

State Conservation Commission

April 2024

Conservation District **Aurora**

Project Name: **Conservation Education & Awareness**

Start Date **07/01/2024**

End Date **12/31/2026**

| | | |
|-----------------------|----|----------|
| Total Project Amount: | \$ | 3,000.00 |
| Commission Funds: | \$ | 1,500.00 |
| District Funds: | \$ | 1,500.00 |
| Landowner Cash: | | |
| Local In-kind: | | |
| Other Funds: | | |

| Other funds: | Cash | In-kind |
|--------------|------|---------|
| Total: | \$ - | \$ - |
| RC&F: | | |
| DANR: | | |
| GF&P: | | |
| USFWS: | | |
| NRCS: | | |
| OTHER: | | |

Description of Grant Application:

Aurora County is requesting cost share to assist in help in the promotion of natural resources in Aurora County. Some of the activities include, but not limited but not limited to, Arbor Day, State Fair, conservation Speech Contest, local newspapers, website, facebook promotions, booth materials, and education activities in the schools, and public. Putting an article in the papers will be costly for the district.

If selected for funding, RC&F suggests that:

- The district provide timesheets or other documentation to demonstrate the actual time spent on salary/administration of the grant.
- Project reimbursement will be based on actual bill/receipts submitted for completed work. Cost-share will be based on legitimate costs up to the specified maximum.

DANR:

GF&P:

| | Project | Start date | End Date | Original Award | Balance | Extensions |
|-----------------------|---------|------------|----------|----------------|---------|------------|
| Other current grants: | | | | | | |

Approved:

Denied:

Reason for denial:



SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY DIVISION

523 East Capitol Avenue

Pierre, SD 57501

Phone: 605.773.3623 Fax: 605.773.3481

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GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Applicant Information

Organization: Aurora County Conservation District Mailing Address: Po Box 277
Telephone: 605-682-9668 City: Plankinton State: SD Zip: 57368
Tax Status: Government

Project Contact

Project Officer: Jody Hauge Telephone: 605-682-9668
Fax: _____ Email: auroracountyconservation@gmail.com

Project Information

Project Name: Conservation Education & Awareness
Start Date: 7/1/2024 End Date: 12/31/2026
Legal description: County Aurora
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: 1500 Partner contributions (total): 1500 Total project cost: 3000

Please provide a brief, descriptive summary of the project:

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I want to go into the grade schools in three towns, to educate the youth about soils, trees, and native grasses. We currently only do the 5th grade for Arbor Day, but want to do more.

Want to start a pollinator area for the community to be able to see and learn about the native pollinators and native grasses to our state. Our tree belt needs to get noticed so the public can come out and walk thru it, pick some fruit to enjoy, and learn as they go. Right now people are unaware that this is a conservation site for the public to enjoy. I want to get a sign out there for them to know who we are.

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 Jody Hauge Title Dist Manager Date 2-23-24

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

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Signature of Reviewer _____ Title _____ Date _____

Signature of Approval _____ Title _____ Date _____

BUDGET SHEET

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

A. Operating Budget

| | | |
|---|-------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Salary/Benefits | 200 | |
| 2. Travel | | |
| 3. Contractual Services | | |
| 4. Supplies | 2800 | |
| 5. Equipment (list major equipment) | | |
| 6. Consultation Services | | |
| Total Project Costs | 3000 | This total must equal 3000 |

B. Activity Budget

| Activity | Grant Funds | Local Funds | Local In-Kind | Other Funds | Total |
|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|-------|
| 1. Administration | 100 | 100 | | | 200 |
| 2. Supplies | 1400 | 1400 | | | 2800 |
| 3. _____ | | | | | 0 |
| 4. _____ | | | | | 0 |
| 5. _____ | | | | | 0 |
| 6. _____ | | | | | 0 |
| 7. _____ | | | | | 0 |
| 8. _____ | | | | | 0 |
| Totals | 1500 | 1500 | 0 | 0 | 3000 |
| This total must equal | | | | | 3000 |

C. Project Partners

| Partners | Amount Cash | Amount In-Kind | Total |
|-----------------------|-------------|----------------|-------|
| 1. Aurora County | | 1500 | 1500 |
| 2. RC&F | 1500 | | 1500 |
| 3. _____ | | | 0 |
| 4. _____ | | | 0 |
| 5. _____ | | | 0 |
| 6. _____ | | | 0 |
| 7. _____ | | | 0 |
| 8. _____ | | | 0 |
| Totals | 1500 | 1500 | 3000 |
| This total must equal | | | 3000 |

Please send application and attachments to the South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Project Partners

- Aurora County, SD Producers, landowners, youth, and all residents will be beneficiary of this project. Our goal is to make conservation practices a priority and starting with our youth in school and also reaching out to producers and landowners we hope to accomplish this.

Project Descriptions and Need

- We currently provide education around Arbor Day to the 5th grade in the three schools in the county, White Lake, Plankinton, and Stickney. A tree is presented to each student along with education material, to take home. Our state forester also does a presentation for the students. I want to expand on this and be able to visit different grades and show them examples of soil, do live demonstrations, talk about trees by doing different projects for different ages. By doing this I want to promote conservation and what our district has to offer.
- Additional events we do are our local parades again in the three communities. There are three that are held for school events such as homecoming, but the towns are now starting to have holiday and alumni parades. When I participate, I would like to have promotional items to hand out, like seed packets, logo items, pens, anything besides the traditional candy.
- Another event is the having or sitting at a conservation booth such as the Value Ag tent as the SD State Fair. I have worked this the past couple years, and it has been very successful event for awareness and outreach. With this funding it would allow more opportunities to have presence at different events such as education training for staff, and also educating the public, soil health conferences, grassland summits, pheasant fest banquets, tree workshops, grazing school. NRCS also puts on many tours that are beneficial to not only the producers and landowners, but also our district. I am currently asked to sit at different booths for events, but I have nothing to present or offer to the public. Again, this is where I would like to have promo items, but also pamphlets and brochures about conservation and our district.
- Another project I want to start working on is to update our local tree demonstration plot. I want to start by making an information packet by identifying the trees and provide information to the public so that they can see the differences in the variety's that are planted. I would also like to start a native perennial and grass area again to show the native grasses and flowers that bring back our grasslands to their original state. It would start out as a small plot, big enough to show different species, but small enough to keep up with the upkeep. This would educate the public on what the native species and pollinators look like. It would also show awareness to the public as it would be planted right along a major highway that is easily accessible to view. I would also like to have a sign that shows this area is a conservation area as currently there is no way to

know that the conservation district is there or that the trees are available for the public to enjoy.

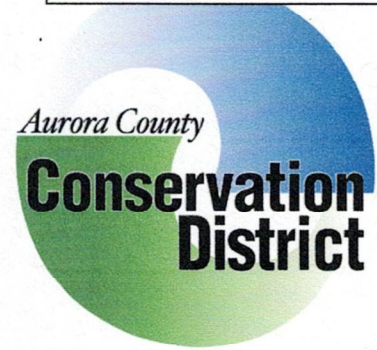
- And the last project I am looking at is starting a small column in our local newspapers, or a newsletter to make awareness about conservation. I would like to write an article monthly about different things that happen with conservation. Fun facts, tree care, native species, are just an example. The cost is \$50 per month per paper and there are 3 in the county. The grant would enable me to have an article to share.

Final Products

- Since we have no other funding for outreach or community projects, this grant would help in the promotion and outreach for education of conservation practices and our district. Our goal is to get the word out about us, get visible more in the community by attending trainings and local events put on by our communities, but also our local partners, NRCS, FSA, Pheasants Forever, Fish and Wildlife just to name a few. Our target audience would be the youth thru school and the community, landowners, and producers by being visible. I want to bring education to local town people as well as the farmers as we get more knowledge on urban plantings.
- I hope to measure the success of this project by being able to visit with more people and have them reach out to me about conservation. I hope to bring more awareness by showing what we have and can do.

AURORA COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Po Box 277
Plankinton SD 57368
(605- 682-9668)
AGENDA FOR Tuesday Feb 13 2024

unapproved



PLACE OF MEETING: USDA Ag Service Center Bldg

MEMBERS PRESENT Mike Konechne, Jeremy Johnson, Dale Steffen, Dan Hargreaves, advisor Sherry Schumacher

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bob Bruns

GUESTS: District Manager, Jody Hauge NRCS Shaun Holcomb

CALL TO ORDER 6:32 P.M. on Tuesday, Feb 13th, 2024

SECRETARY'S MINUTES: Included. Motion to approve 1st Jeremy Johnson, 2nd Dan Hargreaves. Motion carried

TREASURER'S REPORT: As of Jan 31st the checking account balance was \$10766.21 and the savings account balance was \$53996.50 Petty cash is at \$22.21 and CD's \$237629.43 (8cds) Motion to accept 1st Dale Steffen 2nd Jeremy Johnson. Motion carried

AGENDA:

Year end reports—End of year reports were handed out and reviewed.

Contribution Agreement—talked about what the terms are it was signed.

PheasantFest-March 1-3- signed up for all Sat and ½ Sun and waiting to see if Friday needs help Ordering shirts to wear and it was discussed to get more to wear in the office.

Grassland Summit-March 18-19 Oacoma Motion to approve all 1st Dale Steffen 2nd Dan Hargreaves. Motion carried

Commission grant- due March 1st 2024. talked about writing an education grant to get promotion items for parades, booth, etc, and supplies to go into the classrooms to educate about conservation. Also want to update our tree grove and possible native grass and flower planting, and signage and binders to make more public awareness. Motion to apply for the Commission grant 1st Dan Hargreaves, 2nd Jeremy Johnson, Motion carried

NRCS REPORT: there was 9 eqip and 3 crp folders to sign. Shaun talked about Equip and IRA funding Motion to approve his report 1st Dale Steffen 2nd Jeremy Johnson. Motion approved.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Included—Motion to approve 1st Dan Hargreaves, 2nd Dale Steffen Motion approved.

OTHER: we discussed getting hats to hand out to producers that do business with us. I will visit with Linda about an order. At least 20, but more if a discount. Motion to order 1st Dan Hargreaves 2nd Jeremy Johnson Motion approved.

PUBLIC INPUT: none

- Executive Session- (Optional)-

ADJOURN:

NEXT MEETING: April 9th 6:30

Respectfully submitted: Jody Hauge Aurora County District Manager

State Conservation Commission

April 2024

Conservation District
Brule-Buffero

Project Name: Multi-County Brush Management

Start Date
07/01/2024

End Date
12/31/2025

| | |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| Total Project Amount: | \$ 36,500.00 |
| Commission Funds: | \$ 18,250.00 |
| District Funds: | |
| Landowner Cash: | |
| Local In-kind: | |
| Other Funds: | \$ - |

| | | |
|--------------|------|---------|
| Other funds: | Cash | In-kind |
| Total: | \$ - | \$ - |
| RC&F: | | |
| DENR: | | |
| GF&P: | | |
| USFWS: | | |
| NRCS: | | |
| OTHER: | | |

Description of Grant Application:

Invasive plants have become a problem for most of the landowners along the Missouri River in Brule, Buffalo, and Lyman Counties. BBCD would eradicate the invasive plant species (cedars being of primary concern) and restore grasslands. Upon returning to many of these sites to check for grass establishment, we found that there is excellent grass re-growth. Landowners in the named counties will be able to increase their livestock numbers and acquire more acres in their grazing systems. This grant will assist landowners to remove invasive species so they can control any smaller invasives that might establish in the future.

If selected for funding, RC&F suggests that:

- The Conservation Commission will not reimburse any costs that exceed the 2024 Conservation Commission Cost-share Docket. Please note other restrictions as listed there.
- **All tree and shrub planting plans be reviewed and approved by one of the SDDANR RCF foresters prior to planting.**
- Stand alone farmstead/homestead windbreaks do not qualify for cost-share from the Commission.
- District must secure a landowner application to determine eligibility for cost-share funds, copy to be provided with reimbursement request.
- District must provide the landowner with notification letter indicating whether or not they have been approved for cost-share, copy to be provided with reimbursement request.
- Project reimbursement will be based on actual bill/receipts submitted for completed work. Cost-share will be based on legitimate costs up to the specified maximum.
- The district provide a copy of the Joint Powers Agreement with all the conservation districts involved.
- The district provide timesheets or other documentation to demonstrate the actual time spent on salary/administration of the grant.
- Final report must be submitted before final reimbursement will be processed. This report must be submitted no more than 30 days after the end of the grant.

DANR:

waiting for updated budget

GF&P:

| | Project | Start date | End Date | Original Award | Balance | Extensions |
|------------------------------|---------|------------|------------|----------------|-------------|------------|
| Other current grants: | | | | | | |
| Renovation and Tree Planting | 2023-25 | 07/01/2023 | 06/30/2024 | \$36,000.00 | \$32,760.00 | |

Approved:

Denied:

Reason for denial:



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GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Applicant Information

Organization: _____ Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Tax Status: _____

Project Contact

Project Officer: _____ Telephone: _____

Fax: _____ Email: _____

Project Information

Project Name: _____

Start Date: _____ End Date: _____

Legal description: County _____

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: _____ Partner contributions (total): _____ Total project cost: _____

Please provide a brief, descriptive summary of 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 Larry Wagner Title _____ Date _____

A copy of the state required [W-9 form](#) must be attached to this application.

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Signature of Approval _____ Title _____ Date _____

BUDGET SHEET

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A. Operating Budget

1. Salary/Benefits _____
2. Travel _____
3. Contractual Services _____
4. Supplies _____
5. Equipment (list major equipment) _____
6. Consultation Services _____

Total Project Costs _____ This total must equal _____

B. Activity Budget

| Activity | Grant Funds | Local Funds | Local In-Kind | Other Funds | Total |
|----------|-------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|-------|
| 1. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 2. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 3. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 4. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 5. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 6. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 7. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 8. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Totals | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

This total must equal _____

C. Project Partners

| Partners | Amount Cash | Amount In-Kind | Total |
|----------|-------------|----------------|-------|
| 1. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 2. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 3. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 4. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 5. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 6. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 7. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 8. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Totals | _____ | _____ | _____ |

This total must equal _____

Brule Buffalo Conservation District January board meeting

February 21, 2024 Charly's 7:00 PM

Members present: Ryan Urban, Abbey Randall, James Lindley, Larry Wagner, Amber Bunker (NRCS), Zach Zimprich (BBCD employee)

Larry called meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

Ryan made motion to approve agenda, Abbey seconded the motion

Ryan made motion to approve December minutes, Abby seconded the motion

Abbey motioned and Ryan seconded the motion to approve the treasure's report

Ryan made motion to approve the accounts payable at \$22,717.33, Larry seconded the motion

Larry motioned and Ryan seconded the motion to approve the application for the brush management grant under the Conservation Commission for the amount of \$36,500.

Amber Bunker with the NRCS brought 4 CSP contracts and 6 EQUIP contracts for the board to sign off on. She reported that the EQUIP contracts were smaller projects (less than \$25,000). Amber reported that the CRP signup has been opened up and the batching deadline is March 15. They will release the accepted applications on April 1st. The Chamberlian office has 11 new continuous CRPs that are interested. Amber updated the board that Jennifer Boeding has been hired by the NRCS as a PSA, and covers River Hills and Lower James Ruck Units.

