Ac./landowner and for one time per land unit
General Water Quality: Abandoned well sealing	Each	\$500.00
Shelterbelt renovation: Sod control, chem. & mechanical With dead tree removal (above grd.) With dead tree removal (incl. roots)	Ac. Ac. Ac.	\$200.00 \$2,800.00 \$6,100.00
Fabricated Windbreak:	L.f.	\$28.50
Earthwork & Erosion Control: w/dragline Excavation Excavation Class S Earthfill Diversions/water retention/water spreading (for erosion control) 0-2% slope .27 cu.yd./ft 2-4% slope .34 cu.yd./ft 4-6% slope .44 cu.yd./ft Terracing Waterway (<25 ft/>25 ft)	Cu. Yd. Cu. Yd. Hr. Cu. Yd. L.f. L.f. L.f. L.f. L.f.	\$2.00 \$1.78 \$175.00 \$2.08 \$0.60 \$0.97 \$1.42 \$2.10 \$2.10/2.90
Grade/Shoreline stabilization: Rock riprap Rock filled wire baskets Livestock crossing (rock & gravel) Straw bales Willow planting	Cu. Yd. Cu. Yd. Sq. Ft. Ea. Ea.	\$50.00 \$200.00 \$2.50 \$1.50 \$0.20
Animal nutrient systems: ₆ Engineering Construction (see earthwork) Monosloped/hoop barn waste sys	Ea. Animal Unit	\$15,000.00 \$100.00
Technical Assistance: I & E		(Case-by-Case Basis)
Forest Stand Improvement: Thinning Slash Disposal Mechanical Root Stimulation Wildlife Exclusion Fencing	Ac. Ac. Hr. L.f.	\$450 \$200 \$175.00 \$1.80

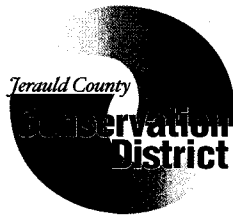
* Conservation Commission cost-share is not to be used to replace other available cost-share

* Landowner labor can be counted as in-kind match only at a rate of \$25.00 per hour for installation of approved practices. Landowner use of equipment can also be counted as in-kind match towards the local match requirements.

- All practices must meet state & local ordinances (such as distance from roadway to prevent excessive snow deposition, power-line & other right-of-way standards, etc).
- Payment based on actual bills/receipts submitted by the producer. Cost-share paid on legitimate costs up to the specified maximum.
- All cost-shared practices require a Resource Management Plan (practice plan).
- Clean outs on dugouts not cost-shared within the expected lifespan of the practice.
- Payment will be made on either fabric or chemical/mechanical weed & pest control for tree plantings but not both on an individual site.
- Monoslope/hoop barn must be replacing an existing animal feeding operation and the existing lots must be abandoned and reclaimed.

Bill Smith, Division Director Date

David Fischbach, Chairman Date



Jerauld County Conservation District
PO Box 328 Wessington Springs, SD 57882
Tel 605.539.9232

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Bill Smith

Division of Resource Conservation & Forestry

523 East Capitol Avenue,

Pierre, SD 57501

Dear Bill Smith,

In response to your request for comments and/or changes to the 2018 Conservation Commission Cost-Share Docket, Jerauld County Conservation board requests that tree protectors be increased to \$6.50 per tube.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa Sall".

Lisa Sall

DISTRICT MANAGER

Shannon, Tiffany

From: Meyers, Zindie - NRCS-CD, Spearfish, SD <zindie.meyers@sd.nacdn.net>
Sent: Thursday, October 19, 2017 2:10 PM
To: Shannon, Tiffany
Cc: Smith, Bill; Scott, Brian
Subject: [EXT] c/s docket
Attachments: C-S Docket letter 10-19-1710192017.pdf; IMG_2392 fence.damage.JPG; IMG_2387 damage to fence.JPG

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Tiffany,

Attached is the letter from the Lawrence Conservation District regarding suggestions for the 2018 Conservation Commission cost share docket. It will be mailed today as well. Also attached are photos from a landowner who completed a project under the Aspen Regeneration and Restoration Project. His email message is below. I will be sending you additional information once I get more specifics on materials and costs.

