

**State Conservation Commission Minutes**  
**April 20, 2022**  
**Matthews Training Center in Pierre, SD**

**Call to Order:** Chairman Doug Hansen called the meeting to order at 8:10 AM.

**Roll Call of members present:**

Dean Odden, Bruce Haines, Tom Glover, Dusty Rodiek, Gene Williams, Doug Hansen, Charlie Moe

**Via Teleconference:** Bill Coburn

**Members Absent:** Mike Konechne

**Others present:** Bill Smith (DANR), Kim Paxton (DANR), Timothy Schoonhoven (DANR), Alex Roeber (DANR), Jordan Turgeon (DANR), Hunter Roberts (DANR), Angela Ehlers (SDACD), Tonja Jessen (Hyde Conservation District), Valerie Feddersen (Jones Conservation District), Meshele Townsend (Edmunds Conservation District), Emily Hauck (Edmunds Conservation District), Tony Sunseri (NRCS), Ken Steele (Gregory Conservation District).

**Others present Via Teleconference:**

Laurie Chauncy (Todd Conservation District), Lisa Paulsen (Clark Conservation District), Dennis Skadsen (Day Conservation District), Jamie Forbes (Kingsbury Conservation District), Dr. Michael Amolins (Harrisburg School District), Justin Krajewski (Belle Fourche River Watershed Partnership)

**Conflict of Interest Disclosure:** Chairman Hansen asked the Commission members if they had any conflicts of interest to disclose at this time. The Chairman also reminded the Commission that they would need to abstain from voting on grants submitted by their districts.

**Approval of January 25, 2022, public hearing for Brown and South Brown Merger and Commission Meeting Minutes:** A motion was made by Dusty Rodiek and seconded to approve both the January 25, 2022 public hearing and commission meeting minutes as submitted. Roll call vote: Dean Odden-aye, Bruce Haines -aye, Tom Glover-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dusty Rodiek -aye, Gene Williams-aye, Doug Hansen-aye. **Motion carried.**

**Corrections and or additions to the minutes:** None

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

**Request for New Business to be placed on the agenda:** None

**Correspondence:** None

**Revolving Loan Report:** Jordan Turgeon presented the revolving loan status report. A motion was made by Bruce Haines and seconded to approve the Revolving Loan Status report as submitted. Roll call vote: Dean Odden-aye, Bruce Haines -aye, Tom Glover-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Gene Williams-aye, Doug Hansen-aye. **Motion carried.**

**Revolving Loan Applications:** None

**Grant Program/Updates/Changes/Amendments/Reports** Jordan Turgeon provided a report.

**Final Reports:** 16 final reports were provided by Jordan Turgeon.

Grant Extension/Amendment Requests:

**Jones Conservation District's request for an eighteen-month extension:** for Grant #2020-CSW-018 Shelterbelt Establishment. A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to deny the request. Roll call vote: Dean Odden-aye, Bruce Haines -aye, Tom Glover-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dusty Rodiek -aye, Gene Williams-aye, Doug Hansen-aye. **Motion carried. Reason for the denial was the commission did not feel they are ready for the extension currently.**

**Jones Conservation District's request for an eighteen-month extension for:** Grant # 2021-CSW-30 Dry Creek Fire Recovery. A motion was made by Gene Williams and seconded to deny the request. Roll call vote: Dean Odden-aye, Bruce Haines -aye, Tom Glover-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dusty Rodiek -aye, Gene Williams-aye, Doug Hansen-aye. **Motion carried. Reason for the denial was the district should reapply for one specific grant at the next grant round.**

**Mellette Conservation District's request for a six-month extension for:** Grant # 2021-CSW-018 2021 Multi Practice Grant. A motion was made by Gene Williams and seconded to approve the request. Roll call vote: Dean Odden-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, Dusty Rodiek -aye, Gene Williams-aye, Doug Hansen-aye. **Motion carried.** Charlie Moe-abstained.

