

Revised Agenda

State Conservation Commission

Thursday, April 30, 2026

Noon Central Time

Matthew Training Center
523 E. Capitol Ave, Foss Building
Pierre, South Dakota 57501
605.773.3623

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conflict of Interest Disclosures	Commission
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introductions• Approval of January Minutes• Corrections/Approval of Past and Upcoming Travel• Request for New Business to be Placed on the Agenda• Correspondence	RCF/Chair Commission
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Loan Report and Emergency Revolving Loan Applications (Dewey Codington)	Jordan Turgeon
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grant Program/Updates/Changes/Amendments/Report/Reversions	Alex Roeber
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2026 Spring Grant Round Review	RCF/Conservation Districts
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2026 Spring Grant Selections	Commission
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Natural Resource Conservation Award Review and Selections	Alex Roeber
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2026 Docket Discussion	Commission
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Commission feedback from locally led meetings in Huron and Philip• Commission grant preference to grants tied to local workgroup priorities	Commission
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Division Report (if time permits)	Paul Lorenzen
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Commission Reports	Commission
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advisory Board Member Reports	Advisory Board Members
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Open Forum and Public Comment	All
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New Business• Next Meeting location and place• Ending Remarks & Adjourn	Chair

Additional Instructions:

Advisory Board members are encouraged to submit a written report to Jordan Turgeon (Jordan.Turgeon@state.sd.us) one week prior to the meeting. **All grant amendments or loan applications needed to have been received by April 16.

To be included in the public record, written comments must include a full name and city of residence and meeting the submission deadline of seventy-two hours before the meeting, All commenters are required to state their name and address (city) BEFORE being allowed to speak.

This meeting is being held in a physically accessible place. Individuals needing assistance, pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, should contact the Division of Resource Conservation and Forestry (605.773.3623) at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting to make any necessary arrangements.

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State Conservation Commission Minutes
January 29, 2026
Teams

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

Roll Call of Members Present: Tom Glover, Dean Odden, Bruce Haines, Duane Schneider, Charlie Moe, Gene Williams, and Doug Hansen.

Absent: None.

Others Present: Bill Smith (DANR), Alex Roeber (DANR), Jordan Turgeon (DANR), Paul Lorenzen (DANR), April Reiter (DANR), Angela Ehlers (SDACD), Greg Josten (private citizen), Dawn Schulte (Charles Mix Conservation District), Deanna Kunkel (Codington Conservation District), Katie Schultz (Haakon Conservation District), Jessica Michalski (NRCS), and Tami Moore (Miner Conservation District), and Kyle Reeves (Clark Conservation District), Yvette Kirkman (Butte Conservation District).

Election of Officers:

A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to appoint Doug Hansen for chairman and Gene Williams for vice chair.

Roll call vote: Tom Glover-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Duane Schneider-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Gene Williams-abstained, and Doug Hansen-abstained. **Motion carried.**

Conflict of Interest Disclosure: None.

Approval of the November minutes: A motion was made by Bruce Haines and seconded to approve the November minutes as submitted. Roll call vote: Tom Glove-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Duane Schneider-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Gene Williams-aye, and Doug Hansen-aye. **Motion carried.**

Upcoming Travel:

A motion was made by Duane Schneider and seconded to approve the Dean Odden's travel to the SDACD Board meeting in December. Roll call vote: Tom

Glover-aye, Dean Odden-abstained, Bruce Haines-aye, Duane Schneider-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Gene Williams-aye, and Doug Hansen-aye. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to approve Dean Odden & Duane Schneider for travel to the Grassland Summit. Roll call vote: Tom Glover-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Duane Schneider-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Gene Williams-aye, and Doug Hansen-aye. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Bruce Haines and seconded to approve Charlie Moe for travel to the speech contest. Roll call vote: Tom Glover-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Duane Schneider-aye, Charlie Moe-abstained, Gene Williams-aye, and Doug Hansen-aye. **Motion carried.**

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

Correspondence: None.

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

Revolving Application Review and Action:

A motion was made by Bruce H. and seconded to approve Butte Conservation District request for \$8,400 Revolving Loan application for a no-till drill. Roll call vote: Tom Glover-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Duane Schneider-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Gene Williams-aye, and Doug Hansen-aye. **Motion carried.**

Grant Program Updates: Alex Roeber provided the commission with a status report on the commission grant program.

A motion was made by Gene Williams and seconded to approve Mellette's request to use the 2026 Docket for the grant 2024-CSW-013. Roll call vote: Tom Glover-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Duane Schneider-aye, Charlie Moe-abstained, Gene Williams-aye, and Doug Hansen-aye. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to approve Turner's request to extend their Shelterbelt grant 2023-CSW-036 to June 30, 2026. Roll call vote: Tom Glover-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Duane Schneider-

aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Gene Williams-aye, and Doug Hansen-aye. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to deny Stanley's request to extend their Shelterbelt grant 2025-CSW-034. Roll call vote: Tom Glover-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Duane Schneider-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Gene Williams-aye, and Doug Hansen-aye. **Motion carried.**

Reason for denial was since they will not use any grant funds for 2026 plantings, Stanley Conservation District is encouraged to apply for a new grant in a future grant round. The district is also encouraged to provide a list of potential projects when applying for the next grant.

Spring Grant Round Date: The next meeting will be in April, date and location to be determined.