Thanks,
Zindie

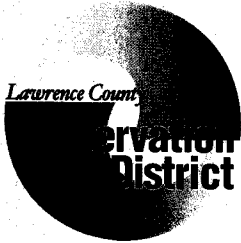
Parks/Zindie: When we were on the West Coast, over the past 3 weeks, we did have another breach of our fencing around the Aspen Regen Area (ARA).

You may recall, I had a breach of the fencing sometime in probably May, when a deer ran into the fence, right at the spot where I spliced two, 50' sections of fence together. This splice failed and opened up so animals could access the ARA. I didn't discover this for some time so some of the young, aspen tops had been eaten. To try to avoid this from happening in the future, I tied survey ribbon (the plastic, colored stuff) on the fencing between each steel post.

Well, now, we had elk run into the fence, where, it appears, the survey ribbon had deteriorated/fallen off. I know it was elk since they left plenty of hair as evidence. And, as the attached photos indicate, something big destroyed one, 20' section of fence and bent over three, steel posts. Again, this breach has allow deer / elk to access the ARA and, again, there are signs that aspen tops have been eaten. The first two photos show the damage and the lack of ribbon on the fence. The third photo shows the breach in the fencing at a splice and shows, what remains, of one of the ribbons I tied to the fence.

So, my recommendations for others (and myself) who may be installing future fence....

- 1) At each splice, overlap each roll of fencing such that a "double splice" can be performed. Or, at each splice, possibly overlap the two sections of fencing and install a steel post at each splice, to give added protection.
- 2) At initial installation, install some sort of ribbon / visible indicator on the fence between each post. However, the ribbon needs to be of such integrity to last.



Lawrence Conservation District

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Spearfish SD 57783
605-642-3590
lawrencecd@sdconservation.net

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c/o Division of Resource Conservation and Forestry
523 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501-3182

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Commissioners:

The Lawrence Conservation District would like the Commission to consider adding Exclusion Fencing for Wildlife under Forest Stand Improvement in the 2018 cost share docket. The current approved fencing costs under Grazing Management do not meet the needs of forest landowners dealing with deer and elk. Under the Aspen Regeneration and Restoration Grant being administered by our district, the limitations of the fencing component have caused some to not pursue the program even though they have aspen stands that could benefit from the practices. Suggested unit costs and cost share rates will be provided in another mailing within the next two weeks.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karl F. Jensen". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Karl F. Jensen, Board Chairman

Shannon, Tiffany

From: Brigman, John Parks
Sent: Monday, November 13, 2017 4:29 PM
To: Shannon, Tiffany
Subject: Figures for Docket Ammendment

Hi Tiffany,

Just a quick note on the dollar figure Lawrence CD presented to the commission. We basically looked at dollar figures for 6 foot woven wire fence and 7 foot posts. I was doing this just kind of using one project implemented as a guide. I think I was just looking at menards website as Zindie and I talked through it. Of course, not writing anything down. I think I looked at 1 roll (50 feet) of 6ft tall woven wire fence, and 7 foot posts (1 every 10ft? maybe – I think that's what we used). Anyway...

1. 50 ft 6 foot Woven wire fence(1 @ \$54.48) = \$54.48 2x4 wire
2. 7ft. steel posts (5 @ \$6.97) = \$34.85

TOTAL Cost Est for 50 feet = \$89.33

$\$89.33/50 \text{ feet} = 1.7866$

FINAL Estimate = \$1.80/lf.

Hopefully that's clear as mud. Let me know if any questions or if you want to discuss further.

Parks Brigman
Forest Stewardship Coordinator
State Administrator – SD Tree Farm Program
SD Dept. of Agriculture
Resource Conservation & Forestry
605-394-2588

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Recommendations from Lawrence Conservation District for the
2018 Cost-Share Docket:

Practice addition: Wildlife Exclusion Fencing under Forest Stand Improvement

Unit: linear feet

Unit cost maximum: \$1.80 - per strand or lf

Cost-share rate: 50%

Land owner minimum cash: 25%

Based on pricing of materials and input from the Resource Conservation and
Forestry Rural Forestry Team Leader

- lf
- based on
cost of supplies
- woven wire

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Mellette County Conservation District
PO Box 1
White River, SD 57579

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South Dakota Department of Agriculture
Division of Resource Conservation & Forestry
523 East Capitol Avenue, Pierre, SD 57501-3182

Conservation Commission Members,

Mellette County Conservation District would like to provide input for the 2018 Conservation Commission Cost-share Docket. We recommend that the unit cost for the Rural Water Hookup should be increased. In the last 6 months we have seen rural water taps cost between \$3,698.00 and \$5,548.76.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Mellette County Conservation District

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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.