**Todd County Conservation District's request an amendment for:** Grant # 2021-CSW-036 TC Tree. The amendment would add Bennet County to the grant. A motion was made by Gene Williams and seconded to approve the request. Roll call vote: Dean Odden-aye, Bruce Haines -aye, Tom Glover-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, Dusty Rodiek -aye, Gene Williams-aye, Doug Hansen-aye. **Motion carried.** Charlie Moe-abstained.

**Spring Grant Round Review: There were a total of 13 grants submitted for funding consideration: The below minutes reflect the alphabetical order of the grants as submitted by conservation districts rather than the order chronologically in which they were acted upon.**

A motion was made by Tom Glover and seconded to approve the Butte Conservation District's Multi-County Ditch to Pipe Conversion application in the amount of \$20,000.00. Roll call vote: Dean Odden-aye, Bruce Haines -aye, Tom Glover-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Gene Williams-aye, Doug Hansen-aye. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Dusty Rodiek and seconded to approve the Clark Conservation District's Tree Shelterbelt/Grass/Cover Crop application in the amount of \$15,000. Roll call vote: Dean Odden-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Gene Williams-aye, Doug Hansen-aye. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Gene Williams and seconded to approve the Davison Conservation District's Cover Crop/Grazing application in the amount of \$12,500. Roll call vote: Dean Odden-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Gene Williams-aye, Doug Hansen-aye. **Motion carried.** Bruce Haines-abstained.

A motion was made by Bruce Haines and seconded to approve the Day Conservation District's Northeast Glacial Lakes application in the amount of \$15,000. Roll call vote: Dean Odden-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Gene Williams-aye, Doug Hansen-aye. **Motion carried**

A motion was made by Dusty Rodiek and seconded to approve the Edmunds Conservation District's North Missouri Cover Crop Initiative application in the amount of \$30,000. Roll call vote: Dean Odden-aye, Bruce Haines -aye, Tom Glover-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Gene Williams-aye, Doug Hansen-aye. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Gene Williams and seconded to approve the Gregory Conservation District's Gregory County Projects 8 application in the amount of \$45,000. Roll call vote: Dean Odden-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Gene Williams-aye, Doug Hansen-aye. **Motion carried.** Tom Glover-abstained.

A motion was made by Bruce Haines and seconded to approve the Hanson Conservation District's 2022 Brush Management application in the amount of \$5,000. Roll call vote: Dean Odden-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Gene Williams-aye, Doug Hansen-aye. **Motion carried**

A motion was made by Dusty Rodiek and seconded to approve the Hanson Conservation District's Shelterbelt Project application in the amount of \$7,500. Roll call vote: Dean Odden-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Gene Williams-aye, Doug Hansen-aye. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to approve the Hyde-Faulk Conservation District's Hyde/Faulk Enhancement Project Phase 2 application in the amount of \$30,000. Roll call vote: Dean Odden-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Gene Williams-aye, Doug Hansen-aye. **Motion carried**

A motion was made by Gene Williams and seconded to table the Kingsburg Conservation District's Nature Walking Trail application till the end of the grant round. Roll call vote: Dean Odden-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Gene Williams-aye, Doug Hansen-aye. **Motion carried**

A motion was made by Gene Williams and seconded to table the Lincoln Conservation Districts Building Community Through Conversation application till the end of the grant round. Roll call vote: Dean Odden-aye, Bruce Haines -aye, Tom Glover-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Gene Williams-aye, Doug Hansen-aye. **Motion carried**

A motion was made by Gene Williams and seconded to approve the Perkins Conservation District's 2022 Seeding and Pipeline Grant application in the amount of \$12,000.00. Roll call vote: Dean Odden-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Gene Williams-aye, Doug Hansen-aye. **Motion carried**

A motion was made by Bruce Haines and seconded to deny the Roberts Conservation District's Conservation Outreach and Promotion application. Substitute motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to table the Roberts Conservation District's application till the end of the grant round. Roll call vote on substitute motion: Dean Odden-aye, Bruce Haines -aye, Tom Glover-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Gene Williams-aye, Doug Hansen-aye. **Motion carried**

A motion was made by Gene Williams and seconded to reconsider the Butte Conservation District's application. Roll call vote: Dean Odden-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Gene Williams-aye, Doug Hansen-aye. **Motion carried**