Natural Resources Award Nomination Review:

A motion was made by Bruce Haines and seconded to approve 14 of the 16 Natural Resources Awards as presented. Roll call vote: Tom Glover-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Duane Schneider-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Gene Williams-aye, and Doug Hansen-aye. **Motion carried.**

Commission Member Reports: None

Division Report: Paul Lorenzen updated the Commission on division activities.

Advisory Board Members Reports: Angela Ehlers (SDACD), Jessica Michalski (NRCS) was read by Bill Smith, and Tami Moore (SDACDE) updated the Commission on recent activities by their respective organizations.

Open Forum and Public Comment: None.

Next Meeting location and place: TBD

Ending Remarks: None.

Chairman Hansen declared the meeting adjourned at 3:25 CST.

Upcoming Travel & Meetings

April 2026

- Game Fish and Parks Commission Meeting – April 9 & 10 – Pierre/Zoom.
- Arbor Day Creative Writing Award Presentation (3) – TBD regarding dates, times, and locations.
- State Weed and Pest Commission Meeting – April 20 – Matthew Training Center, Foss Building, Pierre.
- NRCS State Technical Committee Meeting – April 21 – Capitol Lake Visitor Center, Pierre.
- Arbor Day – April 24 – Statewide.
- Conservation Commission Meeting – April 30 – Matthews Training Center, Foss Building, Pierre.
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May 2026

- Game Fish and Parks Commission Meeting – May 7 & 8 – Custer/Zoom.
- SDACD Board Meeting – TBD – Pierre.
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June 2026

- Hills Area Meeting – June 8 – 1:00 PM MT, Outdoor Classroom, Rapid City.
- Rangeland Days – June 9 & 10 – Belle Fourche.
- Northwest Area Meeting – June 9 – 10:00 AM MT, Red Table, Isabel.
- Prairie Area Meeting – June 9 – 5:00 PM MT, Jet Lanes, Presho.
- Game Fish and Parks Commission Meeting – June 11 & 12 – Madison/Zoom.
- North Missouri Area Meeting – June 15 – 10:00 AM CT, American Legion, Lebanon.
- South James-Missouri Area Meeting – June 16 – 12:30 AM CT, 4H Fairgrounds, Mitchell.
- Vermillion-Big Sioux Area Meeting – June 17 – 9:30 AM CT, Brookings.
- Coteau Area Meeting – June 18 – 8:40 AM CT, Fort Sisseton State Park.
- NACD Northern Plains Region Meeting – June 22 – 24 – Helena, MT.
- Governor’s Ag Summit – June 25 & 26 – Larkspur Landing Event Center, Pierre.
- South Dakota Association of Conservation Districts Employees Association – June 25 & 26 – Oacoma.

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July 2026

- State Conservation Commission meeting – Loan Application Review, TBD, Pierre/Teams.
- Game Fish and Parks Commission Meeting – July 9 & 10 – Yankton.

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What you need to know

- ▶ Registration starts 8:00 AM June 9th at the Belle Fourche Community Hall. Student display set-up will take place at the same time.
- ▶ **Meals Provided:**
June 9th: Lunch, Supper
June 10th: Lunch
- ▶ June 9th is the practice day in the field. Students will be in the field from morning until supper time. Except the New Rangers, they will come in after lunch to do plant presses.
- ▶ Student talks will start around 6:00 PM June 9th at the Belle Fourche Community Hall. Everyone is welcome to come and listen.
- ▶ June 10th is the contest day. The students will be in the field from morning until lunch. After lunch, there will be an awards presentation starting around 1:00 PM.
- ▶ **This is a tentative schedule. Updated schedule will be available at registration.**

What to bring

- ▶ Clothing/footwear that is appropriate for extended time in an outdoor setting. Weather conditions may vary.
- ▶ Pen or Pencil
- ▶ Water Bottle
- ▶ **Returning New Rangers: Please bring a plant press if you have one.**
- ▶ **We will have bug spray, sunscreen, and water available out in the field.**
- ★ Anyone needing special accommodations for meals, transportation, etc. should contact:
Yvette Kirkman
(605) 892-3368 ext. 3



There are blocks of rooms at
AmericInn · 2312 Dakota Ave., Belle Fourche, SD · (605) 892-0900
Econo Lodge · 1815 5th Ave., Belle Fourche, SD · (605) 892-6663
Holiday Inn · 305 N 27th St., Spearfish, SD · (605) 642-4683
For any reservations, mention Butte Conservation District or Rangeland/Soil Days event.

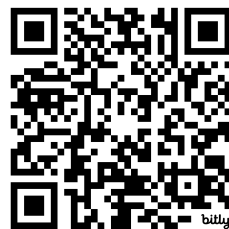
For information on continuing education credits, please contact:
Kaylee Wheeler
SDSU Extension Field Range Specialist
(605) 842-1267 or kaylee.wheeler@sdstate.edu
or
Emily Rohrer
NRCS State Rangeland Management Specialist
(605) 570-2180 or emily.rohrer@usda.gov



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The International Society for Range Management convention will be in Wichita, KS, February 2027.



Scan the QR Code to register online or visit
<https://bit.ly/RangeSoils26>

SOUTH DAKOTA

21st Annual Soil Days

&

42nd Annual Rangeland Days

June 9 & 10, 2026
Belle Fourche, SD

Hosted by:
Butte Conservation District
Natural Resources Conservation Service
SDSU Extension

**Pre-registration is due by
May 22, 2026**



Rangeland & Soil Days

Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Check which area you will be participating:

Soils: _____ Rangeland: _____

Rangeland:

New Ranger (8-10 yrs) _____

Wrangler (11-13 yrs) _____

Scout (14-18 yrs) _____

Go-Getter (14-18 yrs) _____

Divisions are determined by age as of January 1st.