Larry Wagner reported that the Grassland Alliance Summit is March 18th-19th. He encouraged attendance if able and they are expecting a good turnout.

Zach Zimprich reported that he has been doing maintenance work in the shop. All tractors, trailers, and tree planting material is ready for the season. He has started spraying Princep/Goal, and it looks like he will be able to finish up the rest of that in the next week. Zach also stated that he will be advertising for seasonal help around the middle of March.

Abbey motioned to approve the presented CSP and EQUIP contracts and Ryan seconded the motion.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:51 by Larry

Recorded by Zach Zimprich

D. Project Description and Need

The primary beneficiaries will be the landowners on which property the brush management will take place. However, the project goals are to restore and improve grasslands that have been invaded by unwanted plant species (cedars being the primary species), improve soil health by increasing water infiltration into the soil profile and reducing soil erosion, and improve habitat for wildlife. The goals of the project will take place within the Brule-Buffalo, and American Creek Conservation Districts. Joint Powers agreement in place for this practice with stated Conservation Districts.

The Brule-Buffalo Conservation District and Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will jointly implement the project. NRCS will develop Wildlife Habitat Appraisal Guide (WHAG), Prescribe Grazing Plan, and assist in what is the most beneficial area for removal of invasive species for each grazing unit. The prescribed grazing plan will state the rotation and deferred (rest) if needed for the grasslands.

Individual project locations will be located throughout the Brule-Buffalo and American Creek Conservation Districts.

With traditional livestock production remaining a primary landuse throughout the project area, our grassland restoration brush management project has been beneficial for Brule-Buffalo and American Creek landowners. We have removed invasive plant species from cedars to suckering shrubs. With the increase in invasive species removal, Brule-Buffalo CD has purchased a saw which makes more bang for your buck.

With the landowners that we have completed work for, we feel that we could double the amount of restored grasslands with some financial assistance. Landowner would be limited to 30 hours in which 15 hours are cost-sharable.

The area in which we would be covering has large amounts of native grasslands. These grasslands are not only for livestock but wildlife habitat. By controlling the invasive plant species, we will open more grasslands for grazing and wildlife food and cover.

E. Final Products

The project funding will allow a minimum of 15 landowners to develop more area for grazing and wildlife habitat.

F. Justification

Invasive plants have become a problem for most of the landowners in the project area. Brule-Buffalo would eradicate the invasive plant species (cedars being primary species) and restore grasslands. Upon returning to many of the sites to check for grass establishment in the litter area from the grinding process and found that there is excellent grass re-growth in these areas.

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

The success will be measured by the restoration of grassland acres in the project area for landowner's livestock herds and wildlife habitat.

State Conservation Commission

April 2024

Conservation District **Davison**

Project Name: **Multi-County Brush Management**

Start Date **07/01/2024**

End Date **12/31/2025**

Total Project Amount: \$ 80,000.00
Commission Funds: \$ 40,000.00
District Funds:
Landowner Cash: \$ 40,000.00
Local In-kind:
Other Funds: \$ -

Other funds: Cash In-kind
Total: \$ - \$ -
RC&F:
DENR:
GF&P:
USFWS:
NRCS:
OTHER:

Description of Grant Application:

The multi-county brush management project will be completed in Davison, Hanson, Miner, and Sanborn Conservation Districts. Results from this conservation practice can be seen instantly while the forestry cutter is working. The invasive plant species are not a new problem but a problem that is expensive, ongoing, and finally getting addressed. Our goal is to restore these invaded areas back to grasslands making them productive again for livestock and/or wildlife

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DANR:

GF&P:

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|-------------------------------|---------|------------|------------|----------------|-------------|------------|
| Other current grants: | | | | | | |
| Multi-County Brush Management | 2023-10 | 01/01/2023 | 12/31/2024 | \$ 40,000.00 | \$ 4,000.00 | |
| Microirrigation | 2024-07 | 01/01/2024 | 12/31/2024 | \$ 4,000.00 | \$ 4,000.00 | |
| DCD Tree Planting | 2024-08 | 01/01/2024 | 12/31/2024 | \$ 7,500.00 | \$ 7,500.00 | |

Approved:

Denied:

Reason for denial:



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GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Applicant Information

Organization: Davison Conservation District Mailing Address: 1820 N Kimball St, Suite B
Telephone: (605) 996-1564 ext 3 City: Mitchell State: SD Zip: 57301
Tax Status: Government

Project Contact

Project Officer: Matt Hayes Telephone: (605) 770-5250
Fax: (855) 256-2557 Email: matthew.hayes2@sd.nacdnet.net

Project Information

Project Name: Multi County Brush Management
Start Date: 07/01/2024 End Date: 12/31/2025
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: 40000 Partner contributions (total): 40000 Total project cost: 80000
Please provide a brief, descriptive summary of the project:

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Applicant Signature [Signature] Title District Manager Date 2/28/20

A copy of the state required [W-9 form](#) must be attached to this application.

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| | | |
|---|--------------|------------------------------------|
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| 2. Travel | _____ | |
| 3. Contractual Services | _____ | 80000 |
| 4. Supplies | _____ | |
| 5. Equipment (list major equipment) | _____ | |
| 6. Consultation Services | _____ | |
| Total Project Costs | _____ | 80000 |
| | | This total must equal <u>80000</u> |

B. Activity Budget

| Activity | Grant Funds | Local Funds | Local In-Kind | Other Funds | Total |
|---------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. Brush Management | 40000 | 40000 | _____ | _____ | 80000 |
| 2. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | 0 |
| 3. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | 0 |
| 4. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | 0 |
| 5. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | 0 |
| 6. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | 0 |
| 7. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | 0 |
| 8. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | 0 |
| Totals | 40000 | 40000 | 0 | 0 | 80000 |
| | | | | | This total must equal <u>80000</u> |

C. Project Partners

| Partners | Amount Cash | Amount In-Kind | Total |
|---------------|-------------|----------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. RC&F | 40000 | _____ | 40000 |
| 2. Landowners | 40000 | _____ | 40000 |
| 3. _____ | _____ | _____ | 0 |
| 4. _____ | _____ | _____ | 0 |
| 5. _____ | _____ | _____ | 0 |
| 6. _____ | _____ | _____ | 0 |
| 7. _____ | _____ | _____ | 0 |
| 8. _____ | _____ | _____ | 0 |
| Totals | 80000 | 0 | 80000 |
| | | | This total must equal <u>80000</u> |

Please send application and attachments to the South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Resource Conservation and Forestry

Grant Application Guidelines

In addition to a completed application, please provide a project narrative. The narrative should not exceed three pages of single-spaced text. Please attach any maps, figures, and photographs that you feel are valuable in explaining the project. The project narrative must include:

Project Partners

- Please list any project partners and quantify their contribution to the project.
- Any practice funded by the Coordinated Natural Resources Conservation Grant funds must meet one or more goals of the Coordinated Plan for the Natural Resources Conservation.

Project Descriptions and Need

- Explain who will be the primary beneficiaries of this project.
- 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) that the project 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.

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).
- Identify how you will measure the success of the project.

Partner Justification

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

In addition to the application and project narrative, applications for Conservation Commission Grants also must include:

- A copy of the motion of official action by the board of the sponsoring district to approve the project and the grant application.

Applicants also should review Chapter 12:03:05 of Administrative Rules, especially regarding format of application, project costs, length of grant periods, ineligible grant purposes, and required prior reports (including annual financial and progress reports for the prior fiscal year).

In addition to the application and project narrative, applications for Urban and Community Forestry Challenge Grants must also include:

- Completed sub-grant questionnaire.
- Submit a work plan outlining the activities you wish to accomplish through this grant.

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).

**DAVISON CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MINER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA JOINT POWER CONTRACT**

AGREEMENT made and entered into by and between Davison Conservation District at 1820 N. Kimball St., Suite B in Mitchell, SD 57301 and Miner Conservation District at 601 West Farmer Avenue, Suite A in Howard, SD 57349.

I
GENERAL PROVISIONS

Davison Conservation District hereby enters into this Agreement for services with **Miner Conservation District** in consideration of and pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth herein.

1. **Davison Conservation District and Miner Conservation District** to perform brush management by the district.

2. **Davison Conservation District and Miner Conservation District** services under this Agreement shall commence upon signing and end on **December 31, 2024**, unless sooner terminated pursuant to the terms hereof.

3. Both districts agree to report any event encountered during performance of this Agreement which results in injury to the person or property of third parties, or which may otherwise subject the conservation districts to liability. Both conservation districts shall report any such event to the other conservation district immediately upon discovery. The conservation districts' obligation to report shall not require disclosure of any information subject to privilege or confidentiality under law (e.g., attorney-client communications). Reporting to the other conservation district under this section shall not excuse or satisfy any obligation of the conservation district to report any event to law enforcement or other entities under the requirement of any applicable law.

4. This Agreement may be terminated by either party hereto upon thirty (30) days written notice. In the event that either conservation district breaches any of the terms or conditions hereof, this Agreement may be terminated by the other conservation district at any time with or without notice. If termination for such a default is affected by one conservation district, any payments due to the other conservation districts at the time of termination may be adjusted to cover any additional costs to the conservation district because of the other conservations district's default. Upon termination, **Davison Conservation District** may take over the work and may award another party an agreement to complete the work under this agreement. If after **Davison Conservation District** terminates for a default by **Miner Conservation District** it is determined that **Davison Conservation District** was not at fault, then **Miner Conservation District** shall be paid for eligible services rendered and expenses incurred up to the date of termination.

5. This Agreement depends upon the continued availability of funds. If funds become unavailable by operation of law or federal funds reductions, this Agreement will be terminated by the **Davison Conservation District**. Termination for any of these reasons is not a default by **Davison Conservation District** nor does it give rise to a claim against **Miner Conservation District**.

6. This Agreement may not be assigned without the express prior written consent of the **Davison Conservation District** and the **Miner Conservation District**. This Agreement may not be amended except in writing, which writing shall be representative of each of the parties hereto.

7. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of South Dakota. Any lawsuit pertaining to or affecting this Agreement shall be venued in Circuit Court in **Davison** or **Miner County**, South Dakota.

8. Both conservation districts will comply with all federal, state, and local laws, regulations, ordinances, guidelines, permits and requirements applicable to providing services pursuant to this Agreement, and will be solely responsible for obtaining current information on such requirements.

9. Both conservation districts may not use subcontractors to perform the services described herein without the express prior written consent of the other conservation district. Both conservation districts will include provision in its subcontracts requiring its subcontractors to comply with the applicable provision of this Agreement, to indemnify the other conservation district, and to provide insurance coverage for the benefit of the other conservation district in a manner consistent with this Agreement. Both conservation districts will cause its subcontractors, agents, and employees to comply, with applicable requirements and will adopt such review and inspection procedures as are necessary to assure such compliance.

10. Any notice or other communication required under this Agreement shall be in writing and sent to the address set forth above. Notices shall be given on behalf of the **Davison Conservation District**, and on behalf of the **Miner Conservation District**, or such authorized designees as either party may from time to time designate in writing. Notices or communications to and between the parties shall be deemed to have been delivered when mailed by first class mail, provided that notice of default or termination shall be sent by registered or certified mail, or if personally delivered, when received by such party.

11. In the event that any court of competent jurisdiction shall hold any provision of this Agreement unenforceable or invalid, such holding shall not invalidate or render unenforceable any other provision hereof.

12. All other prior discussions, communications and representations concerning the subject matter of this Agreement are superseded by the terms of this Agreement, and except as specifically provided herein, this Agreement constitutes the entire agreement with respect to the subject matter hereof.

II.

JOINT POWERS

A. **Davison Conservation District and Miner Conservation District** agree to the following provisions pursuant to the Joint Powers Act (SDCL 1-24):

1. This Agreement does not establish a separate legal entity as contemplated by SDCL 1-24-5. The cooperative undertaking described herein will be financed and conducted under the provisions of this agreement by **Davison Conservation District** and **Miner Conservation District** respectively. Each party has responsibilities under the terms of this Agreement and no joint board or joint administrator will be used. Purchase and maintenance of equipment used to fulfill the agreement will be undertaken by the respective agencies as described herein. No real property will be purchased to use for this Agreement.

2. A copy of this Agreement will be filed by **Davison Conservation District**, with the Attorney General and the Legislative Research Council not more than 14 days after execution as required by SDCL 1-24-6.1.

3. Financing required by this agreement will come from regular annual budgets.

4. This agreement may be terminated by either party upon thirty (30) days written notice without cause.

5. All parties must comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352, 42 U.S.C. 2000d) and, in accordance with Title VI of that act, no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation, in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity for immediately take any measures necessary to effectuate this agreement.

6. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as an indemnification by one party of the other for liabilities of a party or third person for property loss, or damage, or death, or personal injury arising out of the performance of this Agreement. Any liabilities or claims for property loss, or death, or personal injury by a party or its agents, employees, contractors or assigns or by third persons, arising out of and during this agreement shall be determined according to applicable law.

In Witness Whereof, the parties signify their agreement effective the date above first written by the signatures affixed below.

By: Matthew Hayes (Printed Name) 2-28-24
(Date Signed)

By: [Signature] (Signature)
Chair or Authorized Signature for the **Davison Conservation District**

By: Tami Moore (Printed Name) 2/27/24
(Date Signed)

By: Tami Moore, District Manager (Signature)
Chair or Authorized Signature for the **Miner Conservation District**

DAVISON CONSERVATION DISTRICT
SANBORN COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA JOINT POWER CONTRACT

AGREEMENT made and entered into by and between Davison Conservation District at 1820 N. Kimball St., Suite B in Mitchell, SD 57301 and Sanborn Conservation District at 203 W. 7th St. Suite 200 in Woonsocket, SD 57385.

I
GENERAL PROVISIONS

Davison Conservation District hereby enters into this Agreement for services with Sanborn Conservation District in consideration of and pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth herein.

1. Davison Conservation District and Sanborn Conservation District to perform these services: grass drilling, tree planting, fabric laying, brush management and any other services provided by the district.

2. Davison Conservation District and Sanborn Conservation District services under this Agreement shall commence upon signing and end on **December 31, 2024**, unless sooner terminated pursuant to the terms hereof.

3. Both districts agree to report any event encountered during performance of this Agreement which results in injury to the person or property of third parties, or which may otherwise subject the conservation districts to liability. Both conservation districts shall report any such event to the other conservation district immediately upon discovery. The conservation districts' obligation to report shall not require disclosure of any information subject to privilege or confidentiality under law (e.g., attorney-client communications). Reporting to the other conservation district under this section shall not excuse or satisfy any obligation of the conservation district to report any event to law enforcement or other entities under the requirement of any applicable law.

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5. This Agreement depends upon the continued availability of funds. If funds become unavailable by operation of law or federal funds reductions, this Agreement will be terminated by the Davison Conservation District. Termination for any of these reasons is not a default by Davison Conservation District nor does it give rise to a claim against Sanborn Conservation District.