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Report to the Conservation Commission, November 29, 2017

Elected at the convention to lead the Association were president Karl Jensen and vice-president Lyle Stewart. Fran Fritz was re-elected to the NACD board. The Association board elected Mark Snedeker as their secretary-treasurer and Jack Majeres as the board representative to the executive committee. Since Lyle was elected vice-president, Dean Odden was appointed to the North Missouri area directorship until the next area meeting. The Northwest area director remains vacant. Current board members are president Karl Jensen, vice-president Lyle Stewart, South James-Missouri director Mark Snedeker, Hills director Dale Lundgren, Vermillion-Big Sioux director Jack Majeres, Coteau director John Knebel, Prairie director Trevor Williams, and North Missouri director Dean Odden.

The Association submitted to Governor Daugaard their nominations for area three and at-large positions on the Commission. Nominated for area three are Melanie Williamson, Philip Wilson and Gene S. Williams. Nominated for at-large are Bruce Haines, Thomas Martin and Mike Konechne.

We begin the second year of our 3-year effort to implement a rotational locally-led conservation program is underway. Within the last month, the second five blocks (map on back of this report) received training and tools to use. At each training, the conservation partnership gains more ideas and suggestions which are/will be shared. Several tools have or are also being developed.

The Association received a Collaborative Conservation Grant to develop a non operating landowner (NOLO) outreach effort in South Dakota. Our first step is to work with SDSU to conduct a survey of potential participants.

Discussion is underway among the conservation partners on participating in the National Conservation Planning Initiative, which is a joint effort of NACD, USDA-NRCS, NASCA and NRDC. Under the initiative, an opportunity exists to apply for matching conservation planning dollars to assist USDA with EQIP planning and implementation in areas of high need.

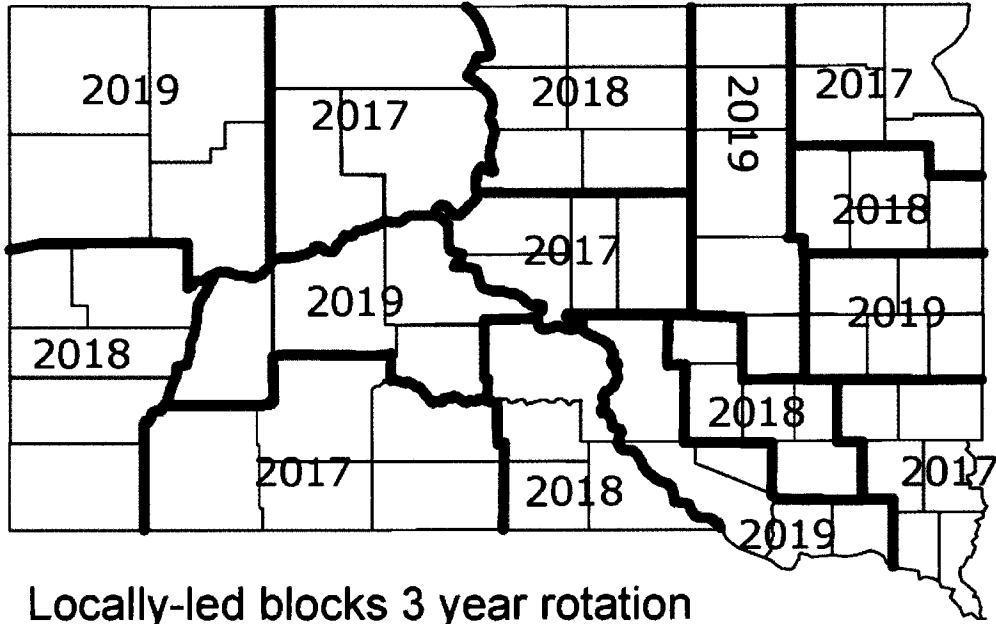
As a member of NACD's legislative committee, South Dakota is deeply involved in developing national policy regarding the new Farm Bill.