Ranch Hand Adults/Advisor: _____

Food Allergies (if none, put NA): _____

Student Talks/Student Displays:

Will you be presenting a talk? Or display?
Yes _____ No _____ Yes _____ No _____

Registration starts 8:00 AM at the Belle Fourche Community Hall located at 512 6th Ave in Belle Fourche, SD.

\$50 Registration Fee Per Person, Meals Included

Please pre-register all individuals. Coaches/FFA advisors/4H leaders will designate Go Getter judging teams and Soil teams prior to the contest.

Mail Checks to:
Butte Conservation District
Attn Yvette
1837 5th Avenue
Belle Fourche, SD 57717
with a \$50 registration fee per person.

What is Soil Days?

Soil Days is an opportunity to learn more about South Dakota resources, our soils.

Learning activities have been designed for **14-18** years of age groups and expertise.

Students will learn how to determine soil texture, depth, erosion, slope, and stoniness. They also learn how to interpret permeability, surface run-off, and limiting factors. From this, they will determine the land capability class. This will allow them to make recommended treatments for vegetation and mechanical erosion control. Fertilization recommendations will also be determined. Students will learn also about Homesite Evaluation.

What is Rangeland Days?

Rangeland Days is an opportunity to learn more about South Dakota resources, our Rangelands.

Learning activities have been designed for a variety of age groups and expertise, from 8 years old through adult.

Starting with plant morphology and identification on up to judging habitat suitability for cattle or grouse, every-one attending Rangeland Days is sure to gain from participating.

New Rangers will learn plant identification along with other rangeland facts out in the field. They will also learn how to create plant presses with range plants that they collect. Plant presses will be given out that day.

Scout division is intended for in-coming high school freshmen or high school students who have never participated in range camp or a previous range judging event. In-coming freshmen, based on confidence in their abilities and experience may choose to participate in the Scout or Go-Getter division. This designation must be made at the time of registration.

After a day of active learning, the participants will have the opportunity to measure how much they have learned by participating in a contest within their age division. Competition is individual for all age groups with a team option for the Go-Getters.

Competition & Awards

Awards Presentation at the Belle Fourche Community Hall following activities on June 10th at 1:00 PM

Soils Top Hand: The overall top scoring youth will receive a silver buckle.

Rangeland Top Hand: The overall top scoring youth in each division will receive a silver belt buckle. Scores in the judging competition (40%), Student talks (35%), and displays (25%) will all count toward the award. **Participation in all three events is required to be eligible.**

Student displays: Youth are encouraged to enter a tabletop display on any range-related topic. Examples include: wildlife, food and habitat displays, a grazing plan for your ranch, etc. Plant collections will be judged as a separate category and will be eligible for a special award. Plant collections will NOT count toward the Top Hand Award.

Student Talks: Talks may be presented on any aspect of range management or about any range resource. Visual aids are required; Power Point preferred. Scout and Go-Getter presentations should be more scientific than a revised 4-H demonstration. Time limits are: New Rangers 2-8 minutes, Wranglers 3-8 minutes, Scouts and Go-Getters 5-8 minutes. The top Scout or Go-Getter from South Dakota may be given the opportunity to present his/her talk at the 2027 International Society for Range Management meeting in Wichita, KS.

Range & Soils: Teams may consist of 3 or 4 members from the county 4-H program or FFA Chapter. The top Go-Getter Range 4-H team & the top 2 Soils teams in 4-H will represent South Dakota at the National Land & Range Judging Contest held in May 2027. Travel scholarships are provided. (All team members must be current 4-H members and will not graduate before May 2027)



SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS, CONSERVATION DISTRICT REVOLVING LOAN FUND
Scheduled Payments for Fiscal Year 2026
(July 1, 2025 through June 30 2026)

Accumulated Interest Since 1965

\$	230,749.34
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Accumulated Loans Since 1965

\$	4,020,359.43
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Accumulated Interest from HB1210 (2022)