6. This Agreement may not be assigned without the express prior written consent of the **Davison Conservation District** and the **Sanborn Conservation District**. This Agreement may not be amended except in writing, which writing shall be representative of each of the parties hereto.

7. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of South Dakota. Any lawsuit pertaining to or affecting this Agreement shall be venued in Circuit Court in **Davison** or **Sanborn** County, South Dakota.

8. Both conservation districts will comply with all federal, state, and local laws, regulations, ordinances, guidelines, permits and requirements applicable to providing services pursuant to this Agreement, and will be solely responsible for obtaining current information on such requirements.

9. Both conservation districts may not use subcontractors to perform the services described herein without the express prior written consent of the other conservation district. Both conservation districts will include provision in its subcontracts requiring its subcontractors to comply with the applicable provision of this Agreement, to indemnify the other conservation district, and to provide insurance coverage for the benefit of the other conservation district in a manner consistent with this Agreement. Both conservation districts will cause its subcontractors, agents, and employees to comply, with applicable requirements and will adopt such review and inspection procedures as are necessary to assure such compliance.

10. Any notice or other communication required under this Agreement shall be in writing and sent to the address set forth above. Notices shall be given on behalf of the **Davison Conservation District**, and on behalf of the **Sanborn Conservation District**, or such authorized designees as either party may from time to time designate in writing. Notices or communications to and between the parties shall be deemed to have been delivered when mailed by first class mail, provided that notice of default or termination shall be sent by registered or certified mail, or if personally delivered, when received by such party.

11. In the event that any court of competent jurisdiction shall hold any provision of this Agreement unenforceable or invalid, such holding shall not invalidate or render unenforceable any other provision hereof.

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II.

JOINT POWERS

A. Davison Conservation District and Sanborn Conservation District agree to the following provisions pursuant to the Joint Powers Act (SDCL 1-24):

1. This Agreement does not establish a separate legal entity as contemplated by SDCL 1-24-5. The cooperative undertaking described herein will be financed and conducted under the provisions of this agreement by Davison Conservation District and Sanborn Conservation District respectively. Each party has responsibilities under the terms of this Agreement and no joint board or joint administrator will be used. Purchase and maintenance of equipment used to fulfill the agreement will be undertaken by the respective agencies as described herein. No real property will be purchased to use for this Agreement.

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6. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as an indemnification by one party of the other for liabilities of a party or third person for property loss, or damage, or death, or personal injury arising out of the performance of this Agreement. Any liabilities or claims for property loss, or death, or personal injury by a party or its agents, employees, contractors or assigns or by third persons, arising out of and during this agreement shall be determined according to applicable law.

In Witness Whereof, the parties signify their agreement effective the date above first written by the signatures affixed below.

By: Wade Strand (Printed Name) 2-1-24

By: Wade Strand (Signature) (Date Signed)

Chair or Authorized Signature for the Davison Conservation District

By: Mark Snedeker (Printed Name) 2-29-24

By: Mark Snedeker (Signature) (Date Signed)

Chair or Authorized Signature for the Sanborn County Conservation District

Matt Hayes
Davison Conservation District
District Manager
1820 N Kimball St, Suite B
Mitchell, SD 57301
February 21, 2024

South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources
Division of Resource Conservation and Forestry
Attn: Bill Smith
523 E Capitol Ave
Pierre, SD 57501

South Dakota Conservation Commission:

The Davison Conservation District is submitting a grant application for the 2024 spring grant round. The following application is for our Brush Management project that will start July 1, 2024 and end December 31, 2025.

Along with the application, you will find a copy of the district's W-9 and the narrative that goes with our application. We will send the board meeting minutes after our March 7, 2024 meeting.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration of our grant application. If you have any questions or concerns, please call our office at (605) 996-1564 Ext 3.

Sincerely,



Matt Hayes
Davison Conservation District
District Manager

Davison Conservation District

Brush Management 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 programs either because of lack of funding or eligibility requirements. Due to the high cost often associated with installing conservation practices, many landowners and operators will be unable to install practices needed unless alternative funding is available. Cost share will be based on the 2024 Conservation Commission approved cost share percentages. The invasive species of trees and shrubs is an ongoing problem that is expensive to address and is needed to help landowners and operators reclaim grass that is essential for their operations. The installation of this practice will help with improving grassland management and wildlife habitat.

Final Products:

The completion of these projects will provide additional grass for livestock to each operation so that they can utilize the full potential of each site.

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 that are available to them.

State Conservation Commission

April 2024

Conservation District

Davison

Project Name:

Awareness & Outreach Activities Grant

Start Date

07/01/2024

End Date

06/30/2025

Total Project Amount:

\$ 3,000.00

Commission Funds:

\$ 1,500.00

District Funds:

Landowner Cash:

Local In-kind:

Other Funds:

\$ 1,500.00

Other funds:

Cash

In-kind

Total:

\$ -

RC&F:

DANR:

GF&P:

USFWS:

NRCS:

OTHER:

Description of Grant Application:

The Davison Conservation District is applying for this grant to create a link between the farmers, consumers, and communities by helping them understand how food is produced and how the environment can also be protected while doing this. This will also help people understand the importance of the local conservation districts and why they are important to the natural resources and agriculture. This grant will help cover costs incurred from our newsletter and facebook advertisements.

If selected for funding, RC&F suggests that:

- The district provide timesheets or other documentation to demonstrate the actual time spent on salary/administration of the grant.
- Project reimbursement will be based on actual bill/receipts submitted for completed work. Cost-share will be based on legitimate costs up to the specified maximum.

DANR:

GF&P:

Other current grants:

Multi-County Brush Management

Microirrigation

DCD Tree Planting

Project

Start date

End Date

Original Award

Balance

Extensions

2023-10 01/01/2023

12/31/2024 \$ 40,000.00 \$ 4,000.00

2024-07 01/01/2024

12/31/2024 \$ 4,000.00 \$ 4,000.00

2024-08 01/01/2024

12/31/2024 \$ 7,500.00 \$ 7,500.00

Approved:

Denied:

Reason for denial:



SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY DIVISION

523 East Capitol Avenue

Pierre, SD 57501

Phone: 605.773.3623 Fax: 605.773.3481

sdda.sd.gov

GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Applicant Information

Organization: Davison Conservation District Mailing Address: 1820 N Kimball St, Suite B
Telephone: (605)996-1564 Ext. 3 City: Mitchell State: SD Zip: 57301
Tax Status: Government

Project Contact

Project Officer: Matt Hayes Telephone: (605)770-5250
Fax: (855)256-2557 Email: matthew.hayes2@sd.nacdnet.net

Project Information

Project Name: Awareness & Outreach Activities Grant
Start Date: 07/01/2024 End Date: 06/30/2025
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: 1500 Partner contributions (total): 1500 Total project cost: 3000
Please provide a brief, descriptive summary of the project:

The Davison Conservation District is applying for this grant to create a link between the farmers, consumers, and communities by helping them understand how food is produced and how the environment can also be protected while doing this. This will also help people understand the importance of the local conservation districts and why they are important to the natural resources and agriculture.

This grant will help cover costs incurred from our newsletter and facebook advertisements.

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] Title District Manager Date 2/21/2024

A copy of the state required [W-9 form](#) must be attached to this application.

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Signature of Reviewer _____ Title _____ Date _____
Signature of Approval _____ Title _____ Date _____

BUDGET SHEET

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

A. Operating Budget

| | | |
|---|--------------|---|
| 1. Salary/Benefits | _____ | |
| 2. Travel | _____ | |
| 3. Contractual Services | _____ | 3000 |
| 4. Supplies | _____ | |
| 5. Equipment (list major equipment) | _____ | |
| 6. Consultation Services | _____ | |
| Total Project Costs | _____ | 3000 |
| | | This total must equal _____ 3000 |

B. Activity Budget

| Activity | Grant Funds | Local Funds | Local In-Kind | Other Funds | Total |
|----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 1. <u>Public Awareness</u> | <u>1500</u> | <u>1500</u> | _____ | _____ | <u>3000</u> |
| 2. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | <u>0</u> |
| 3. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | <u>0</u> |
| 4. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | <u>0</u> |
| 5. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | <u>0</u> |
| 6. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | <u>0</u> |
| 7. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | <u>0</u> |
| 8. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | <u>0</u> |
| Totals | <u>1500</u> | <u>1500</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>3000</u> |
| | | | | This total must equal | <u>3000</u> |

C. Project Partners

| Partners | Amount Cash | Amount In-Kind | Total |
|--------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--|
| 1. <u>RC&F</u> | <u>1500</u> | _____ | <u>1500</u> |
| 2. <u>Local Partners</u> | <u>1500</u> | _____ | <u>1500</u> |
| 3. _____ | _____ | _____ | <u>0</u> |
| 4. _____ | _____ | _____ | <u>0</u> |
| 5. _____ | _____ | _____ | <u>0</u> |
| 6. _____ | _____ | _____ | <u>0</u> |
| 7. _____ | _____ | _____ | <u>0</u> |
| 8. _____ | _____ | _____ | <u>0</u> |
| Totals | <u>3000</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>3000</u> |
| | | | This total must equal <u>3000</u> |

Please send application and attachments to the South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Matt Hayes
Davison Conservation District
District Manager
1820 N Kimball St, Suite B
Mitchell, SD 57301
February 21, 2024

South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources
Division of Resource Conservation and Forestry
Attn: Bill Smith
523 E Capitol Ave
Pierre, SD 57501

South Dakota Conservation Commission:

The Davison Conservation District is submitting a grant application for the 2024 spring grant round. The following application is for our Outreach and Awareness project that will start July 1, 2024 and end June 30, 2025.

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Thank you in advance for your time and consideration of our grant application. If you have any questions or concerns, please call our office at (605) 996-1564 Ext 3.

Sincerely,



Matt Hayes
Davison Conservation District
District Manager

Davison Conservation Districts
Public Awareness and Outreach
Project Narrative

Project Partners

May include but are not limited to NRCS, SDSU Extension Service, Pheasants Forever, Ducks Unlimited, Mitchell Chamber of Commerce, South Dakota No-Till Association, SD Soil Health Coalition, SD Grasslands Coalition and many others.

Project descriptions and need

The Awareness & Outreach Activities Grant will focus on connecting the public and producers to conservation through awareness and outreach activities. The grant will provide more awareness of what the local conservation districts do and services they can provide. The grant will make available more conservation education throughout the counties and provide more opportunities for non-farmers and youth to learn about conservation and agriculture in general. The Awareness and Outreach Activities Grant will include the Davison Conservation District.

Final Products

Public outreach and awareness activities will include projects such as, but not limited to, the following:

Annual Mitchell Soil Health Event, Ag in the Classroom, Farm Exchange tour, prescribed grazing/brush management tour, Arbor Day presentations to local classrooms, newsletter mailings, Conservation Speech contests, Arbor Day essays, watershed meetings for producers, Build Soil Health Displays for producers and classrooms (Soil your Undies, cover crops, pollinator boxes, etc.), scholarships for producers and students to attend the SD Grassland Coalition Grazing School, SD Soil Health Coalition Soil Health School, and Land, Soil, & Range Schools, and assist producers with soil health soil tests (Haney, Solvita, PLFA, etc.) for learning opportunities.

State Conservation Commission

April 2024

Conservation District

Project Name:

Start Date

End Date

| | |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| Total Project Amount: | \$ 423,940.00 |
| Commisson Funds: | \$ 10,000.00 |
| District Funds: | \$ 1,200.00 |
| Landowner Cash: | \$ 128,050.00 |
| Local In-kind: | |
| Other Funds: | \$ 284,690.00 |

| | | |
|--------------|---------------|---------|
| Other funds: | Cash | In-kind |
| Total: | \$ 284,690.00 | \$ - |
| RC&F: | | |
| DANR: | \$ 235,915.00 | |
| GF&P: | | |
| USFWS: | | |
| NRCS: | | |
| OTHER: | \$ 48,775.00 | |

Description of Grant Application:

The goal of the Prairie Coteau Watershed Improvement and Protection Project is to improve and protect the water quality of Northeast SD lakes, streams, and rivers by providing technical and financial assistance to agricultural producers who want to implement conservation practices that benefits water quality. Main funding for this project comes from an EPA 319 Clean Water grant and South dakota state revolving funds. This is a multi-county effort between the Codington, Day, Deuel, Grant, Hamlin, Kingsbury, Marshall, and Roberts Conservation Districts.

If selected for funding, RC&F suggests that:

- The Conservation Commission will not reimburse any costs that exceed the 2024 Conservation Commission Cost-share Docket. Please note other restrictions as listed there.
- **All tree and shrub planting plans be reviewed and approved by one of the SDDANR RCF foresters prior to planting.**
- Stand alone farmstead/homestead windbreaks do not qualify for cost-share from the Commission.
- District must secure a landowner application to determine eligibility for cost-share funds, copy to be provided with reimbursement request.
- District must provide the landowner with notification letter indicating whether or not they have been approved for cost-share, copy to be provided with reimbursement request.
- Project reimbursement will be based on actual bill/receipts submitted for completed work. Cost-share will be based on legitimate costs up to the specified maximum.
- The district provide a copy of the Joint Powers Agreement with all the conservation districts involved.
- The district provide timesheets or other documentation to demonstrate the actual time spent on salary/administration of the grant.
- Final report must be submitted before final reimbursement will be processed. This report must be submitted no more than 30 days after the end of the grant.
- Grazing plans be required as part of the agreement with the landowners.
- District must secure a landowner application to determine eligibility for cost-share funds, copy to be provided with reimbursement request.
- District must provide the landowner with notification letter indicating whether or not they have been approved for cost-share, copy to be provided with reimbursement request.
- The district provide timesheets or other documentation to demonstrate the actual time spent on salary/administration of the grant.

DANR:

GF&P:

| | Project | Start date | End Date | Original Award | Balance | Extensions |
|-----------------------|---------|------------|----------|----------------|---------|------------|
| Other current grants: | | | | | | |

Approved:

Denied:

Reason for denial:



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RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY DIVISION

523 East Capitol Avenue

Pierre, SD 57501

Phone: 605.773.3623 Fax: 605.773.3481

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GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Applicant Information

Organization: Day County Conservation District

Mailing Address: 600 East Highway 12 Suite 1

Telephone: 605-345-4661 ext. 3

City: Webster State: SD Zip: 57274

Tax Status: Government

Project Contact

Project Officer: Cory Zirbel

Telephone: 605-345-4661 ext. 118

Fax: _____

Email: cory.zirbel@sd.nacdnet.net

Project Information

Project Name: Prairie Coteau Watershed Project

Start Date: 7/1/2024 End Date: 6/30/2025

Legal description: County _____

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: 10000 Partner contributions (total): 413940 Total project cost: 423940

Please provide a brief, descriptive summary of the project:

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This is a multi-county effort between the Codington, Day, Deuel, Grant, Hamlin, Kingsbury, 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 nondiscrimination in federally assisted programs.

Applicant Signature

Mark Brandlee

Title

chairman

Date

2-26-24

A copy of the state required [W-9 form](#) must be attached to this application.