The Association's next board of directors meeting will be Monday, December 4. At that time, they will consider policy positions relative to the 2018 legislature. Governor Daugaard already issued a statement noting this will be a lean budget year as revenues are coming in below expectations. Issues that likely will arise include precision ag construction at SDSU, DENR permit fees, weed & pest control registration fees, initiative & referendums, non-meandered waters 2017 legislation, ag development, local control in the buffer initiative, and conservation grants funding authority. The Association membership voted, at convention, to support legislation seeking a change in the number of signatures required on a conservation district supervisor petition - from 25 to 20.

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Locally led process



Locally-led blocks 3 year rotation

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.

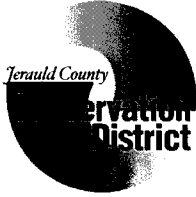
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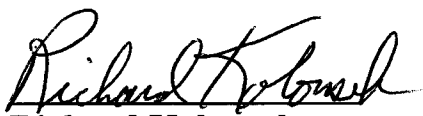
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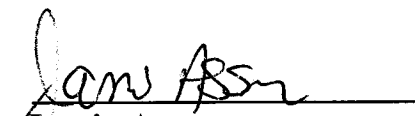
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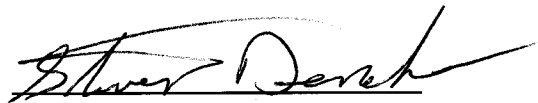
The Jerauld County Conservation District hereby petitions the State Conservation Commission for a name change of the Jerauld County Conservation District to Jerauld Conservation District.


Thank You


**Richard Kolousek
Chairman**


**Jamie Assman
Supervisor**


**Lynn Horsley
Vice Chairman**


**Steve Deneke
Supervisor**


**Dennis Scheel
Supervisor**

JERAULD COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

SEPTEMBER 5, 2017

Chairman Kolousek called the meeting to order with the following members being present: Lynn Horsley, Dennis Scheel, Steve Deneke, NRCS Biologist Rod Huisman and Acting District Manager Sandy Grohs.

A motion was made by Deneke, seconded by Horsley to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Carried.

The board was presented with a list of the bills to be paid: Post Office \$92.00; True Dakotan \$14.00; Sandy Grohs \$801.85; Elton Kaus \$96.04. A motion was made by Deneke, seconded by Horsley to approve the bills. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Scheel, seconded by Horsley to approve the August 21 and August 28, 2017 minutes. Motion Carried.

The board was presented a list of the accounts receivable for review.


A motion was made by Horsley, seconded by Scheel to approve sending \$200.00 to the SDACD Endowment Fund for Nancy Douglas and Lewis Mosemann. Motion Carried.

The board was presented with a new job description for the district manager. A discussion was held and the job description was reviewed. A motion was made by Deneke, seconded by Scheel to approve the new job description as presented. Motion Carried.

The board entered into Executive session at 8:03 for personnel matters. The board came out of Executive session at 8:20.

A motion was made by Horsley, seconded by Scheel to hire Lisa Sall as the new District Manager with pay and benefits being as stated in the August 21, 2017 minutes. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Scheel, seconded by Deneke to approve Lisa Sall to attend the Windbreak Training in Huron on August 12 – 13, 2017. Motion Carried.

 A motion was made by Horsley, seconded by Scheel to write a letter to the Secretary of State requesting to change our name from Jerauld County Conservation District to Jerauld Conservation District. Motion Carried.

A drilling issue was discussed and the board authorized us to call the producer and let him know we will work things out with him.

Rod Huisman, NRCS Biologist informed the board that they have been very busy working on ECP. We are working on 14 plans and more are coming in. We have a lot of water planning going on in the county. We do not have many CRP trees going in yet. The guide lines and specification of the CSP program were discussed.

Next meeting will be held the second week in October. We will talk with Lisa and see what is going to work out for her.

A motion was made by Deneke, seconded by Horsley to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried.

Attest:  _____

Acting District Manager, Sandy Grohs



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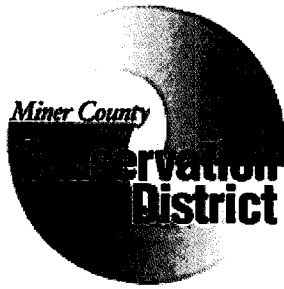
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August 8, 2017

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Conservation Commission:

The Miner County Conservation District would like to request a name change for our Conservation District.