\$	169,335.70
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RCF LOAN NUMBER	AG DEV LOAN NUMBER	DATE OF LOAN	CONSERVATION DISTRICT	PURPOSE OF LOAN	AMOUNT OF ORIGINAL LOAN	Amount of loan with interest	PAYMENT DUE THIS FISCAL YEAR	MONTH DUE	MONTH PAID	PRINCIPAL PAID	INTEREST PAID	Total Paid	EXTRA PAID	TOTAL CURRENTLY OUTSTANDING
<i>New Loans This Fiscal Year</i>														
1121		07/24/2025	Clark	Vehicle Purchase	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 31,260.76	\$ 10,605.91	04/01/2026	03/23/2026	\$ 10,125.91	\$ 480.00	\$ 10,605.91		
1122		07/24/2025	Roberts	Tractor Refinance	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 85,203.36	\$ 17,468.37	04/01/2026	03/31/2026	\$ 16,828.37	\$ 640.00	\$ 17,468.37		
1123		07/24/2025	Brule Buffalo	Skid Steer Purchase	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 69,684.97	\$ 14,193.05	04/01/2026	03/27/2026	\$ 13,153.05	\$ 1,040.00	\$ 14,193.05		
1124		07/24/2025	Minnehaha	Drill Refinance	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 42,883.06	\$ 8,734.18	04/01/2026	04/07/2026	\$ 8,094.18	\$ 640.00	\$ 8,734.18		
1125		09/22/2025	Minnehaha	Bobcat Purchase	\$ 36,400.00	\$ 36,261.82	\$ 7,948.11	06/01/2025						
1126		03/01/2026	Butte	No-Till Drill	\$ 8,400.00	\$ 9,051.93	\$ -	10/01/2026						
<i>Pending Loan Applications</i>														
			Dewey	Refinance	\$ 60,347.77									
			Codington	Tree Planting Supplies	\$ 60,000.00									
<i>Loans Closed This Fiscal Year</i>														
						Fully Paid Amount								
1086		05/10/2021	Butte	No Till Drill	\$ 24,500.00	\$ 26,226.89			08/26/2025	\$ 5,092.59	\$ 152.78	\$ 5,245.37		
1087		05/21/2021	Day	Tractor	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 21,374.36			08/14/2025	\$ 4,150.29	\$ 124.51	\$ 4,274.80		
1089		05/21/2021	Kingsbury	Drill	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 8,009.59			09/16/2025	\$ 1,458.24	\$ 43.75	\$ 1,501.99		
1091		11/10/2021	Kingsbury	No Till Drill	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 8,016.92			07/14/2025	\$ 1,215.76	\$ 36.47	\$ 1,252.23		
1110		03/01/2024	Fall River	No Till Drill	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,294.75			10/20/2025	\$ 4,921.01	\$ 147.63	\$ 5,068.64		
<i>Loans Paid Off Early</i>														
<i>Existing Loan Portfolio</i>														
1086		05/10/2021	Butte	No Till Drill	\$ 24,500.00	\$ 26,226.89	\$ 5,245.38	09/01/2025	08/26/2025	\$ 5,092.59	\$ 152.78	\$ 5,245.37		\$ -
1087		05/21/2021	Day	Tractor	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 21,374.36	\$ 4,274.80	09/01/2025	08/25/2025	\$ 4,150.29	\$ 124.51	\$ 4,274.80		\$ -
1089		05/21/2021	Kingsbury	Drill	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 8,009.59	\$ 1,603.16	09/01/2025	09/16/2025	\$ 1,458.24	\$ 43.75	\$ 1,501.99		\$ -
1090		11/10/2021	Grant	Vehicle Purchase	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 49,129.77	\$ 9,825.96	09/01/2025	08/25/2025	\$ 9,261.91	\$ 564.05	\$ 9,825.96		\$ 9,142.18
1091		11/10/2021	Kingsbury	No-Till Drill	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 8,016.92	\$ 1,252.23	07/01/2025	07/14/2025	\$ 1,215.76	\$ 36.47	\$ 1,252.23		\$ -
1092		01/01/2023	Beadle	Vehicle Purchase	\$ 22,909.89	\$ 24,881.33	\$ 5,002.48	11/01/2025	11/07/2025	\$ 4,581.58	\$ 420.90	\$ 5,002.48		\$ 9,873.89
1093		01/01/2023	Codington	Vehicle Purchase Refi	\$ 27,950.00	\$ 30,355.14	\$ 6,103.01	11/01/2025	08/25/2025	\$ 5,589.51	\$ 513.50	\$ 6,103.01		\$ 12,046.11
1094		01/01/2023	Codington	Compressor Cooler	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 19,548.93	\$ 3,930.38	11/01/2025	08/25/2025	\$ 3,599.68	\$ 330.70	\$ 3,930.38		\$ 7,757.79
1095		01/01/2023	Brule-Buffalo	Spray Drone	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 48,872.32	\$ 9,825.96	11/01/2025	09/29/2025	\$ 8,999.21	\$ 826.75	\$ 9,825.96		\$ 19,394.44
1097		01/01/2023	Davison	Vehicle Purchase	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 54,302.57	\$ 10,917.73	11/01/2025	10/16/2025	\$ 9,999.12	\$ 918.61	\$ 10,917.73		\$ 21,549.38
1098		01/01/2023	Gregory	Fabric Machine	\$ 16,500.00	\$ 17,919.86	\$ 3,602.85	11/01/2025	10/17/2025	\$ 3,299.71	\$ 303.14	\$ 3,602.85		\$ 7,111.31
1099		04/01/2023	Minnehaha	Tractor	\$ 55,692.00	\$ 59,627.73	\$ 12,160.60	09/01/2025	09/02/2025	\$ 11,160.94	\$ 999.66	\$ 12,160.60		\$ 23,145.92
1100		04/01/2023	Perkins	No-Till Drill	\$ 59,565.00	\$ 63,774.43	\$ 13,006.29	09/01/2025	08/22/2025	\$ 12,087.11	\$ 919.18	\$ 13,006.29		\$ 19,755.56
1101		03/01/2023	Spink	Tractor	\$ 180,000.00	\$ 192,956.89	\$ 39,303.82	09/01/2025	07/24/2025	\$ 36,066.36	\$ 3,237.46	\$ 39,303.82		\$ 75,045.43

Accumulated Interest Since 1965

\$ 230,749.34

Accumulated Loans Since 1965

\$ 4,020,359.43

Accumulated Interest from HB1210 (2022)