A motion was made by Den Odden and seconded to award an additional \$2,500.00 to the Butte Conservation District's application. Roll call vote: Dean Odden-aye, Bruce Haines -aye, Tom Glover-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Gene Williams-aye, Doug Hansen-aye. **Motion carried**

A motion was made by Tom Glover and seconded to reconsider the Davison Conservation District's application. Roll call vote: Dean Odden-aye, Bruce Haines -abstained, Tom Glover-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Gene Williams-aye, Doug Hansen-aye. **Motion carried**

A motion was made by Dusty Rodiek and seconded to award an additional \$3,115.46 to the Davison Conservation District's application. Roll call vote: Dean Odden-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Gene Williams-aye, Doug Hansen-aye. **Motion carried.** Bruce Haines-abstained.

A motion was made by Gene Williams and seconded to reconsider the Gregory Conservation District's application. Roll call vote: Roll call vote: Dean Odden-aye, Bruce Haines -aye, Bill Coburn-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Gene Williams-aye, Doug Hansen-aye. **Motion carried.** Tom Glover-abstained

A motion was made by Dusty Rodiek and seconded to award an additional \$10,000 to the Gregory Conservation District's application. Roll call vote: Dean Odden-aye, Bruce Haines -aye, Bill Coburn-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Gene Williams-aye, Doug Hansen-aye. **Motion carried.** Tom Glover-abstained.

A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to reconsider the Hyde-Faulk County Conservation District's application. Roll call vote: Dean Odden-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Gene Williams-aye, Doug Hansen-aye. **Motion carried**

A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to award an additional \$5,000 to the Hyde-Faulk Conservation District's application. Roll call vote: Dean Odden-aye, Bruce Haines -aye, Tom Glover-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Gene Williams-aye, Doug Hansen-aye. **Motion carried**

A motion was made by Tom Glover and seconded to deny the Kingsbury Conservation District's application. Roll call vote: Dean Odden-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Gene Williams-aye, Doug Hansen-aye. **Motion carried. Reason for denial was there are other available funds the project can pursue.**

A motion was made by Dusty Rodiek and seconded to approve Lincoln Conservation District's application in the amount of \$15,000. Roll call vote: Dean Odden-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Gene Williams-aye, Doug Hansen-aye. **Motion carried**

A motion was made by Gene Williams seconded to approve the Roberts Conservation Grant for \$3,000. Roll call vote: Dean Odden-aye, Bruce Haines -aye, Tom Glover-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Gene Williams-aye, Doug Hansen-aye. **Motion carried**

**Revolving Loan Program Rules:** Bill Smith informed the commission about creating a subcommittee to revise rules for the Revolving Loan Program. Doug Hansen, Gene Williams, and Dusty Rodiek volunteered to serve on the subcommittee.

**Soil Conservation Award Review and Selections:** Alex Roeber informed the commission of submitted nominations for Soil Conservation Award.

**2022 Soil Conservation Farm, Ranch Awards, 9 total applications**

Those included Beadle Conservation District: BJ McNeil, Grant Conservation District: Scott and Laurie Kneeland, Hughes County Conservation District: Allen Garber, Jerry Hawkins, Jon Beastron, Lee Kleinschmidt, Matt LeBrun, Moody County Conservation District: Scott Thompson, Roberts Conservation District: Calvin Finnesand.

A motion was made by Dean Odden and seconded to approve all of the nominations. Roll call vote: Dean Odden-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Gene Williams-aye, Doug Hansen-aye. **Motion carried.**

**NACD Tech. Assistance Priority Grants:** Angela Ehlers updated the commission on the purpose of the priority grant and requested feedback from the commission for current priority areas. The commission agreed that the Prairie Area should be included as a priority area.

**SDACD Committee Assignment:** Commissioners assigned committee roles.

**SDACD:** Update was given by Angela Ehlers.

**NRCS -** Tony Sunseri updated the Commission on NRCS activities and programs.

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

**Open Forum and Public Comment:** None

**New Business:** None

**Next Meeting date and location:** To be announced at a later date.

**Ending Remarks:** None

**Meeting ending time:** 12:15 PM CDT meeting was adjourned.