

State Conservation Commission Minutes
September 22, 2025
Huron Event Center & Teams

Call to Order: Chairman Doug Hansen, the meeting to order at 8:00 AM CT.

Roll Call of Members: Gene Williams (Teams), Tom Glover (Teams), Dusty Rodiek, Dean Odden, Doug Hansen, Bruce Haines, Charlie Moe, and Duane Schneider.

Members Absent: Bill Coburn.

Others present: Bill Smith (DANR), Alex Roeber (DANR), Paul Lorenzen (DANR), Angela Ehlers (SDACD), Tami Moore (Miner Conservation District), Yvette Kirkman (Lawrence and Butte conservation districts), Colette Kessler (NRCS), Tony Sunseri (NRCS), Keith Fricke (Moody Conservation District), Laura Kahler (South Dakota Grasslands Initiative), Travis Entenman (Minnehaha Conservation District), Trevor Williams (Jackson Conservation District), Kyle Reeves (Clark Conservation District), Tim Gleason (Roberts Conservation District), Gavin Brucklacher (Haakon Conservation District), Ken Steele (Gregory Conservation District), Bryan Kludt (Hutchinson Conservation District), Katie Schulte (Haakon Conservation District), Valerie Feddersen (Jones Conservation District), Deanna Kinkel (Codington Conservation District), Amy Sis (Grant Conservation District), Mike Baldwin (Custer Conservation District), Mike Larson (NRCS), Jake Stewart (Hand Conservation District), Tate Lantz (NRCS), Ryan Wendinger (GFP), Bonnie Schmidt (Harding Conservation District), Elyssa Barkman (Perkins Conservation District), Arthur Beringer (Potter Conservation District), Robert Rausch (Potter Conservation District), Larry Wagner (Brule-Buffalo Conservation District), Karl Jensen (Lawrence Conservation District), Calvin Thompson (Roberts Conservation District), Yvette Kirkman (Butte, Lawrence, and Elk Creek conservation districts), Maggie Hanson (Roberts Conservation Districts), Tim Reich (Butte Conservation Districts), Cliff Conroy (Butte Conservation District), Meshele Townsend (Edmunds Conservation District), Karen Yost (McPherson Conservation District), Kimberly Schweiss (Potter Conservation District), Fred Butzke (McCook Conservation District), Ashley Mussetter (Roberts Conservation District), Jeff Meadows (Lake Conservation District), Lori Stevens (Brown County Conservation District), Tami Moore (Miner Conservation District), and Chuck Anderson (Perkins Conservation District).

Others present (Teams): Jordan Turgeon (DANR) and April Reiter (DANR).

Conflict of Interest Disclosure: None.

Review of the July 24 Meeting Minutes: A motion was made by Dean Odden and seconded to approve the July 24 meeting minutes as submitted. Roll call vote: Tom Glover-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Duane Schneider-aye, Bill Coburn-absent, Charlie Moe-aye, Gene Williams-aye, and Doug Hansen-aye. **Motion carried.**

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

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

Correspondence: None.

Revolving Loan Report: Alex Roeber gave the revolving loan status report.

Emergency Revolving Loan Applications: Alex Roeber presented the Minnehaha Conservation District's revolving loan application for a Bobcat skid steer. The grant was originally submitted in January after the deadline to be considered for the January meeting and DANR forgot to bring it forth for consideration in July.

A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to approve the Minnehaha Conservation District's request to purchase a Bobcat skid steer in the amount of \$36,400. Roll call vote: Tom Glover-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Duane Schneider-aye, Bill Coburn-absent, Charlie Moe-aye, Gene William-aye, and Doug Hansen-aye. **Motion carried.**

Grant Extension/Amendment requests: None.

Grant Report: Alex Roeber provided the commission with a status report on the grant program. As of right now, there is \$885,176.74 in grant funds available.

Division Report: Paul Lorenzen updated the Commission on division activities. The Riparian Buffer Initiative (RBI) continues to general interest. DANR has enough landowner interest to fully enroll all the ARAP funds between buffers and

animal waste systems. We are expecting our FY25 319 funds soon, so we will be able to award funds for projects.

Advisory Board Members Reports: Angela Ehlers gave the SDACD report. Tony Sunseri provided updates on USDA and NRCS. Ryan Wendinger provided an update of GPF activities. Chuck Pyle also provided an update on the US Fish and Wildlife Service Partners for Fish and Wildlife programs.

Open Forum and Public Comment: Tim Reich addressed the Commission regarding Envirothon. Tim relayed the importance of the program to provide youth with environmental education. Tim said that the program has helped thousands of youths.

Next Meeting location and place: The next commission will be held in Pierre in November. Date and time to be determined.

Ending Remarks: Chairman Hansen asked the audience to raise their hand if they this was their first commission meeting. He thanked the audience for the attendance and for speakers keeping their comments brief.

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 9:05 AM CT.