\$ 169,335.70

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1102		03/01/2023	Turner	No-Till Drill	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 32,243.89	\$ 6,550.64	09/01/2025	09/09/2025	\$ 6,011.06	\$ 539.58	\$ 6,550.64		\$ 12,591.97
1103		07/13/2023	Lincoln	Vehicle Purchase	\$ 14,508.00	\$ 15,614.93	\$ 3,167.89	04/01/2026	03/23/2026	\$ 2,905.23	\$ 262.66	\$ 3,167.89		\$ 6,111.25
1105		07/13/2023	Day	Vehicle Purchase	\$ 44,500.00	\$ 47,895.22	\$ 9,716.78	04/01/2026	03/16/2026	\$ 8,911.14	\$ 805.64	\$ 9,716.78		\$ 18,744.88
1106		07/13/2023	Dewey	Skid steer, attachments, repair	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 107,629.71	\$ 21,835.46	04/01/2026	03/23/2026	\$ -	\$ 1,810.43	\$ 1,810.43		\$ 62,148.36
1107		03/01/2024	Hughes	Mulch Machine	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 18,271.53	\$ 3,712.03	10/01/2025	10/20/2025	\$ 3,305.79	\$ 406.25	\$ 3,712.04		\$ 10,847.46
1108		03/01/2024	Codington	Mower	\$ 24,494.00	\$ 26,326.07	\$ 5,348.38	10/01/2025	08/25/2025	\$ 4,763.05	\$ 585.33	\$ 5,348.38		\$ 15,629.31
1109		03/01/2024	Moody	Mulch Machine	\$ 17,200.00	\$ 18,486.51	\$ 3,755.70	10/01/2025	10/27/2025	\$ 3,344.67	\$ 411.03	\$ 3,755.70		\$ 10,975.11
1110		03/01/2024	Fall River	No-Till Drill	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,294.75	\$ 5,226.11	10/01/2025	10/20/2025	\$ 4,921.01	\$ 147.63	\$ 5,068.64		\$ -
1111		03/01/2024	Charles Mix	Skid Steer Refi	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 161,219.47	\$ 32,753.19	10/01/2025	10/27/2025	\$ 29,168.66	\$ 3,584.53	\$ 32,753.19		\$ 95,713.09
1112		03/01/2024	Charles Mix	Vehicle Purchase Refi	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 35,468.28	\$ 7,205.70	10/01/2025	10/27/2025	\$ 6,417.10	\$ 788.60	\$ 7,205.70		\$ 21,056.88
1113		05/01/2024	Deuel	Drill Repairs	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 21,721.02	\$ 4,367.09	04/01/2026	03/12/2026	\$ 3,883.15	\$ 483.94	\$ 4,367.09		\$ 12,986.84
1114		07/17/2024	Hand	2024 Ford F350	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 70,038.57	\$ 14,193.05	04/01/2026	03/13/2026	\$ 12,635.04	\$ 1,558.01	\$ 14,193.05		\$ 41,652.47
1116		01/15/2025	Spink	John Deere Tractor	\$ 171,000.00	\$ 184,271.36	\$ 37,338.63	10/01/2025	07/24/2025	\$ 34,360.38	\$ 2,978.25	\$ 37,338.63		\$ 146,932.73
1117		01/15/2025	Butte	No Till Drill	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 35,561.13	\$ 7,205.70	10/01/2025	09/15/2025	\$ 6,630.95	\$ 574.75	\$ 7,205.70		\$ 28,355.43
1118		01/15/2025	Grant	Tree Storage Repairs	\$ 16,500.00	\$ 17,780.58	\$ 3,602.85	10/01/2025	09/22/2025	\$ 3,315.48	\$ 287.38	\$ 3,602.86		\$ 14,177.72
1119		01/15/2025	Davison	Vehicle Purchase	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 53,880.51	\$ 10,917.73	10/01/2025	10/16/2025	\$ 10,046.90	\$ 870.83	\$ 10,917.73		\$ 42,962.78
1120		01/15/2025	Jones	Grass Drill	\$ 27,100.00	\$ 29,203.23	\$ 5,917.41	10/01/2025	09/23/2025	\$ 5,445.42	\$ 471.99	\$ 5,917.41		\$ 23,285.82
COLUMN TOTALS					\$ 1,618,418.89	\$ 1,739,935.64	\$ 308,868.99			\$ 262,627.04	\$ 25,958.29	\$ 288,585.33	\$ -	\$ 768,994.11

NEW LOANS THIS FISCAL YEAR

\$ 259,800.00

PAYMENTS DUE REMAINDER OF YEAR

\$ 7,948.11

CURRENT CASH BALANCE

\$ 2,625,787.84

AVAILABLE CASH BALANCE

\$ 2,625,787.84

PENDING LOANS

\$ 120,347.77

BALANCE - NEW LOANS AWARDED

\$ 2,505,440.07

Revolving Loan #
Tillage Program #

APPLICATION FOR REVOLVING LOAN and CONSERVATION TILLAGE LOAN

Legal authority: SDCL 38-8-53, 53.1 and 54; and 38-6-8.1, and the Administrative Rules Chapter 12:03:03, and 12:07:01.

The Codington Conservation District, with headquarters at Watertown South Dakota, does hereby apply for a loan of \$ 60,000 from the (check all that apply)

- Conservation District Revolving Loan Fund
- Conservation Tillage Equipment Program

in the State of South Dakota, in accordance with the above stated legal authorities.