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Signature of Reviewer

Title

Date

Signature of Approval

Title

Date

BUDGET SHEET

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

A. Operating Budget

| | | |
|---|---------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Salary/Benefits | 94600 | |
| 2. Travel | 2115 | |
| 3. Contractual Services | 324500 | |
| 4. Supplies | 0 | |
| 5. Equipment (list major equipment) | 0 | |
| 6. Consultation Services | 2725 | |
| Total Project Costs | 423940 | This total must equal <u>423940</u> |

B. Activity Budget

| Activity | Grant Funds | Local Funds | Local In-Kind | Other Funds | Total |
|---------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| 1. Streambank Stab | 10000 | 21400 | 0 | 9600 | 41000 |
| 2. Grazing Mgt. | 0 | 8000 | 0 | 12000 | 20000 |
| 3. Riparian Mgt. | 0 | 11250 | 0 | 33750 | 45000 |
| 4. Forage/Biomass | 0 | 15000 | 0 | 22500 | 37500 |
| 5. Grass Waterway | 0 | 2400 | 0 | 3600 | 6000 |
| 6. Ag Waste | 0 | 70000 | 0 | 105000 | 175000 |
| 7. Water Monitoring | 0 | 1525 | 1200 | 0 | 2725 |
| 8. Wages/Ben/Travel | 0 | 0 | 0 | 96715 | 96715 |
| Totals | 10000 | 129575 | 1200 | 283165 | 423940 |
| | | | | This total must equal | <u>423940</u> |

C. Project Partners

| Partners | Amount Cash | Amount In-Kind | Total |
|----------------------|---------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| 1. RC&F | 10000 | 0 | 10000 |
| 2. EPA 319 | 235915 | 0 | 235915 |
| 3. Producer Match | 128050 | 0 | 128050 |
| 4. Day Cons. Dist. | 0 | 1200 | 1200 |
| 5. Lake Associations | 1525 | 0 | 1525 |
| 6. SD SRF | 47250 | 0 | 47250 |
| 7. _____ | | | 0 |
| 8. _____ | | | 0 |
| Totals | 422740 | 1200 | 423940 |
| | | This total must equal | <u>423940</u> |

Please send application and attachments to the South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources.



Project Partners

The Day County Conservation District is the project sponsor in partnership with the following organizations:

- **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 DANR.
- **South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources (SD DANR)** – Administer EPA Section 319, State SRF, and Conservation Commission 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 grant funds.
- **Hamlin County Conservation District**- Project partner/co-sponsor by MOU, local support and funding.
- **Kingsbury County Conservation District** -Project partner/co-sponsor by MOU, local support and funding.
- **Codington County Conservation District**- Project partner/co-sponsor by MOU, local support and funding.
- **Deuel County Conservation District** – Project partner/co-sponsor by MOU, local support and funding.
- **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.
- **Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)** – Provide technical assistance for conservation practices through District Conservationists, Soil and Range Conservationists, and Tribal Liaison. Provide additional project funds through special initiatives like the Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP)
- **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 for grazing improvements, small dams, wetland restoration, and grass seeding.
- **South Dakota Game, Fish, and Parks (GFP)** – Technical advice and cost-share funds for riparian buffer protection, grazing improvements, wetland restoration, and grass seeding.

- **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 Codington, Grant, Hamlin, Kingsbury, and Deuel County activities.**
- **South Dakota Discovery Center – 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 and easements, lakeshore buffers.**
- **Ne-So-Dak Environmental Learning Center – Local support, campus and staff for workshops and environmental education programs sponsored by the watershed project.**

Project Description and Need

The Prairie Coteau 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 Codington, Day, Deuel, Grant, Hamlin, Kingsbury, Marshall, and Roberts.

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

- the 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 conservation practices.

Operation and maintenance responsibilities for conservation practices installed will be detailed in contracts between the Day County 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. The Day County Conservation District 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 Prairie Coteau Watershed Improvement and Protection Project will focus on the watersheds of twenty lakes, the upper Big Sioux River Basin, and the Upper Little Minnesota River system (page 4), located in eight northeast South Dakota counties; Codington, Day, Deuel, Hamlin, Kingsbury, Grant, Marshall, and Roberts, and portions of four major river basins; the Big Sioux, James, Minnesota, and Red Rivers.

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 1 (two years) will support this goal:

- 150 acres of Riparian Buffers
- 5 Grazing Systems
- 400 acres of Forage and Biomass Planting
- 10 Stream Crossings
- 256 lineal feet Streambank Stabilization
- 9 acres of Grassed Waterways
- 1 Animal Waste Management System

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).

Final Products

The conservation practices planned for implementation during Segment 1 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.

Progress towards attaining the project goals will be monitored based on milestones. Progress will be reported in annual EPA 319 GRTS Reports; and monthly reports to the project sponsor. 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 conservation practices installed and load reductions achieved relative to improvement in water quality will be evaluated using tools available from SD DANR 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 conservation practices.

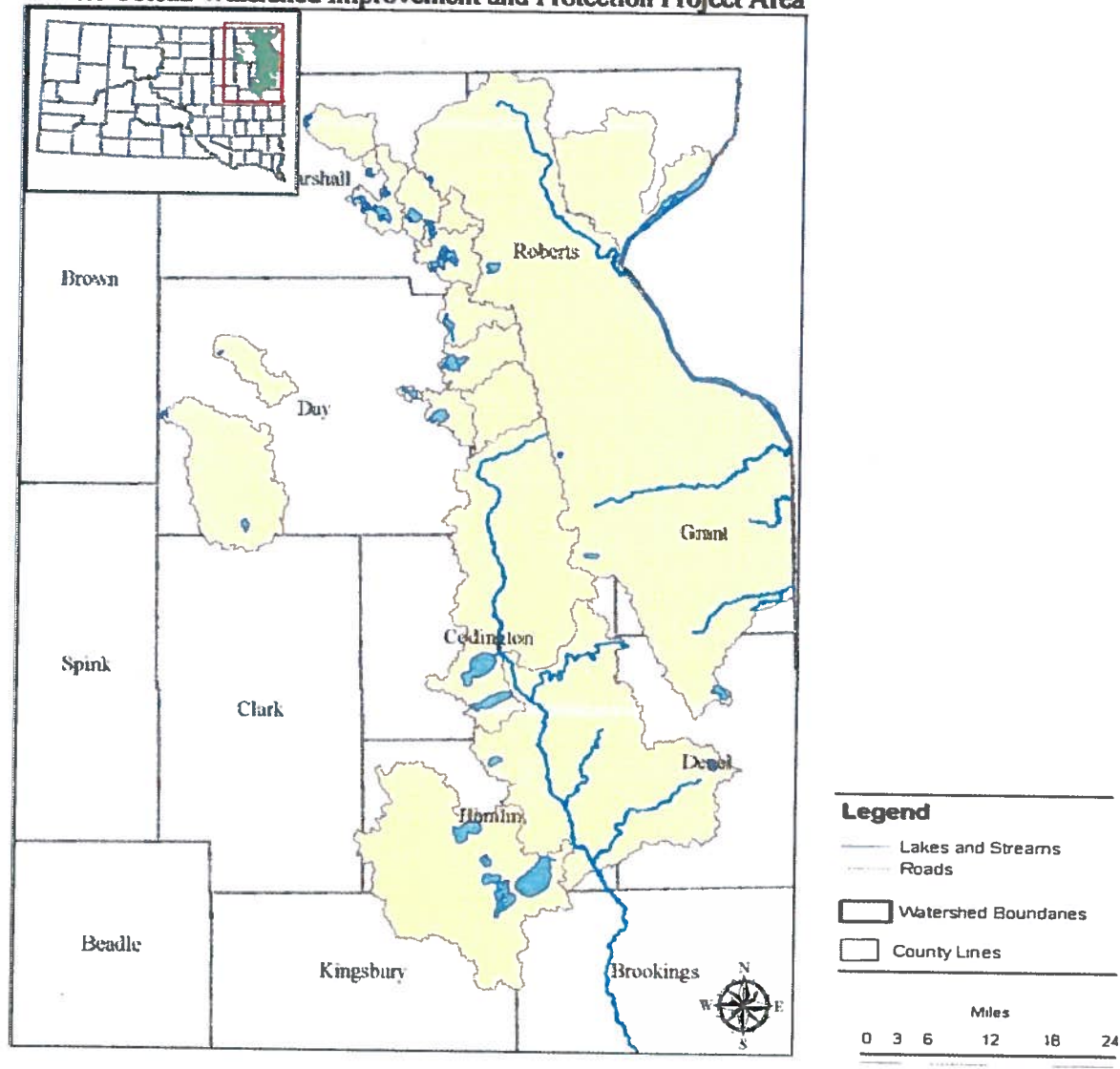
Improvements to lake and stream water quality will be measured by in-lake and stream testing conducted by project personnel, local lake associations and sewer districts.

Partner Justification

The Day County Conservation District sponsored and completed two EPA 319-funded assessment projects, six EPA 319-funded implementation projects including Segments I through V of the Northeast Glacial Lakes Watershed Improvement and Protection Project; and several Coordinated Soil and Water Conservation grants.

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. The Day Conservation District's Business Manager will administer project payroll and cost share payments to producers.

Prairie Coteau Watershed Improvement and Protection Project Area





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Day County Conservation District
Webster, South Dakota
605-345-4661
daycd@sdconservation.net

5 February 2024

Supervisors Present:

Mark Brandlee
Todd Kaufman
Brent Zimmerman

Others Present:

Josh Wagner, District Manager
Cory Zirbel, Prairie Coteau Coordinator
Levi Campion, NRCS DC

Absent: Joe Butler, Frank James

The Day County Conservation District's monthly board meeting was held at the Webster USDA Service Center. Chairman Brandlee brought the meeting to order at 10:17AM. A motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Pheasant Fest travel request and Angela Ehlers Legislative updates was made by ZIMMERMAN and seconded by KAUFMAN. All voted yes. Motion carried. A motion to approve January minutes was made by ZIMMERMAN, seconded by KAUFMAN. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was given detailing monthly checks and deposits from Jan 9-Feb 5. The January Profit/Loss statement and Jan 31, 2024 Balance Sheet were presented. After review, it was moved by KAUFMAN and seconded by ZIMMERMAN to accept the treasurer's report and approve payments as presented. All voted aye. Motion carried.

District Report, Josh Wagner updated the board.

- Attended the local Farm and Home Show on Jan 19-20th.
- Updating tree order forms, Advertisement.
- Working with SDACD/NOLO and NRCS with booth for Pheasant Fest, March 1-3 in Sioux Falls. District personnel working shifts can be compensated for time. Motion by KAUFMAN, seconded by ZIMMERMAN to approve travel for Josh to attend/work Pheasant Fest. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Prairie Coteau Report, Cory Zirbel updated the board.

- See attached.
- Cory is looking for extra funding for stream crossing projects. Motion by ZIMMERMAN, seconded by KAUFMAN to submit application for Conservation Commission grant for stream crossings. Grant would be available to producers in the project area, not just Day County. Board will give letter of support. All voted yes. Motion carried.

NRCS Report, Levi Campion updated the board.

- CRP opened back up. "Batching" date of March 15th for new enrollments.
- CSP applications will be ranked by end of February.
- RCPP (Regional Conservation Partnership Program) may be a suitable funding avenue for small grain initiative. Desired docket price for crop rotation through EQIP/CIS may not be flexible enough for what District thought would be needed for success.

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Webster, SD 57274
Phone: (605)345-4661 ext. 3

February 26, 2024

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

RE: Prairie Coteau Watershed Project

To Whom It May Concern,

The Day County Conservation District would like to express their support of the grant application submitted by the Prairie Coteau Watershed Project Improvement and Protection Project; a watershed project sponsored by the Day County Conservation District. The goal of the Prairie Coteau Watershed Improvement and Protection Project is to improve and protect the water quality of northeast South Dakota lakes, reservoirs, streams, and rivers through the implementation of best management practices. The grant will address the installation of livestock stream crossings to improve water quality and reduce sediment, bacteria, and nutrient loadings.

Thank you for considering this grant application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Brandlee".

Mark Brandlee, District Chairman
Day County Conservation District
600 East Highway 12 Suite 1
Webster, SD 57274
605-345-4661 ext. 3
daycd@sdconservation.net



Roberts Conservation District

2018 SD Hwy 10 Ste A
Sisseton, SD 57262
605-698-7639 #3
robertscd@sdconservation.net

February 23, 2024

SD Conservation Commissioners,

The Roberts Conservation District (RCD) is in full support of the Prairie Coteau Watershed Project proposal. Our county has several interested producers in this project.

The RCD will partner and help promote the implementation of the conservation practices in the proposed area. Our contribution will be in the form of technical assistance to area producers, promoting the program, providing clerical and technical assistance to participating producers. In addition, the RCD will be able to seed areas back into permanent vegetation as needed.

The Watershed Project will not only benefit participating agricultural producers but will provide lasting water quality and aquatic ecosystem habitat improvements. The long-term benefits provided by this project will ensure that the Roberts Conservation District, along with other partners involved will meet their respective missions and provide area-wide benefits.

RCD looks forward to working with the other partners involved to leverage these resources to improve and expand conservation in the NE Glacial Lakes Area.

Sincerely,

Kristin Pester, Roberts Conservation District Manager

*RCD Board Members: Calvin Thompson-Chairman; Tim Gleason, Ben Hanson, Cody Hanson,
Lee Solberg, June Helgeson, Duane Schneider*



Marshall County Conservation District

PO Box 8, 505 Vanderhorck Ave

Britton SD 57430

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SD Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources
Division of Resource Conservation and Forestry
523 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501-3182

To Whom it may concern:

The Marshall County Conservation District (MCCD) supports Prairie Coteau Watershed Project's proposed conservation commission grant for \$10,000. The grant will be for livestock stream crossings within the watershed project area over the next year. The project has 15 stream crossings planned over the next year, with 6 of them lined up and ready to be implemented this spring, summer. These crossings will help increase grazing distribution and improved water infiltration within our rangeland and pasturelands within our project area. MCCD is familiar with the proposal, understands the expectations, and supports the efforts to address water quality.

The Marshall County Conservation District will help promote the implementation of the conservation practices in the proposed watershed project area. Our contribution will be in the form of technical assistance to area producers, promoting the program through mailings, print and social media, workshops, newsletters, and personal outreach.

In addition, the Marshall County Conservation District will be able to seed areas back to permanent vegetation, as well as plant trees in riparian and shoreline areas as needed.

Sincerely,

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MCCD District Manager
Jean Fagerland

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MCCD District Board Chairman
Darian Kilker



Hamlin County Conservation District
PO Box 165
Hayti, SD 57241
Phone (605)783-3642 x4

February 20, 2024

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

RE: Prairie Coteau Watershed Project

To Whom It May Concern,

The Hamlin County Conservation District would like to express their support of the Grant Application submitted by the Prairie Coteau Watershed Project for the Improvement and Protection of Water Quality of the Northeast South Dakota lakes, streams, and rivers. This project will also increase grazing distribution and improve water infiltration within the project areas.

