

**State Conservation Commission Minutes**  
**July 13, 2023**  
**Teleconference/Microsoft Teams**

**Call to Order:** Chairman Doug Hansen called the meeting to order at 2:05 PM CD.

**Roll Call of Members:** Gene Williams, Tom Glover, Dusty Rodiek, Charlie Moe (arrived at 3pm CT), Dean Odden, Doug Hansen, Bruce Haines.

**Members Absent:**

Bill Coburn and Mike Konechne,

**Others present Via Teleconference:** Bill Smith (DANR), Alex Roeber (DANR), Jordan Turgeon (DANR), Kim Paxton (DANR), Kris Dozark (DANR), Paul Lorenzen (DANR), Timothy Schoonhoven (DANR), Annie Walker (Corson Conservation District), Peggy Loomis (Hamlin Conservation District), Josh Wagner (Day Conservation District), Jim Petersen (Dewey Conservation District), Jerimiah Garon (Dewey Conservation District), Angela Ehlers (South Dakota Association of Conservation Districts).

**Conflict of Interest Disclosure: None.**

**Approval of the April 27, 2023 Minutes:**

**A motion was made by Dean Odden and seconded to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2023 as amended.**

Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bruce Haines-aye. **Motion carried.**

**Upcoming travel:** Bill Smith gave an update for upcoming travel.

**Motion made by Dean Odden and seconded to authorize the commissioners to travel to upcoming meetings.**

Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bruce Haines-aye. **Motion carried.**

**Request for new business to be placed on the agenda: None**

**Correspondence: None.**

**Revolving Loan Report:** Jordan Turgeon gave the revolving loan status report.

**Revolving Loan Applications:** Jordan Turgeon presented four revolving loan applications for the commission's consideration.

**A motion was made by Gene Williams and seconded to approve the Day Conservation District's loan application in the amount of \$44,500 to purchase a pickup.**

Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Doug Hansen-abstained, Bruce Haines-aye. **Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Gene Williams and seconded to approve the Dewey Conservation District loan application in the amount of \$100,000 to pay outstanding repair bills and purchase a skid steer with attachments.** Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bruce Haines-aye. **Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Dean Odden and seconded to approve the Hamlin Conservation District's loan application in the amount of \$10,000 to refinance their loan on a pickup.** Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bruce Haines-aye. **Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Dusty Rodiek and seconded to approve the Lincoln Conservation District's loan application in the amount of \$14,508 to purchase a pickup.**

Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bruce Haines-aye. **Motion carried.**

**Grant Extension/Amendment requests:** Grant extensions and amendments were presented by Alex Roeber.

### **EXTENSION REQUEST**

**A motion was made by Tom Glover and seconded to approve the six-month extension from Beadle Conservation District for Shelterbelt Grant # 2023-CSW-002.** Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bruce Haines-aye. **Motion carried.**

## **AMENDMENT REQUEST**

**A motion was made by Gene Williams and seconded to approve the use of the 2023 Docket for the Miner Conservation District's Soil Health grant # 2023-CSW-020. Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bruce Haines- (absent). Motion carried.**

**Grant Program/Updates/Changes/Amendments:** Alex Roeber gave an update on the grants program.

### **Codington Conservation District's Promotional Grant Application:**

The grant application remains on the table for final action from the April 27, 2023 meeting.

**A motion was made by Gene Williams and seconded to approve the Codington Conservation District's Promotional Grant application in the amount of \$2,500. Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-nay, Dusty Rodiek-abstained, Charlie Moe-nay, Dean Odden-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bruce Haines-nay. Motion failed.**

**A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to deny the application. The reason for denial: Commission does not need to supply signs. Motion sent at 3:12 pm CT via text because Charlie's computer would not allow him to talk.**

Roll call vote: Gene Williams-nay, Tom Glover-nay, Dusty Rodiek-abstained, Charlie Moe-aye Dean Odden-nay, Doug Hansen-nay, Bruce Haines-aye. **Motion failed.**

**A motion was made by Gene Williams and seconded to approve the Codington Conservation District's Promotional Grant application in the amount of \$1,000 with the stipulation that the funds to be used for signage on conservation projects not buildings or equipment. Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dusty Rodiek-abstained, Charlie Moe-nay, Dean Odden-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bruce Haines-aye. Motion carried.**

### **Statute and Administrative Rules Clean Up:**

The commission is supportive of undertaking a review and revision of their Statutes and Administrative Rules pertaining to the Conservation Commission and Conservation Districts. A subcommittee of Doug Hansen, Dean Odden, and Charlie Moe will assist DANR in with this review.

**Division Report:** Bill Smith updated the Commission on division activities.

**Advisory Board members Reports:** Angela Ehlers gave the SDACD report.

**Open Forum and Public Comment:** None

**Next Meeting location and place:** The next commission meeting will be held during the SDACD annual conference in Aberdeen on September 18 at 7:00 am CT. at the Ramkota Hotel.

**Ending Remarks:** None

**The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 3:37 PM CT.**