Purpose of loan: operating expenses spring 2026 for tree planting

Payments to begin on: 10/01/2026 Length of Loan: Years, 1 months 0

The district understands that the repayment will include principal plus interest at the rate of 3.0% Annual Percentage Rate (APR) for Revolving Loans; and 5.0% Annual Percentage Rate (APR) for Conservation Tillage Equipment Loans, on the unpaid principal balance. There is no penalty for early repayment.

REVOLVING LOAN FUND Proposed Principal Repayment Schedule:	
Date <u>10/01/2026</u>	Amount \$ <u>60,000</u>
Date <input type="text"/>	Amount \$ <input type="text"/>
Date <input type="text"/>	Amount \$ <input type="text"/>
Date <input type="text"/>	Amount \$ <input type="text"/>
Date <input type="text"/>	Amount \$ <input type="text"/>

CONSERVATION TILLAGE LOAN Proposed Principal Repayment Schedule:	
Date <input type="text"/>	Amount \$ <input type="text"/>
Date <input type="text"/>	Amount \$ <input type="text"/>
Date <input type="text"/>	Amount \$ <input type="text"/>
Date <input type="text"/>	Amount \$ <input type="text"/>
Date <input type="text"/>	Amount \$ <input type="text"/>

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

Make of Machine: Total Cost:

Model #: Serial #:

Anticipated Charge: Anticipated use of machine: Acres:

EQUIPMENT INSURANCE:

Insurance Company: Amount of comprehensive coverage:

NOTE: ARSD 12:03:03:02(9) requires that insurance be carried to cover loss of equipment purchased with loan funds.

PLEASE CHECK THE APPROPRIATE ANSWER:	
YES <input type="radio"/>	NO <input checked="" type="radio"/> Will this loan be used to pay off or refinance another loan?
YES <input type="radio"/>	NO <input checked="" type="radio"/> Is existing equipment being used as a trade-in?
YES <input type="radio"/>	NO <input type="radio"/> If yes, is there a current loan on that equipment? Where: _____
YES <input type="radio"/>	NO <input checked="" type="radio"/> Are other lending institutions involved in the acquisition of this equipment?
YES <input type="radio"/>	NO <input type="radio"/> Has the district already purchased the equipment? If yes, When: _____

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AS OF 03/12/2026 . (Or attach current Balance Sheet)

ASSETS:

Cash (deposits, savings, petty cash)	\$	<u>15,541.00</u>
Accounts Receivable (list below)	\$	<u>15,086.00</u>
Equipment (inventory value)	\$	<u>161,345.00</u>
Land & Buildings	\$	<u>128,028.00</u>
Other Assets	\$	<u> </u>
TOTAL	\$	<u>320,000.00</u>

LIABILITIES/EQUITY:

Vehicle notes payable	\$	<u>11,527.00</u>
Other Accounts Payable (list on separate page)	\$	<u>60,933.00</u>
Equipment notes payable	\$	<u>14,748.00</u>
Land/Building notes payable	\$	<u>7,424.00</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$	<u>94,632.00</u>
Retained Earnings (equity)	\$	<u>225,368.00</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES+ EQUITY	\$	<u>320,000.00</u>

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE RECORD AS OF 03/12/2026

DEBTOR	AMOUNT OF DEBT	DATE DEBT INCURRED	REASON FOR DEBT NOT PAID
Big Sioux Nursery	\$15,000.00	03/12/2026	due in June
Cherokee Manufacturing	\$20,250.00	02/09/2026	due once delivered
Hamlin CD for Bailey's trees	\$7,136.25	02/04/2026	due in April
Schumacher's Nursery	\$11,354.30	03/02/2026	due in May
Plantra	\$7,192.80	03/12/2026	needed but not order due to lack of funds to pay

PROJECTED FINANCIAL STATEMENT (note unusual income or expenditure changes anticipated during the term of the loan):

We have 32 acres of trees planned for spring 2026. Total projected income is \$142,366.60. Expenses without labor total \$60,933.35 as of today. We will be collecting a 50% deposit on all tree sites. That should give us the needed funds but we are asking for the loan as a backup plan. We would be able to pay the loan in full after the final bills are paid in July and August.

NOTE:

1. Please attach a copy of the meeting minutes at which the loan application was authorized. These minutes **MUST BE SIGNED** by the District Administrative Secretary.
2. The district agrees to maintain financial records as required by the Conservation Commission and will make those records available to the Commission or Department of Agriculture staff for inspection upon request.
3. The district agrees to submit a statement of usage to the Commission at the time of each payment according to Administration of Revolving Fund Rules - chapter 12:03:03:08.
4. The district must attach a W-9 form to this application.

This application for a loan from the (check all that apply)

- Conservation District Revolving Loan fund
- Conservation Tillage Equipment Loan Program

was approved by the Board of Supervisors of the Codington Conservation District at a meeting held on 2/3/2026 and is so recorded in the official minutes of the meeting.