Thank you for considering this grant application.

Sincerely,

Peggy Loomis, District Manager
Hamlin County Conservation District
PO Box 165
Hayti, SD 57241
6050-783-3642 x4
hamlincd@sdconservation.net

Hamlin Conservation District Board:
Jared Namken, Chairperson
James Anderson, Vice-Chairperson
Larry Brusse, Supervisor
Dorene Lemme, Supervisor
Danny Limmer, Supervisor
Eli Little, Advisor
Lenny Saathoff, Advisor



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Codington County Conservation District

1720 4th Street NE, Suite 3

Watertown, South Dakota 57201

Phone: 605-882-4989 #3

E-mail: deanna.kunkel@sd.nacdnet.net

February 27, 2024

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

RE: Prairie Coteau Watershed Project

To Whom It May Concern,

The Codington County Conservation District would like to express their support of the Grant Application submitted by the Prairie Coteau Watershed Project for the Improvement and Protection of Water Quality of the Northeast South Dakota lakes, streams, and rivers. This project will also increase grazing distribution and improve water infiltration within the project areas.

Thank you for considering this grant application.

Sincerely,

Deanna Kunkel, District Manager

On behalf of the Codington County Conservation District Board

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State Conservation Commission

April 2024

Conservation District Douglas

Project Name: Tree & Fabric Project

Start Date 07/01/2024

End Date 06/30/2025

| | |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| Total Project Amount: | \$ 34,000.00 |
| Commisson Funds: | \$ 17,000.00 |
| District Funds: | \$ 1,000.00 |
| Landowner Cash: | \$ 16,000.00 |
| Local In-kind: | |
| Other Funds: | |

| | | |
|--------------|------|---------|
| Other funds: | Cash | In-kind |
| Total: | \$ - | |
| RC&F: | | |
| DANR: | | |
| GF&P: | | |
| USFWS: | | |
| NRCS: | | |
| OTHER: | | |

Description of Grant Application:

This Tree and 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. DCCD and NRCS will do the technical conservation planning. The financial assistance will provide shelterbelt cover and livestock protection.

If selected for funding, RC&F suggests that:

- The Conservation Commission will not reimburse any costs that exceed the 2024 Conservation Commission Cost-share Docket. Please note other restrictions as listed there.
- **All tree and shrub planting plans be reviewed and approved by a SDDANR RCF foresters prior to planting.**
- Stand alone farmstead/homestead windbreaks do not qualify for cost-share from the Commission.
- District must secure a landowner application to determine eligibility for cost-share funds, copy to be provided with reimbursement request.
- District must provide the landowner with notification letter indicating whether or not they have been approved for cost-share, copy to be provided with reimbursement request.
- Project reimbursement will be based on actual bill/receipts submitted for completed work. Cost-share will be based on legitimate costs up to the specified maximum.
- The district provide a copy of the Joint Powers Agreement with all the conservation districts involved.
- The district provide timesheets or other documentation to demonstrate the actual time spent on salary/administration of the grant.
- Final report must be submitted before final reimbursement will be processed. This report must be submitted no more than 30 days after the end of the grant.

DANR:

GF&P:

| Project | Start date | End Date | Original Award | Balance | Extensions |
|---------|------------|----------|----------------|---------|------------|
|---------|------------|----------|----------------|---------|------------|

Other current grants:

Approved:

Denied:

Reason for denial:



SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY DIVISION

523 East Capitol Avenue

Pierre, SD 57501

Phone: 605.773.3623 Fax: 605.773.3481

sdda.sd.gov

GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Applicant Information

Organization: Douglas Conservation District

Mailing Address: PO Box 28

Telephone: 605-724-2846

City: Armour State: SD Zip: 57313

Tax Status: Government

Project Contact

Project Officer: Angela Mendel

Telephone: 605-724-2846

Fax: _____

Email: _____

Project Information

Project Name: Tree & Fabric Project

Start Date: 07/01/2024 End Date: 06/30/2025

Legal description: County Douglas

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: 17,000 Partner contributions (total): 17,000 Total project cost: 34000

Please provide a brief, descriptive summary of the project:

*This Tree and 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 and USDA-NRCS will do the technical conservation planning. The financial assistance will provide shelter belt cover and food for wildlife and protection of livestock.

*Douglas County Conservation District 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: Angela Mendel Title: Chairman Date: 3-1-2024

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

OFFICE USE ONLY

Signature of Reviewer _____ Title _____ Date _____

Signature of Approval _____ Title _____ Date _____

BUDGET SHEET

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

A. Operating Budget

| | | |
|---|--------------|---|
| 1. Salary/Benefits | 2000 | |
| 2. Travel | | |
| 3. Contractual Services | <u>32000</u> | |
| 4. Supplies | | |
| 5. Equipment (list major equipment) | | |
| 6. Consultation Services | | |
| Total Project Costs | 34000 | This total must equal <u>34000</u> |

B. Activity Budget

| Activity | Grant Funds | Local Funds | Local In-Kind | Other Funds | Total |
|-------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|---|
| 1. Administration | 1000 | | 1000 | | 2000 |
| 2. Trees | 7000 | 7000 | | | 14000 |
| 3. Fabric | 9000 | 9000 | | | 18000 |
| 4. _____ | | | | | 0 |
| 5. _____ | | | | | 0 |
| 6. _____ | | | | | 0 |
| 7. _____ | | | | | 0 |
| 8. _____ | | | | | 0 |
| Totals | 17000 | 16000 | 1000 | 0 | 34000 |
| | | | | | This total must equal <u>34000</u> |

C. Project Partners

| Partners | Amount Cash | Amount In-Kind | Total |
|---------------|--------------|----------------|---|
| 1. RC&F | 17000 | | 17000 |
| 2. Landowner | 16000 | | 16000 |
| 3. Douglas CD | | 1000 | 1000 |
| 4. _____ | | | 0 |
| 5. _____ | | | 0 |
| 6. _____ | | | 0 |
| 7. _____ | | | 0 |
| 8. _____ | | | 0 |
| Totals | 33000 | 1000 | 34000 |
| | | | This total must equal <u>34000</u> |

Please send application and attachments to the South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources.



P.O. Box 28
Armour SD. 57313
Phone: 605-724-2847

March, 15, 2024

South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources
Division of Resource Conservation & Forestry
Attention:
523 E. Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501

Dear South Dakota Conservation Commission:

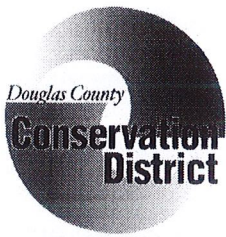
The Douglas Conservation District is proud to submit a grant application for the 2024 Spring Grant Round. The application is for Tree Planting Project that will start July 1st, 2024 and an end date of June 30th, 2025. We would like to request funds be available for this Spring 2024 plant season for those producers who are eligible, if the grant we submitted is approved.

Thank you for your assistance, feel free to reach out to Angela Mendel at Douglas Conservation District with any questions. 605-724-2847.

Thank you,

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Douglas Conservation District



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P.O. Box 28
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Phone: 605-724-2847

March 1, 2024

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Pierre, SD 57501

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Thank you,

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Aaron Lau/ Chairman

Project Narrative:

Description of Need

The proposed area will benefit farmers and ranchers in Douglas County. Cost-shared shelter belts will have a focus on Livestock protection. The benefit to these shelter belts will improve not only livestock protection, but also support proper grassland management, wildlife habitat, along with erosion control on cropland.

Project Need:

Local Farmers and Ranchers in this area do not always qualify for financial assistance for shelterbelt plantings from federal and state cost-share programs due to not being eligible for CCRP, or are located in cropland that does not have a history for the correct period needed.

Project Goal

To allow those farmers and ranchers the financial assistance in a cost share assistance program through grant funding. This in turn will improve the counties natural resources.

Project Objectives

To improve and protect grasslands, soil productivity, and improve aesthetics, along with the need for wildlife habitat.

Project Support

To work with Landowners for trees, planting, and weed control for 3 years after planting is complete to insure success. Weed control will be required for these first 3 years along with yearly visit to ensure landowners properly manage and follow the Districts requirements and agreement forms during this time. The DCCD will be following up with guidance and support as needed. Landowners will be required to replace any trees that fail to establish during this time period. Project records will be keep and filed at the District. NRCS will be involved with the tree planting project as needed.

Final Products

This grant would assist the landowners who would not plant these shelterbelts without the proposed assistance. This proposal would also add more trees to our area benefiting our natural resources of our county.

Partner Justification

The Douglas County Conservation District will be responsible for all the phases of this proposed project. At this time we have 3-4 land producers who qualify for this program that do not meet the requirements of state and federal programs therefore essential to have this proposed cost-share to help improve livestock protection and wildlife habitat.

Douglas Conservation District Meeting

606 1st Street Armour SD 57313

605-724-2846 ext 106

Place of Meeting: Douglas Conservation office/ Board Room

Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Morris Wegehaupt, Aaron Lau, Dan Koedan, Angela Mendel, Tamara Sommer.

Absent Keith Vandenhoeck

February 13, 2024

Meeting called to order by Aaron Lau President at 3:38

Morris motioned to approve agenda Dan 2nd; motion carried.

Morris motioned to approve December Meeting minutes and Aaron 2nd it motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Morris motioned to approve Treasurer's report Dan 2nd motion carried.

NRCS Report: Tamara Sommer reported that EQIP had 26 applications. 9 CSP and CRP currently open now to work on applications.

Manager's report: Angela reached out to other districts to see what Board members were getting paid. Board decided to not do anything at this time. Board will change payroll for members from monthly to quarterly. Dan motioned to approve change Morris 2nd it motion carried. Angela discussed insurance renewal, board signed deductible form would like clarification on limit of Liability coverage. Discussed with the board about March 1st deadline for grant with the Dept. of Agriculture Division of Resource Conservation and Forestry. Angela would like to submit as she has a few producers that would fit this grant, since they did not qualify for anything in the NRCS programs. Dan motioned to approve Morris 2nd it motion carried.

Tamara and Angela will be traveling to numerous schools to give educated discussion about trees and will give out BHS Arbor Day.

New Business: Angela reported 15 producers the district would be planting trees for this spring. Discussed advertising for summer help and wages based on level of experience. New hire would be \$13 returning \$14 and Tractor driver \$18. Dan motioned and Morris 2nd it motioned carried.

Old Business: Aaron reported the new tractor will arrive April 1st from C&B in Corsica

Executive Session: Aaron called executive session at 4:43pm out at 4:50pm. Board approved raise for District Manager, retroactive to Feb 1st 2024. Dan motioned and Morris 2nd it motion carried.

Next meeting: March 12 at 7:30.

Motion to adjourn from Aaron, Dan 2nd it at 5:02 motion carried.



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March, 15, 2024

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Final Products

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Partner Justification

The Douglas County Conservation District will be responsible for all the phases of this proposed project. At this time we have 3-4 land producers who qualify for this program that do not meet the requirements of state and federal programs therefore essential to have this proposed cost-share to help improve livestock protection and wildlife habitat.

State Conservation Commission

April 2024

Conservation District Hamlin

Project Name: 2025 Tree Plantings

Start Date 07/01/2024

End Date 12/31/2025

| | |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| Total Project Amount: | \$ 21,555.00 |
| Commission Funds: | \$ 8,975.00 |
| District Funds: | \$ 100.00 |
| Landowner Cash: | \$ 12,480.00 |
| Local In-kind: | |
| Other Funds: | \$ - |

| | | |
|--------------|------|---------|
| Other funds: | Cash | In-kind |
| Total: | \$ - | \$ - |
| RC&F: | | |
| DANR: | | |
| GF&P: | | |
| USFWS: | | |
| NRCS: | | |
| OTHER: | | |

Description of Grant Application:

This application is for funding to landowners, who want to plant trees, fabric, and renovate shelterbelts. Plantings could include livestock shelterbelts, field windbreaks, riparian buffers, wildlife habitat, and partial or full shelterbelts renovations; which include adding to an existing windbreak. All plantings will provide benefits by reducing wind, soil erosion, livestock protection, and improved water quality. Fabric is also part of this grant. Cost share is 60% producer, and 40% commission grant.

If selected for funding, RC&F suggests that:

- The Conservation Commission will not reimburse any costs that exceed the 2024 Conservation Commission Cost-share Docket. Please note other restrictions as listed there.
- **All tree and shrub planting plans be reviewed and approved by one of the SDDANR RCF foresters prior to planting.**
- Stand alone farmstead/homestead windbreaks do not qualify for cost-share from the Commission.
- District must secure a landowner application to determine eligibility for cost-share funds, copy to be provided with reimbursement request.
- District must provide the landowner with notification letter indicating whether or not they have been approved for cost-share, copy to be provided with reimbursement request.
- Project reimbursement will be based on actual bill/receipts submitted for completed work. Cost-share will be based on legitimate costs up to the specified maximum.
- The district provide a copy of the Joint Powers Agreement with all the conservation districts involved.
- The district provide timesheets or other documentation to demonstrate the actual time spent on salary/administration of the grant.
- Final report must be submitted before final reimbursement will be processed. This report must be submitted no more than 30 days after the end of the grant.

DANR

GF&P:

| | Project | Start date | End Date | Original Award | Balance | Extensions |
|-----------------------|---------|------------|------------|----------------|--------------|------------|
| Other current grants: | | | | | | |
| 2023 Tree Projects | 2023-11 | 01/01/2023 | 12/31/2024 | \$ 11,168.00 | \$ 11,168.00 | |

Approved: Denied:

Reason for denial:



SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY DIVISION

523 East Capitol Avenue

Pierre, SD 57501

Phone: 605.773.3623 Fax: 605.773.3481

sdda.sd.gov

GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Applicant Information

Organization: Hamlin Conservation District

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 165

Telephone: 66605-783-3642

City: Hayti State: SD Zip: 57241

Tax Status: Exempt-Government

Project Contact

Project Officer: Peggy Loomis

Telephone: 605-783-3642

Fax: _____

Email: hamlincd@sdconservation.net

Project Information

Project Name: 2025 Tree Plantings

Start Date: 07/01/2024 End Date: 12/31/2025

Legal description: County Hamlin

Township: All 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: 8975 Partner contributions (total): 12580 Total project cost: 21555

Please provide a brief, descriptive summary of the project:

This application is for funding to landowners, who administer their land in Hamlin County and wish to plant trees, install fabric, and renovate existing shelterbelts. The plantings could include livestock shelterbelts, field windbreaks, riparian buffers, wildlife habitat, and partial or full shelterbelt renovations; which include adding to an existing windbreak. All plantings will provide benefits by reducing the wind, thus reducing soil erosion, protecting livestock from adverse weather conditions, improving water quality through planting riparian buffers, and increasing wildlife habitat. The project will not only include the planting but also the installation of fabric. There continues to be a need for financial assistance; as costs continue to rise. These projects cannot be eligible for cost share assistance through any other program. All tree plans will be approved by the Area Forester prior to planting. The most current Docket will be followed for all cost share percentages and guidelines. The goal of this project is to help cost share up to five acres of trees and fabric. The cost share is 60% Producer; 40% Commission 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 Peggy Loomis Title District Manager Date 1/23/24

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

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Signature of Reviewer _____ Title _____ Date _____

Signature of Approval _____ Title _____ Date _____

BUDGET SHEET

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

A. Operating Budget

| | | |
|---|--------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. Salary/Benefits | 400 | |
| 2. Travel | | |
| 3. Contractual Services | 21155 | |
| 4. Supplies | | |
| 5. Equipment (list major equipment) | | |
| 6. Consultation Services | | |
| Total Project Costs | 21555 | This total must equal 21555 |

B. Activity Budget

| Activity | Grant Funds | Local Funds | Local In-Kind | Other Funds | Total |
|------------------------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|
| 1. Contractual Services | 8675 | 12480 | | | 21155 |
| 2. Administration | 300 | | 100 | | 400 |
| 3. _____ | | | | | 0 |
| 4. _____ | | | | | 0 |
| 5. _____ | | | | | 0 |
| 6. _____ | | | | | 0 |
| 7. _____ | | | | | 0 |
| 8. _____ | | | | | 0 |
| Totals | 8975 | 12480 | 100 | 0 | 21555 |
| This total must equal | | | | | 21555 |

C. Project Partners

| Partners | Amount Cash | Amount In-Kind | Total |
|------------------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| 1. SD DANR | 8975 | | 8975 |
| 2. Hamlin District | | 100 | 100 |
| 3. Hamlin Producers | 12480 | | 12480 |
| 4. _____ | | | 0 |
| 5. _____ | | | 0 |
| 6. _____ | | | 0 |
| 7. _____ | | | 0 |
| 8. _____ | | | 0 |
| Totals | 21455 | 100 | 21555 |
| This total must equal | | | 21555 |

Please send application and attachments to the South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

This project will provide cost share to Hamlin County Producers and land administered in the Hamlin County offices to plant trees, install fabric, as well as adding new seedlings to existing aging shelterbelts.