We would like to change the Conservation District's name to Miner Conservation District. By eliminating the County, there will be less confusion between the county and the Conservation District.

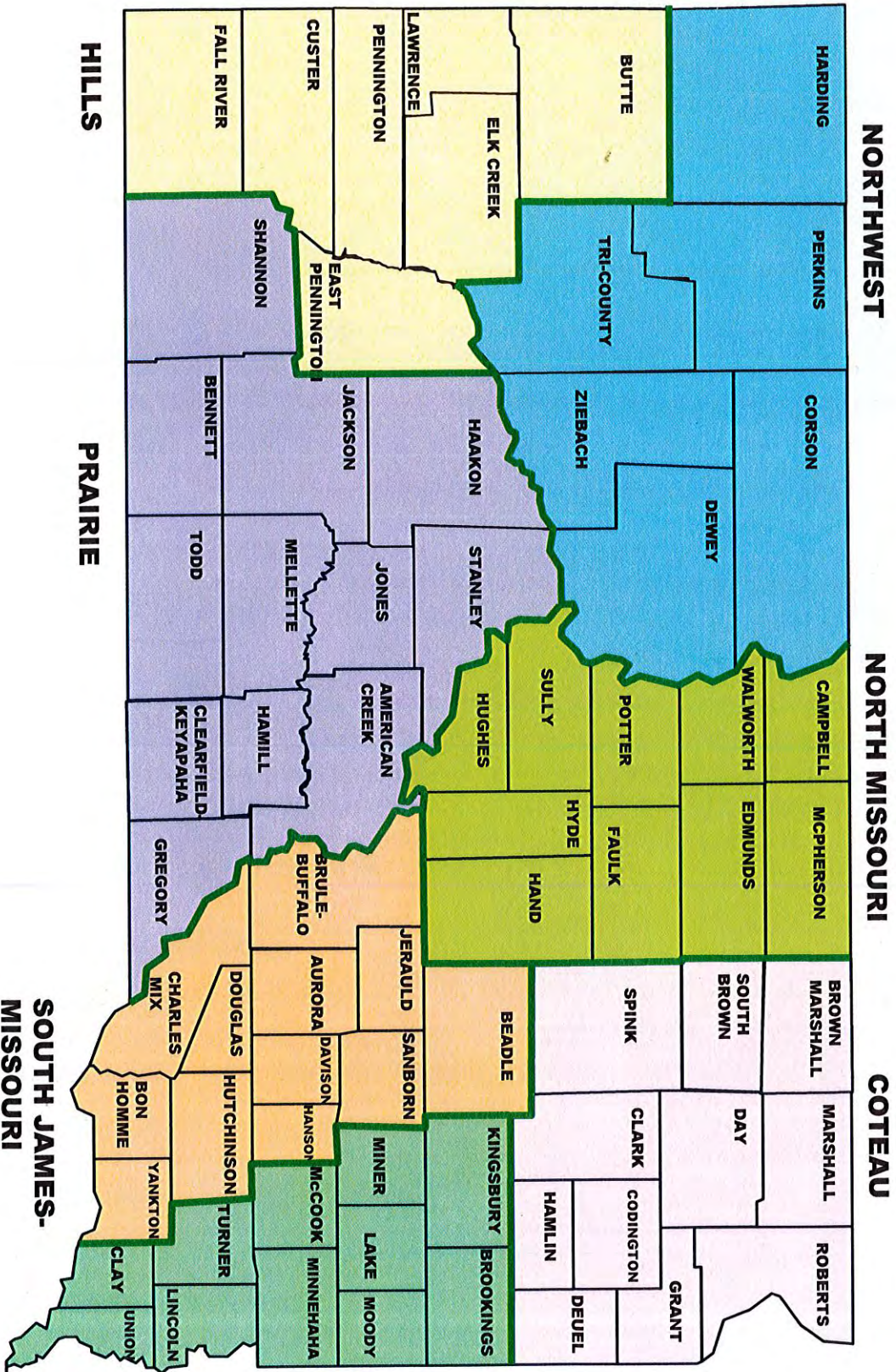
Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

If you have any questions please feel free to call me at the office at 772-5642 ext 3, or my cell phone at 480-2401, or at home at 527-2518.

Sincerely,

Dale Shumaker, Chairman of the Board
Miner Conservation District

South Dakota Conservation Districts and SDACD Areas



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