ATTEST:

Deanna Kunkel

SECRETARY

Kenneth Beards

CHAIRMAN

3-12-26

Date of Application

LOAN FINDINGS (DEPARTMENT USE ONLY):

QUESTIONS	COMMENTS
1. Was the application received by the deadline? Date Received: <u>3-12-26</u>	Yes No
2. Is the application signed by appropriate persons?	Yes No
3. Is the loan for the appropriate reason (not real estate, computers, etc.)?	Yes No
4. If applicable, is insurance being acquired?	Yes No <u>NA</u>
5. Are minutes attached with applicable motion(s)?	Yes No
6. If no minutes are attached, are they coming? When?	Yes No <u>NA</u>
7. Are minutes official (quorum, no advisors involved in action on motions)?	Yes No
8. Are conservation tillage loan funds being requested?	Yes <u>No</u>
9. Are present loans current?	Yes No NA
10. Were past loans paid off on time?	Yes No NA
11. Is the financial information in the application consistent with that in the district's annual financial report?	Yes No
12. Additional comments <u>The request is for a loan for operating expenses for tree planting. The district was advised that (if approved) a check might not be issued until mid-June</u>	

With [Signature]

Division Staff

3-23-26

Date

THIS PAGE FOR DEPARTMENT USE ONLY

CERTIFICATION OF COMMISSION ACTION ON LOAN:

Approved Revolving Loan

Approved Conservation Tillage

\$ _____
Disapproved Revolving Loan

\$ _____
Disapproved Conserv. Tillage

Conservation Commission Chairman

Date

CERTIFICATION OF DEPARTMENT ACTION ON CONSERVATION TILLAGE LOAN:

Approved Conservation Tillage

\$ _____
Disapproved Conservation Tillage

Administrator

Date



Big Sioux Nursery, Inc.

16613 Sioux Conifer Road Watertown, SD 57201-7538
Phone: (605) 886-6806

CHANGE ORDER

ORDER NO

005702

DATE

03/12/2026

SOLD TO

CODINGTON CD
1720 4th Street NE, STE #3
WATERTOWN, SD 57201

SHIP TO

CODINGTON CONSERVATION DISTRICT
1720 4th Street NE, STE #3
WATERTOWN SD 57201

SHIP DATE

ORDER DATE

10/02/2025

BILL TO

CODINGTON CONSERVATION DISTRICT
1720 4th Street NE, STE #3
WATERTOWN SD 57201

SHIP VIA

PICK UP

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TELEPHONE

(605) 882-4989

COMMENTS

If your ship/pick up date has not been scheduled, please call to schedule a date and time.

CHANGE QUANTITY	TOTAL QUANTITY	PRODUCT DESCRIPTION	SIZE	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
<i>Hardwoods - Bareroot</i>					
	100	Apricot	Conservation	1.310	131.00
	25	Aronia, Black	Conservation	1.310	32.75
	150	Aspen, Quaking	Conservation	2.050	307.50
	425	Buffaloberry	Conservation	1.210	514.25
	250	Caragana	Conservation	1.210	302.50
	150	Cherry, Black	Conservation	1.210	181.50
	400	Cherry, Sand	Conservation	1.310	524.00
	350	Chokecherry, Schubert	Conservation	1.420	497.00
	50	Cottonwood, Hybrid Male	Conservation	1.310	65.50
	200	Crab, Red Splendor	Conservation	1.210	242.00
	350	Crab, Siberian	Conservation	1.210	423.50
	250	Cranberry, American Highbush	Conservation	1.420	355.00
	200	Currant, American Black	Conservation	1.210	242.00
	125	Dogwood, Redosier	Conservation	1.210	151.25
	350	Elderberry, Common	Conservation	1.310	458.50
25	275	Hackberry	Conservation	1.210	332.75
	175	Hawthorn, Homestead	Conservation	1.210	211.75
	175	Hawthorn, Roundleaf	Conservation	1.210	211.75
	25	Hickory, Shagbark	Conservation	1.310	32.75
	225	Honeylocust, Thornless	Conservation	1.310	294.75
	75	Honeysuckle, Hawkeye	Conservation	1.420	106.50
	475	Juneberry	Conservation	1.310	622.25
	825	Lilac, Common	Conservation	1.210	998.25

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CHANGE QUANTITY	TOTAL QUANTITY	PRODUCT DESCRIPTION	SIZE	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
	25	Lilac, White	Conservation	1.310	32.75
	50	Linden, American	Conservation	1.730	86.50
	50	Maple, Amur	Conservation	1.210	60.50
	50	Maple, Silver	Conservation	1.210	60.50
	40	Maple, Silver	3-5'	4.000	160.00
	300	Nannyberry	Conservation	1.420	426.00
	200	Oak, Bur	Conservation	1.310	262.00
	25	Olive, Russian	Conservation	1.210	30.25
	225	Pear, McDermand	Conservation	1.210	272.25
	225	Plum, American	Conservation	1.420	319.50
	25	Sumac, Skunkbush	Conservation	1.210	30.25
	675	Sumac, Smooth	Conservation	1.210	816.75
	25	Walnut, Black	Conservation	1.310	32.75
	150	Willow, Golden	Conservation	1.310	196.50
	50	Willow, Laurel Leaf	Conservation	1.310	65.50
	50	Willow, Peachleaf	Conservation	1.310	65.50
	325	Willow, Sandbar	Conservation	1.310	425.75
<i>Conifers - Bareroot</i>					
	1100	Cedar, Eastern Red	2-0	1.260	1386.00
	175	Juniper, Rocky Mountain	2-0	1.260	220.50
	25	Pine, Austrian	3-0	1.370	34.25
	125	Pine, Ponderosa	2-0	1.260	157.50
	50	Spruce, Norway	3-0	1.370	68.50
<i>Conifers - Plugs</i>					
	75	Pine, Ponderosa	2 x 3 Plug	1.950	146.25
	5	Pine, Scotch	2 x 3 Plug	1.950	9.75
	445	Spruce, Black Hills	2 x 3 Plug	1.950	867.75
	50	Spruce, Meyer	2 x 3 Plug	1.950	97.50
	5	Spruce, Norway	2 x 3 Plug	1.950	9.75
<i>Conifers - Container</i>					
	4	Cedar, Eastern Red	1 Gallon	12.000	48.00
	4	Fir, Douglas	1 Gallon	13.500	54.00
	16	Juniper, Rocky Mountain	1 Gallon	12.000	192.00
	2	Pine, Austrian	1 Gallon	13.500	27.00