Anyone living in the Hamlin County area will benefit from these plantings 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. The economic benefits through improved efficiency for livestock, reduction of energy costs, and improved value of land are additional benefits of tree plantings.

The Hamlin Conservation District will evaluate the prepped tree plantings and renovation sites to determine if the site is in need of additional coverage, along with the Area Forester. If it is determined feasible, a plan of action will be drawn up with the producer. Year 1 will include the plan of action, planting and installation of fabric, if requested. Year 2 will include the replacement tree seedlings, survival and monitoring of the site. Trees will be planted following approval from the Forester.

This project will be generally located within the Hamlin County boundaries, however, if a producer is outside the county line, yet administers their land in Hamlin County; they too shall receive funding for their project. The Hamlin Conservation District maintains Joint Powers of Agreement with adjoining Conservation Districts.

These tree plantings will reduce soil erosion, improve and protect water quality, improve air quality, increase wildlife habitat, and use of more efficient energy. This funding will help to beautify the community. Trees truly add to the beauty of the land. The decaying shelterbelts will be enhanced with new seedlings. More efficient use of our energy saves money which is a social benefit to the County.

Zoning regulations will be followed as per Hamlin County Ordinances.

Expected benefits of the project include the conservation of the natural resources in Hamlin County through the planting of new and restoration of older shelterbelts. The goal is to improve such belts by adding new trees or replacing trees into the existing shelterbelts. Socio-economic benefits of the Hamlin Tree Plantings will come as a result of increased aesthetics in rural areas and increased efficiency for homeowners. In addition, by improving the existing shelterbelts, there is an increased awareness of resource conservation.

The Hamlin County Conservation District will be responsible for the administration of the project. The most current 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.

The Conservation Commission Grant will be responsible for approximately 45% of the entire project. The project will use the Area Forester for his resources for adaptable trees in the area, disease concerns, and general knowledge of trees. The tree plantings will follow the guidelines and specifications approved by the area forester. The Landowner will have the most to gain from this project. They will provide at least 55% of the cost of the total project.

Project success will be measured by the number of acres of new trees planted, along with 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 are incalculable.

2025 Tree Plantings for Hamlin CD
Approved Practices and Cost-Share Percentages

| Practice | Maximum Cost | Estimated Units | Cost Share % | Total Cost \$ | CC Grant \$ | Producer Costs \$ | CD Costs \$ |
|------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Administrative | \$30.00/hr | 13 | | \$400 | \$300 | \$0 | \$100 |
| Contractual Services: | | | | | | | |
| Trees/Shrubs | | approx 5 acres | 50% | \$21,155 | \$8,675 | \$12,480 | \$0 |
| Fabric | | | | | | | |
| Renovations | | | | | | | |
| Totals | | | | \$21,555 | \$8,975 | \$12,480 | \$100 |
| Total Cost of Project | \$21,555 | | | | 40% | 60% | |

State Conservation Commission

April 2024

Conservation District

Hyde

Project Name:

Hyde/Faulk Enhancement Project Phase 3

Start Date

07/01/2024

End Date

06/30/2026

Total Project Amount:

\$ 58,473.50

Commission Funds:

\$ 28,273.50

District Funds:

\$ 750.00

Landowner Cash:

\$ 29,450.00

Local In-kind:

Other Funds:

\$ -

Other funds:

Total:

Cash

In-kind

\$ -

\$ -

RC&F:

DANR:

GF&P:

USFWS:

NRCS:

OTHER:

Description of Grant Application:

This proposed Hyde/Faulk Conservation District project if funded will be utilized to benefit the natural resources management of approximately 10 or more farmers and ranchers in Hyde and Faulk Counties. The natural resource benefits shall include: improvement of surface water quality, eroison, control on cropland, livestock protection to support proper grassland management, wildlife habitat creation and energy savings.

If selected for funding, RC&F suggests that:

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DANR:

GF&P:

| | Project | Start date | End Date | Original Award | Balance | Extensions |
|----------------------------------|---------|------------|------------|----------------|--------------|------------|
| Other current grants: | | | | | | |
| Hyde/Faulk Enhancement Project 2 | 2022-33 | 07/01/2022 | 06/30/2024 | \$ 35,000.00 | \$ 35,000.00 | |

Approved:

Denied:

Reason for denial:



SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY DIVISION

523 East Capitol Avenue

Pierre, SD 57501

Phone: 605.773.3623 Fax: 605.773.3481

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GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Applicant Information

Organization: Hyde County Conservation District Mailing Address: P.O. Box 484
Telephone: (605)852-2221 ex. 170 City: Highmore State: SD Zip: 57345
Tax Status: Government

Project Contact

Project Officer: Tonja Jessen Telephone: (605)852-2221
Fax: _____ Email: hydecocd@gmail.com

Project Information

Project Name: Hyde/Faulk Enhancement Project Phase 3
Start Date: 07/01/2024 End Date: 06/30/2026
Legal description: County _____
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: 28273.50 Partner contributions (total): 30200 Total project cost: 58473.5
Please provide a brief, descriptive summary of the project:

This proposed Hyde/Faulk Conservation District project if funded will be utilized to benefit the natural resource management of approximately 10 or more farmers and ranchers in Hyde and Faulk Counties. The natural resource benefits shall include: improvement of surface water quality, erosion control on cropland, livestock protection to support proper grassland management, wildlife habitat creation and energy savings. The Hyde and Faulk Conservation District's proposed sources of funds to cost-share eligible items for shelterbelt establishment are: Coordinated Natural Resources Conservation Grant - 50%. The participating landowner will provide 50% of eligible costs as well as in-kind contributions. In total, 45,000 linear feet of trees and shrubs established at an average of \$0.47 per linear foot for planting and 45,000 linear feet of fabric weed barrier and installation at \$0.75 per linear foot will be completed.

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] Title: Hyde County Conservation District Date: 2-21-24

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

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Signature of Reviewer _____ Title _____ Date _____
Signature of Approval _____ Title _____ Date _____

BUDGET SHEET

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| | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------|--------------------------------------|
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| 2. Travel | _____ | |
| 3. Contractual Services | _____ | |
| 4. Supplies | _____ | |
| 5. Equipment (list major equipment) | _____ | |
| 6. Consultation Services | _____ | |
| Total Project Costs | 0 | This total must equal 58473.5 |

B. Activity Budget

| Activity | Grant Funds | Local Funds | Local In-Kind | Other Funds | Total |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. Site prep/Landowner Labor | | | 2000 | | 2000 |
| 2. Tree & Shrub planting | 10575 | 10575 | | | 21150 |
| 3. Fabric Weed Barrier & Installation | 16875 | 16875 | | | 33750 |
| 4. Administration | 823.50 | | 750 | | 1573.5 |
| 5. _____ | | | | | 0 |
| 6. _____ | | | | | 0 |
| 7. _____ | | | | | 0 |
| 8. _____ | | | | | 0 |
| Totals | 28273.5 | 27450 | 2750 | 0 | 58473.5 |
| | | | | | This total must equal 58473.5 |

C. Project Partners

| Partners | Amount Cash | Amount In-Kind | Total |
|--------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. DANR | 28273.50 | | 28273.5 |
| 2. Hyde County CD | | 375 | 375 |
| 3. Faulk County CD | | 375 | 375 |
| 4. Landowner | 27450 | 2000 | 29450 |
| 5. _____ | | | 0 |
| 6. _____ | | | 0 |
| 7. _____ | | | 0 |
| 8. _____ | | | 0 |
| Totals | 55723.5 | 2750 | 58473.5 |
| | | | This total must equal 58473.5 |

Please send application and attachments to the South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources.



P.O. Box 484 / 218 Iowa Ave S.
Highmore, SD 57345-0484

Ph: (605) 852-2221 ext. 170
email: hydecocd@gmail.com

February 21, 2024

South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources
Division of Resource Conservation & Forestry
Attention: Alex Roeber
523 E. Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501

Dear South Dakota Conservation Commission:

The Hyde County Conservation District is pleased to submit a grant application, in coordination with Faulk County, for the Hyde/Faulk Enhancement Projects. This application seeks to improve the natural resource management for approximately 10 or more farmers and ranchers in Hyde and Faulk Counties, as well as provide off-site benefits within these producers' watersheds and the surrounding environment.

Hyde and Faulk County has had great success through the past two grants, helping many producers and improving many acres, and are excited to offer this again. Both counties have already been visiting with producers about the potential of a grant helping coordinate, plan, and plant trees. The interest and need are there, we are hopeful that through this grant we will be able to continue improving the land for future generations.

Enclosed please find the grant application, district's W-9 documentation and narrative explaining the project in detail.

Thank you, in advance, for your time and consideration. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Hyde County Conservation District at 605-852-2221, Ext 170.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tonja Jensen", is written over a horizontal line.

Tonja Jensen, Advisor
Hyde County Conservation District

Enclose: Grant application
Project narrative
Completed W-9

Hyde / Faulk Enhancement Project

2025-2026 Budget

Tree and Shrub Planting - \$.47 per linear foot (LF) – 45,000 LF

| | |
|------------------------|------------------|
| Commission Grant (50%) | \$ 10,575.00 |
| Landowner (50%) | <u>10,575.00</u> |
| Total | \$ 21,150.00 |

Fabric Weed Control - \$0.64 per linear foot (LF) – 45,000 LF

| | |
|------------------------|------------------|
| Commission Grant (50%) | \$ 16,875.00 |
| Landowner (50%) | <u>16,875.00</u> |
| Total | \$ 33,750.00 |

Site Prep - \$50 per acre (Ac) – 15 Ac

| | | |
|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Landowner (100%) | <u>\$ 750.00</u> | in-kind donation |
| Total | \$ 750.00 | in-kind |

Site Prep - \$25 per hour (Hr) – 50 Hr

| | | |
|------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Landowner (100%) | <u>\$ 1,250.00</u> | in-kind donation |
| Total | \$ 1,250.00 | in-kind |

Administration - \$15.00 per hour – estimated 250 hours

| | | |
|---------------------|---------------|------------------|
| Commission Grant | \$ 823.50 | |
| Hyde/Faulk Counties | <u>750.00</u> | in-kind donation |
| Total | \$ 1,573.50 | |

Instructions for Completing Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) Verification**Legal Name** (as shown on your income tax form)

Individuals: Enter Last Name, First Name MI

Sole Proprietorships: Enter Last Name, First Name MI

All Others: Enter Legal Name of Business

Business Name

Individuals & Others: Complete if using a doing business as (DBA) name

Sole Proprietorships: Enter Business Name

Order-From Address

Address where orders should be sent.

Remit-To Address

Address where payments should be sent.

Entity DesignationCheck **ONE** box which describes the type of business entity.**Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)**

LIST ONLY ONE: Social Security Number (SSN), or
Employer Identification Number (EIN), or
Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN).

If you do not have a TIN, apply for one immediately. Individuals use federal [form SS-5](#) which can be obtained from the Social Security Administration. Businesses and all other entities use federal [form SS-4](#) which can be obtained from the Internal Revenue Service.

Certification

You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the Certification, but you must provide your correct TIN.

Privacy Act Notice

[Section 6109](#) requires you to furnish your correct TIN to persons who must file information returns with the IRS to report interest, dividends, and certain other income paid to you, mortgage interest you paid, the acquisition or abandonment of secured property, or contributions you made to an IRA, Archer MSA, or HSA. The IRS uses the numbers for identification purposes and to help verify the accuracy of your tax return. You must provide your TIN whether or not you are required to file a tax return. Payers must generally withhold 28% of taxable interest, dividend, and certain other payments to a payee who does not furnish a TIN to a payer. Certain penalties may also apply for providing false or fraudulent information.

Exemptions

If you are exempt from backup withholding and/or FATCA reporting, enter in the *Exemptions* box, any code(s) that may apply to you. See *Exempt payee code* and *Exemption from FATCA reporting code* below.

Exempt payee code. Generally, individuals (including sole proprietors) are not exempt from backup withholding. Corporations are exempt from backup withholding for certain payments, such as interest and dividends. Corporations are not exempt from backup withholding for payments made in settlement of payment card or third party network transactions.

Note. If you are exempt from backup withholding, you should still complete this form to avoid possible erroneous backup withholding.

The following codes identify payees that are exempt from backup withholding:

1. An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a), any IRA, or a custodial account under section 403(b)(7) if the account satisfies the requirements of section 401(f)(2)
2. The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities
3. A state, the District of Columbia, a possession of the United States, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities
4. A foreign government or any of its political subdivisions, agencies, or instrumentalities
5. A corporation
6. A dealer in securities or commodities required to register in the United States, the District of Columbia, or a possession of the United States
7. A futures commission merchant registered with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission
8. A real estate investment trust
9. An entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940
10. A common trust fund operated by a bank under section 584(a)
11. A financial institution
12. A middleman known in the investment community as a nominee or custodian
13. A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947

Exemption from FATCA reporting code. The following codes identify payees that are exempt from reporting under FATCA. These codes apply to persons submitting this form for accounts maintained outside of the United States by certain foreign financial institutions. Therefore, if you are only submitting this form for an account you hold in the United States, you may leave this field blank. Consult with the person requesting this form if you are uncertain if the financial institution is subject to these requirements.

- A. An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a) or any individual retirement plan as defined in section 7701(a)(37)
- B. The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities
- C. A state, the District of Columbia, a possession of the United States, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities
- D. A corporation the stock of which is regularly traded on one or more established securities markets, as described in Reg. section 1.1472-1(c)(1)(i)
- E. A corporation that is a member of the same expanded affiliated group as a corporation described in Reg. section 1.1472-1(c)(1)(i)
- F. A dealer in securities, commodities, or derivative financial instruments (including notional principal contracts, futures, forwards, and options) that is registered as such under the laws of the United States or any state
- G. A real estate investment trust
- H. A regulated investment company as defined in section 851 or an entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940
- I. A common trust fund as defined in section 584(a)
- J. A bank as defined in section 581
- K. A broker
- L. A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947(a)(1)
- M. A tax exempt trust under a section 403(b) plan or section 457(g) plan

Taxpayer Identification Request

In order for the State of South Dakota to comply with Internal Revenue Service regulations, this letter requests that you complete the enclosed Substitute Form W-9. Failure to provide this information may result in delayed payments and/or backup withholding. This request is being made at the direction of the South Dakota Bureau of Finance and Management in order that the State may update its vendor file with the most current information.

Please return or FAX the Substitute Form W-9 even if you are exempt from backup withholding within (10) days of receipt. Please make sure that the form is complete and correct. **Failure to respond in a timely manner may subject you to a 28% withholding on each reportable payment or require the State to withhold payment of outstanding invoices until this information is received.**

We are required to inform you that failure to provide the correct Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) / Name combination may subject you to a \$50 penalty assessed by the Internal Revenue Service under section 6722 of the Internal Revenue Code.

Only the individual's name to which the Social Security Number (SSN) was assigned should be entered on the first line.

The name of a partnership, corporation, club, or other entity, must be entered on the first line exactly as it was registered with the IRS when the Employer Identification Number (EIN) was assigned.

DO NOT submit your name with a Tax Identification Number (TIN) that was not assigned to your name. For example, a doctor MUST NOT submit his or her name with the Tax Identification Number of a clinic with which he or she is associated.

Thank you for your cooperation in providing us with this information. Please return the completed form to:

Or send faxes to:

Enclosure

State Conservation Commission

April 2024

Conservation District Kingsbury

Project Name: Conservation Practices

Start Date 07/01/2024

End Date 06/30/2025

Total Project Amount: \$ 10,000.00
Commission Funds: \$ 5,000.00
District Funds:
Landowner Cash:
Local In-kind:
Other Funds: \$ 5,000.00

Other funds: Cash In-kind
Total: \$ 5,000.00 \$ -
RC&F:
DANR:
GF&P:
USFWS:
NRCS:
OTHER:

Description of Grant Application:

Seeding: tame, native, grasses, native/forbes mix, mulching. Grazing Management: water pipeline, water tanks, pasture pumps, rural water hookups, dugout construction, dugout repairs. Fencing: electric, barbed wire, protective fence. Tree Planting: site prep, conservation size shrub & tree plantings, bare-root handplants. Weed & Pest Control: fabric weed barrier & install, fabric square and staple installation, tree protectors & stakes. Soil health: cover crops, seed bed prep, soil erosion. Sheltbelt reno. Earthwork & Erosion control. Grade/Shoreline stabilization. Urban Conservation: trees, pollinators/ native plots, compost bins, rain barrels. Education: outreach to producers, schools and communities

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- Grazing plans be required as part of the agreement with the landowners.
- All pollinator plantings must contain a variety of plant species capable of blooming at different periods of the growing season.

DANR:

GF&P:

| | Project | Start date | End Date | Original Award | Balance | Extensions |
|-----------------------|---------|------------|------------|----------------|--------------|------------|
| Other current grants: | | | | | | |
| Conservation Practice | 2023-17 | 01/01/2023 | 06/30/2024 | \$ 65,000.00 | \$ 31,966.14 | |

Approved:

Denied:

Reason for denial:



SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY DIVISION

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GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Applicant Information

Organization: Kingsbury Conservation District Mailing Address: Po Box 123
Telephone: 605-854-3183 City: De Smet State: SD Zip: 57249
Tax Status: Exempt

Project Contact

Project Officer: Tanya Flegel Telephone: 605-854-3183
Fax: _____ Email: kinsburycd@sdconservation.net

Project Information

Project Name: Conservation Practices
Start Date: 7/1/24 End Date: 6/30/2024 2025
Legal description: County Kingsbury
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: 5000 Partner contributions (total): 5000 Total project cost: 10000
Please provide a brief, descriptive summary of the project:

Seeding: tame, native grasses, native/ forbs mix, mulching
Grazing Management; water pipelines, water tanks, pasture pumps, rural water hookups, dugout construction, dugout repairs. Fencing: electric, barbed wire, protective fence.
Tree Planting: site prep, conservation size shrub & tree planting, bare-root handplants.
Weed & Pest Control: fabric weed barrier & install, fabric squares and staple installation, tree protectors & stakes installation.
Soil Health: cover crops, seed bed prep, soil erosion.
Shelterbelt Renovation
Earthwork & Erosion Control
Grade/Shoreline Stabilization
Urban Conservation: Tree planting, pollinator/native plots, compost bin, rain barrels
Education: any outreach to our producers, schools and communities

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] Title Manager Date Feb 15 24

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

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Signature of Reviewer _____ Title _____ Date _____
Signature of Approval _____ Title _____ Date _____

BUDGET SHEET

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

A. Operating Budget

| | | |
|---|--------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. Salary/Benefits | _____ | |
| 2. Travel | _____ | |
| 3. Contractual Services | _____ | 5000 |
| 4. Supplies | _____ | 5000 |
| 5. Equipment (list major equipment) | _____ | |
| 6. Consultation Services | _____ | |
| Total Project Costs | _____ | 10000 |
| | | This total must equal <u>10000</u> |

B. Activity Budget

| Activity | Grant Funds | Local Funds | Local In-Kind | Other Funds | Total |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. Tree belts | 2000 | 2000 | _____ | _____ | 4000 |
| 2. Seeding | 2000 | 2000 | _____ | _____ | 4000 |
| 3. Urban conservation | 300 | 300 | _____ | _____ | 600 |
| 4. rain /compost bins | 100 | 100 | _____ | _____ | 200 |
| 5. grazing/pature improvement | 500 | 500 | _____ | _____ | 1000 |
| 6. Education | 100 | 100 | _____ | _____ | 200 |
| 7. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | 0 |
| 8. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | 0 |
| Totals | 5000 | 5000 | 0 | 0 | 10000 |
| | | | | | This total must equal <u>10000</u> |

C. Project Partners

| Partners | Amount Cash | Amount In-Kind | Total |
|----------------------------|--------------|----------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. RFC | 5000 | _____ | 5000 |
| 2. Producers/KCD/community | 5000 | _____ | 5000 |
| 3. _____ | _____ | _____ | 0 |
| 4. _____ | _____ | _____ | 0 |
| 5. _____ | _____ | _____ | 0 |
| 6. _____ | _____ | _____ | 0 |
| 7. _____ | _____ | _____ | 0 |
| 8. _____ | _____ | _____ | 0 |
| Totals | 10000 | 0 | 10000 |
| | | | This total must equal <u>10000</u> |

Please send application and attachments to the South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

In addition to a completed application, please provide a project narrative. The narrative should not exceed three pages of single-spaced text. Please attach any maps, figures, and photographs that you feel are valuable in explaining the project. The project narrative must include:

Project Narrative

We are requesting \$5000 to assist our rural landowners and urban homeowners. \$2000 used for wind break tree planting establishment and renovations including windbreaks for wildlife habitat, field erosion control, farm stead and livestock protection. \$2000 used for seeding rangeland/pastureland and pollinator seedings in urban and rural areas. \$500 used for rangeland/pastureland improvement projects including seeding, cross fencing, and rotational grazing in rural areas. \$300 used for tree replacements in urban and rural areas pollinator/native gardens. \$100 for compost ben and rain barrels. \$6,500.00 used for conservation and education events and supplies. \$1,500.00 used for compost bins and rain barrels.

Project Partners

- Please list any project partners and quantify their contribution to the project.

The Kingsbury Conservation District has many working partners including, but not limited to:

- SD Dept. of Ag. provides technical assistance for wind break tree plantings.
- SD GF&P provides technical assistance for habitat tree plantings.
- Millborn Seed Co provides technical assistance for conservation plantings.
- Agassiz Seed & Supply provides technical assistance for conservation plantings.
- NRCS provides technical assistance for conservation planning.
- SDACDE provides educational resources for conservation planning.
- Kingsbury County Commissioners provides educational resources.
- Kingsbury County Weed & Pest provides technical assistance with noxious weed.
- De Smet Chamber provides marketing and networking resources.
- Dr. John Ball, SDSU Extension Forestry Specialist provides technical assistance.

- Any practice funded by the Coordinated Natural Resources Conservation Grant funds must meet one or more goals of the Coordinated Plan for the Natural Resources Conservation.

Project Descriptions and Need

In effort to conserve and preserve conservation our mission is to assist our rural and urban county residents with their unique conservation needs by providing a variety of cost-share services.

The \$2000 requested for 50/50 cost-share applied to wind break tree planting establishment and renovations include windbreaks plantings for wildlife habitat, field erosion control, farm stead and livestock protection. Our shelterbelt are linear plantings of multiple rows of trees or shrubs established for environmental purposes such as protecting farmsteads and livestock areas, saving energy, and to enhance wildlife habitat. Funding is also requested for underground and above ground water lines to assist with tree survival rates.

The \$2000 requested for cost-share seeding on rangeland/pasturelands and pollinator plantings in urban and rural areas support to support local pollinators by supplying food in the form of pollen and nectar to ensure these important animals stay in the area to keep pollinating our crops for continued fruit and vegetable production.

The \$500 requested for cost-share for rangeland/pastureland improvement projects include cross fencing, rotational grazing, and livestock watering projects in both rural and urban areas. Cost-share dollars offset expenses for fencing supplies, water pipelines and rural water hookup. Rotational grazing can help improve long-term pasture quality and fertility by favoring desirable pasture species and allowing for even manure distribution. *“Rotational grazing also can increase the amount of forage harvested per acre over continuous grazing by as much as 2 tons dry matter per acre,”* according to the NRCS website.

The \$300 requested for 50/50 cost-share with tree replacements in urban and rural areas encourage local communities to begin removing dead, disease prone and hazardous trees. By removing the trees, we improve our environment forest restoration efforts and provide new resources. Cost-share dollars offset expenses for contractual services, tree supplies and tools used to remove, plant, and maintain trees.

The \$100 requested for 50/50 cost-share on conservation and education events offset expenses accrued while advocating for conservation at events in urban and rural settings. Our district advocates for conservation within our county providing resources at local events as well as neighboring events.

The \$100.00 requested for 50/50 cost-share for compost bins and rain barrels project will divert food waste into compost and rain run-off into harvest efforts. Cost-share dollars offset expenses accrued for purchasing items to help contribute to naturally harvesting food waste and harvesting rain run-off. By collecting rainwater, rainwater capture systems can help prevent flooding by limiting the amount of run-off during storms and help to reduce erosion in downspouts and gardens.

- Explain who will be the primary beneficiaries of this project.

Kingsbury County has a total of 12 Cities, Towns, or Unincorporated Communities and they are: Arlington (City), Badger (City), Bancroft (Town), DeSmet (City and County Seat), Erwin (Town), Esmond (Unincorporated community, Hetland (Town), Iroquois (City), Lake Preston (City), Manchester (Ghost town), Oldham (Town), Osceola (Unincorporated community)

According to the 2020 census, roughly 1,418 families live in a rural area. A total of 5,148 people live in the county. Indicating that 72% of the county is in an urban setting and only 24% is rural living. In effort to provide equal conservation opportunities to our county we are eager to request funding for our urban and rural participants.

The city of De Smet is widely known as the “Little Town on the Prairie.” Many tourists and historians travel to the area to walk the open prairie and relive life on the open plains. A vast majority of our community practices conservation to replicate the life of Laura Ingalls Wilder giving tourist a glimpse into the living conditions during the late 1800’s.

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

Ultimately the districts supervisors are responsible for the practices and programs that conserve the soil, water, land, and related natural resources within the district. The district manager is responsible for the creation and execution of the cost-share projects. Conservation employees implement the service offered by the district. Conservationist receiving the service maintain the conservation project. The district manager completes the conservation project follow-up to measure conservation progress.

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

The Kingsbury Conservation District office and tree shed resides in De Smet, South Dakota. This area is a central location to help provide technical assistance and conservation services in the county. Conservation equipment and tools are readily available for conservationist to rent or hire our services.

De Smet being the largest city of the county collects a large portion of precipitation which runs into 16,236-acre lake, known as Lake Thompson. The maximum depth of the lake is 26 feet deep with approximate 44.6-mile shoreline.

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

Our conservation efforts and services provide the care and protection of earth's natural resources including air, minerals, plants, soil, water, and wildlife so that they can persist for future generations.

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

Our preservation efforts are to protect nature and provide natural habitat while replanting perennial plants, shrubs, different trees species and native grasses back into their natural environment.

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

This project request is not applicable.

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

While an action plan is encouraged during the planning process of each conservation plan, we strive to provide excellent customer service to produce lasting long-term relationships.

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

Final Products

Our district has various working professional relationships when planning and preparing for conservation plans. Protocols and procedures are followed to secure necessary authorization.

- 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).

From an ecological standpoint the benefits from conservation practices are endless. The following benefits are crucial for conservation:

- Perennial crops protect soil from erosion and improve soil structure.
- Trees clean our air, filter our water, and even slow storm surge and flooding in our cities.
- Native grasses provide excellent nesting and protective habitat for many species of birds, as well as a source of seeds and insects.
- Cover crops provide natural nutrients in the ground while providing feed for livestock.
- Compost piles help reduce soil erosion.
- Rain barrels reduce pollution by capturing and containing rainwater.
- Rotational grazing provides plants within pastures rest from repeated defoliation by grazers by separating the entire pasture unit into several paddocks.

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

Partner Justification

Project success is determined by scheduling, quality, budget, and customer satisfaction. Project scheduling reflects survival rate for shrubs, trees, and grass plantings. The quality of the job also reflects survival rate. A budget is designed to help stay within the financial means of the producer. Our most important factor is customer service to gain their repeat business.

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

The Kingsbury Conservation District supervisors have a combined 50+ years of hands-on experience working with the conservation district. The district supervisors are comprised of generational row crop farmers, livestock owners and operators, professional business, and are community orientated. The conservation district manager has been employed for over 5 years thus creating long lasting working relationships with partnering conservation minded agencies.

Kingsbury Conservation District Meeting Min

Feb 7 @ 12pm

Kingsbury Conservation Kingsbury Conservation District

1. **CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER** Erland Weerts called the meeting to order at 12:07
2. **MINUTES:** Approval of minutes Robert motion to approve the min with correction Dallas second motion carried.
3. **NRCS REPORT:** From Jim Finnigan – NRCS
4. **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

| | |
|--------------------------------|-------------|
| Balance on hand as of: 1/31/24 | \$22,204.89 |
| Speech Contest | \$909.99 |
| Education fund | \$2000 |

Board of Supervisors
Erland Weerts – Chairman
Rob Lee –Vice Chairman
Cody Abrahamson- Supervisor
Dallas Jensen – Secretary
Amy Halverson– Supervisor
Alan Vedvei – Advisor not present
Richard Abrahamson - advisor

BILLS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL:

Jan Payroll: \$2752.00

Health care: \$300.00

Employee payroll taxes: \$210.56

Retirement:

K.C.D: \$165.12

Employee: \$165.12

Otter tail – \$265.99

City of DeSmet- \$56.51

Mediacom – \$ has not come in

SDPAA – building and machinery coverage for 2024 - \$2,650.25

CR Corner - \$ 64.86 gas for pickup

Trustworthy hardware - \$69.96

Tree Pro – Protector tubes \$ 1425.00

Pallet of staples for 2024 – quote came back at \$3,300

Robert made the motion to pay the bills and except the treasures report, Clay seconded motion carried.

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

Drills –John Parker called and talked to the board about new drills pro/cons the board will be looking to get a new Great Plains drill. Tanya will get quotes

District Deliverables - Tabled

6. **NEW BUSINESS:**

2024 spring Grant round – Tanya would like to apply for a \$5000 grant from The Dept. of Ag for conservation Efforts in Kingsbury CountyClay motion to approve for Tanya to apply for a \$5000 match grant from the SD commission, Dallas second motion carried

7. **MEETINGS, TOURS AND TRAINING:**

8. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Board went into executive session at 1:45pm and came out at 1:58pm

9. **PLAN FOR NEXT MEETING:** March 14 @ 12pm

This is a tentative agenda. The agenda may be amended up to 24 hours prior to actual meeting. Items added after 24 hours may be discussed by the Board, but not acted upon. Please notify the office manager, if you have items to add to the agenda.

State Conservation Commission

April 2024

Conservation District Pennington

Project Name: Thinning for Forest Health

Start Date 07/01/2024

End Date 06/30/2025

Total Project Amount: \$ 92,000.00
Forest Resiliency Funds: \$ 46,000.00
District Funds:
Landowner Cash: \$ 46,000.00
Local In-kind:
Other Funds: \$ -

Other funds: Cash In-kind
Total: \$ - \$ -
RC&F:
DANR:
GF&P:
USFWS:
NRCS:
OTHER:

Description of Grant Application:

This forest thinning project will provide cost-share funds to private landowners for pre-commercial thinning on their forested property. Thinning will improve forest health by reducing the potential for catastrophic fire and insect and disease outbreak. The target area will be the ponderosa pine, spruce, and hardwood forests in the Black Hills area of Pennington, and Meade counties. Grant funding will pay 50% of the cost completed work, not to exceed the maximum of \$900 per acre for thinning of overly dense stands and removal of conifers from hardwood stands and meadows. Landowners must follow state slash regulations.

If selected for funding, RC&F suggests that:

- The Conservation Commission will not reimburse any costs that exceed the 2024 Conservation Commission Cost-share Docket. Please note other restrictions as listed there.
- **All tree and shrub planting plans be reviewed and approved by one of the DANR RCF foresters prior to planting.**
- Stand alone farmstead/homestead windbreaks do not qualify for cost-share from the Commission.
- District must secure a landowner application to determine eligibility for cost-share funds, copy to be provided with reimbursement request.
- District must provide the landowner with notification letter indicating whether or not they have been approved for cost-share, copy to be provided with reimbursement request.
- Project reimbursement will be based on actual bill/receipts submitted for completed work. Cost-share will be based on legitimate costs up to the specified maximum.
- The district provide a copy of the Joint Powers Agreement with all the conservation districts involved.
- The district provide timesheets or other documentation to demonstrate the actual time spent on salary/administration of the grant.
- Final report must be submitted before final reimbursement will be processed. This report must be submitted no more than 30 days after the end of the grant.

DANR:

Grant is applying for Forest Resiliency funds

GF&P:

Other current grants:

Thinning for Forest Health

| Project | Start date | End Date | Original Award | Balance | Extensions |
|---------|------------|------------|----------------|--------------|------------|
| 2023-33 | 07/01/2023 | 06/30/2024 | \$ 33,000.00 | \$ 26,012.50 | |

Approved:

Denied:

Reason for denial:



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GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Applicant Information

Organization: Pennington Conservation District Mailing Address: 414 E Stumer Rd Ste #300
Telephone: 605-342-0301 Ext 3 City: Rapid City State: SD Zip: 57701
Tax Status: Government

Project Contact

Project Officer: Lindsay Mader Telephone: 605-342-0301 Ext 3
Fax: _____ Email: lindsay.mader@sd.nacdn.net

Project Information

Project Name: Thinning for Forest Health
Start Date: 07/01/2024 End Date: 06/30/2025
Legal description: County Pennington
Township: _____ Range: _____
Section: _____ Qtr: _____

Type of Grant

- ☐ Conservation Grant ☐ Community Forestry
☐ Insect/Disease ☐ Invasive Species
☐ Forest Stewardship ☐ Mountain Pine Beetle
☒ Other (specify): Forest Resilience Funding

Financial Information

Grant funds requested: 46,000 Partner contributions (total): 46,000 Total project cost: 920000
Please provide a brief, descriptive summary of the project:

This forest thinning project will provide cost-share funds to private landowners for pre-commercial thinning on their forested property. Thinning will improve forest health by reducing the potential for catastrophic fire and insect and disease outbreak. The target area will be the ponderosa pine, spruce, and hardwood forests in the Black Hills area of Pennington and Meade Counties. Grant funding will pay 50% of the cost of completed work, not to exceed a maximum of \$900 per acre for thinning of overly dense stands and removal of conifers from hardwood stands and meadows. To receive the full \$900 per acre, landowners must treat any created slash in accordance with state slash regulations.

This grant will build upon the work done with grants since 2018. With the change in EQIP funding through NRCS, this grant will also help to provide cost-share funding options for those landowners whose properties are not located within a current project zone.

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 Lindsay Mader Title District Manager Date 3/1/24

A copy of the state required [W-9 form](#) must be attached to this application.

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Signature of Reviewer _____ Title _____ Date _____

Signature of Approval _____ Title _____ Date _____

BUDGET SHEET

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

A. Operating Budget

| | | |
|---|--------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Salary/Benefits | 1000 | |
| 2. Travel | | |
| 3. Contractual Services | 91000 | |
| 4. Supplies | | |
| 5. Equipment (list major equipment) | | |
| 6. Consultation Services | | |
| Total Project Costs | 92000 | This total must equal 920000 |

B. Activity Budget

| Activity | Grant Funds | Local Funds | Local In-Kind | Other Funds | Total |
|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|
| 1. Thinning | 45000 | 46000 | | | 91000 |
| 2. Administration | 1000 | | | | 1000 |
| 3. _____ | | | | | 0 |
| 4. _____ | | | | | 0 |
| 5. _____ | | | | | 0 |
| 6. _____ | | | | | 0 |
| 7. _____ | | | | | 0 |
| 8. _____ | | | | | 0 |
| Totals | 46000 | 46000 | 0 | 0 | 92000 |
| This total must equal | | | | | 920000 |

C. Project Partners

| Partners | Amount Cash | Amount In-Kind | Total |
|------------------------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1. Landowners | 46000 | | 46000 |
| 2. DANR/RCF Grant | 46000 | | 46000 |
| 3. _____ | | | 0 |
| 4. _____ | | | 0 |
| 5. _____ | | | 0 |
| 6. _____ | | | 0 |
| 7. _____ | | | 0 |
| 8. _____ | | | 0 |
| Totals | 92000 | 0 | 92000 |
| This total must equal | | | 920000 |

Please send application and attachments to the South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Pennington Conservation District
Thinning for Forest Health Grant Application
Coordinated Natural Resources Conservation

Project Partners

Partners on this project will include the district manager from Pennington Conservation District, foresters from the South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Resource Conservation and Forestry Division (RC&F), and a cooperative forester from the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF). The project is located in the Pennington Conservation District and Elk Creek Conservation District service areas.

Work will focus on the “high priority” landscape as indicated in the South Dakota Statewide Forest Action Plan (2020). Forest treatments implemented will enhance the overall forest health and resiliency. This grant will contribute to the thinning acreage goals for RC&F as well as to the Black Hills Resilient Forest Strategy (December 2017) which is endorsed by various Black Hills Conservation Leaders. Administration responsibilities will be handled by Pennington Conservation District while RC&F, NWTF, or other professional foresters will identify project areas and conduct necessary fieldwork.

Project Description and Need

South Dakota is dominated by the pioneering ponderosa pine tree that thrives on frequent fires and requires active management. In the 1940's there was a lot of support behind fire suppression efforts with strict prevention regulations when using fires or prescribed fires. These trees thrive when half to two-thirds of their canopy is free from competition. Local lumber markets utilize mature trees for various products.

While the mountain pine beetle is no longer at epidemic populations in the Black Hills, insect damage is still a threat. As insects kill ponderosa pine trees, dead trees accumulate and create significant fuel hazards. In addition, dense ponderosa pine regeneration can contribute to fuel hazards as ladder fuels. The removal of small-diameter pine will result in more water, space, and nutrient availability, which will make remaining trees less susceptible to insects, diseases, and high-severity fires. Treating waste in the form of slash will reduce overall fire hazards while encouraging forage or tree reproduction.

Forest management is expensive and areas untreated can create hazardous and unhealthy forests. The current NRCS Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) funding allocation has limited landowners in Meade and Pennington to EQIP funding. SD Department of Public Safety Wildland Fire does have funding available for landowners around structures or within

specific acreages. Outside of this grant, there is currently no other project assistance funding available for general forest management.

Secondary benefits such as water quality will be affected by these practices reducing ash flows or excess debris in watersheds that occur after catastrophic wildfires. Management to be completed through the use of this grant includes (1) thinning overly dense stands of conifers, (2) removing conifers from hardwood stands to promote increased diversity, (3) removal of encroaching conifers from meadows to improve diversity and forage available.

Primary beneficiaries include the landowners and forests on which the property is completed on. Neighboring properties will benefit from treatments in multiple ways including watershed protection, water quality protection, reduced risk of insects and diseases on their property, as well as reduced risk of a high-intensity fire. Local, state, and federal fire suppression efforts will benefit from this project due to the reduced fuel hazards at lower costs. Reducing the overall costs of fire suppression in the effort from local, county, state, or federal budgets.

The project will be administered by the Pennington Conservation District and will serve residents of Pennington and Meade counties. This project area encompasses headwaters of four categories I watersheds as identified in the 1988 South Dakota Unified Watershed Assessment: Redwater, Middle Cheyenne-Elk, Middle Cheyenne-Spring, and rapid. It also includes the headwaters of the Beaver Watershed, a Category IV watershed.

Five thinning projects are anticipated to be funded through this grant for an estimated 50 acres of the treated area. RC&F in collaboration with a cooperative forester from the NWTF, will provide technical assistance in identifying specific areas to be thinned, administering thinning contracts, and certifying completed thinning projects. Landowners are responsible for hiring contractors capable of completing the thinning projects. Landowners will be responsible to pay the full amount and then submit expense receipts to the conservation district for reimbursement.

Landowners will be required to maintain project areas for ten years following the completion of the project.

The only known permits required to complete the project are burning permits to dispose of any piled thinning slash when that method is selected. Burning permits are available from the South Dakota Department of Public Safety Wildland Fire Division. Regulations on burning conditions are identified on their website or by calling them.

Final Products

The project is anticipated to result in the completed thinning and fuel reduction of at least 50 acres of private forest land.

Partner Justification

The Pennington Conservation District will provide administrative support for contracting with private landowners, bookkeeping, records maintenance as required by the Conservation Commission and the RC&F, and reimbursement to landowners for completed thinning and fuels reduction practices. The Pennington Conservation District, in collaboration with area foresters, will also help locate landowners who have the potential to benefit from this project. Landowners will receive reimbursement of up to 50% of the cost of completing work on their property, not to exceed a maximum of \$900 per acre for thinning of overly dense stands and removal of conifers from hardwood stands and meadows. To receive the full \$900 per acre, landowners are also required to treat the resulting slash in compliance with state logging slash standards. Activity costs are based on the 2024 Conservation Commission Approved Practices Costs Docket.

RC&F will administer project implementation on the ground by identifying specific forest areas to be thinned, developing thinning prescriptions, monitoring thinning progress for compliance, and certifying that practices are completed.

Measuring Project Success

Success will be measured by the number of private acres treated. A successful project will result in at least 50 acres of forest land thinned or enhanced.

**PENNINGTON CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

February 1st, 2024

The regular meeting of the Pennington Conservation District Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairperson Shawn Freeland Thursday, February 1st, 2024, at 1:00 pm in the USDA Service Center located at 414 E Stumer Rd Ste #300 Rapid City, SD 57701. Members present were Randy Volmer, Tiffany Knuppe, Ken Steinken, and Del Maynard- Via Phone.

Others present were: Patricia Weyrich- Forester, Jacob Disney- NRCS Acting DC, Kiley- NWTF, Dan Driscoll- WDWDD, Lindsay Mader- District Manager.

Moved by Ken Steinken to approve the agenda. 2nd by Randy Volmer, motion carried.

Moved by Randy Volmer to approve the minutes. 2nd by Tiffany Knuppe, motion carried.

No Treasurers Report.

Old Business

Moved by Ken Steinken to approve the 2024 GFP JPA and have Shawn Freeland sign it. 2nd by Randy Volmer, motion carried.

Moved by Tiffany Knuppe to put \$90,000 in a 9 month CD to accrue 5% APY at BHFCU. 2nd by Del Maynard, motion carried.

Moved by Tiffany Knuppe to get \$5 from the checking account, to put into a savings account at BHFCU to open the account up. 2nd by Ken Steinken, motion carried.

Moved by Ken Steinken to have Shawn Freeland, Randy Volmer, and Lindsay Mader as signers on the 9 month CD at BHFCU. 2nd by Randy Volmer, motion carried.

Moved by Randy Volmer to accept the 2024 annual work plan. 2nd by Ken Steinken, motion carried.

New Business

Moved by Tiffany Knuppe to apply for another thinning grant through the conservation commission this spring. 2nd by Ken Steinken, motion carried.

Moved by Ken Steinken to send Lindsay Mader to the grasslands initiative in Oacoma March 18th and 19th. 2nd by Del Maynard, motion carried.

Moved by Randy Volmer to become a formal partner of the grasslands initiative. 2nd by Ken Steinken, motion carried.

Moved by Ken Steinken to print future newsletters in color. 2nd by Randy Volmer, motion carried.

Moved by Del Maynard to combine old and new mailing lists from western mailers. 2nd by Ken Steinken, motion carried.

Moved by Ken Steinken to adjust Lindsay Mader's pay to \$20.50/hr. 2nd by Randy Volmer, motion carried.

Next meeting

March 7th, 2024

1:00pm