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DATE 03/12/2026

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CHANGE QUANTITY	TOTAL QUANTITY	PRODUCT DESCRIPTION	SIZE	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
	3	Pine, Scotch	1 Gallon	13.500	40.50
	25	Spruce, Black Hills	1 Gallon	13.500	337.50
	6	Spruce, Black Hills	3 Gallon	22.250	133.50
	20	Spruce, Colorado	1 Gallon	13.500	270.00
	14	Spruce, Meyer	1 Gallon	13.500	189.00
<i>Perennials Garden - Container</i>					
	6	Daylily 'Mighty Chestnut'	3 Quart	9.750	58.50
<i>Supplies - Supplies</i>					
	350	Bags, #10 Planting Instructions	Bag	0.200	70.00

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SubTotal:	\$15,000.00
Freight - Truck:	\$0.00
Freight - UPS:	\$0.00
Pack. / Handling:	\$0.00
Sales Tax:	\$0.00
Deposits Received:	\$0.00
Order Balance:	\$15,000.00

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Order No
238012



150 BRIDGEPOINT DRIVE, SUITE 200, SOUTH ST PAUL, MN 55075

Ph (800) 798-9473

Fax (651) 451-1138

Order Acknowledgement

SOLD TO:

CODINGTON CONSERVATION DISTRICT
1720 4TH ST NE
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WATERTOWN SD 57201
codingtoncd2@sdconservation.net

SHIP TO:

CODINGTON CONSERVATION DISTRICT
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WATERTOWN SD 57201
DEANNA 605-880-8609

Customer Contact Information

Phone: 605-882-4989

Fax

Account	Customer P.O	Salesperson	Ship Via	Ship Date	Terms	Doc Date	Branch
0009218		Matt Gunderman	Prepaid	02/09/26	Net 30	02/09/26	Growing Supplies

Ln	Wh	Ordered	Shipped	Back Ord.	Product Description	Unit Price	Extension
1	18	180 000	180 000	0 000	GC2 26500 6' X 500' 2 2oz Ground Cover	112 500	20,250.00

Comments:

Acknowledgement

Total Disc	0.00
Shipping/Handling	0.00
Sub-Total	20,250.00
Tax	0.00
Misc.	0.00
Total	20,250.00



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Customer ID **HAML003**

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2/4/2026

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Salesperson: Herman Tiedeman

Sold To: **HAMLIN COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
PO BOX 165
HAYTI, SD 57241-0165**

You are receiving this document because changes have been made to your order. Items highlighted below are changes made by Bailey Nurseries, Inc. Please note the legend to reference the reason for the change.

Legend: If the **want date** is shaded, the want date has been changed due to a production ready date change.
If the quantities are shaded, either the **requested**, the **approved** or the **wait list** quantities have been changed.
If the Item number is shaded, Your original requested item (ORI) has been subbed to a different size. The ORI is listed below.

SV	Item	Description and Size	Want Date	Req Qty	Apvd Qty	Price	Ext Price	Wait Qty
Order #:	D - 0765685	Name: HAMLIN COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT	Ship To:	45052 SD HWY 21 HAYTI SD 57241				
Type:	26 BR	PO #: HAMLIN						
COMB	79096	Acer sac Fall Fiesta® Sugar Maple LB 6'	4/12/26		110 5	\$39.45	\$197.25	
		*** ORI - Acer sac Fall Fiesta® Sugar Maple LB 5'						
COMB	45751	Acer sac Fall Fiesta® Sugar Maple 1yr 5'	4/12/26		5	\$32.95	\$164.75	
COMB	23021	Acer tat Hot Wings® Tatarian Mpl-Tree PP15023 LB 6'	4/12/26		5	\$35.25	\$176.25	
COMB	45763	Acer tat Hot Wings® Tatarian Mpl-Tree PP15023 1yr 5'	4/12/26		10	\$27.75	\$277.50	
COMB	45866	Acer x freemanii Sienna Glen® Maple OR 1yr 5'	4/12/26		5	\$31.45	\$157.25	
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COMB	15310	Quercus rubra Northern Red Oak 8'	4/12/26		5	\$43.45	\$217.25	
		*** ORI - Quercus rubra Northern Red Oak 5'						
COMB	03151	Quercus x mac Heritage® Oak 6'	4/12/26		5	\$40.75	\$203.75	
		*** ORI - Quercus x mac Heritage® Oak 5'						
COMB	00404	Cortland Apple Std 11/16 CVI	4/12/26		5	\$30.95	\$154.75	
COMB	62163	Frostbite™ Apple Std 7/8	4/12/26		5	\$35.35	\$176.75	
COMB	00856	Honeycrisp Apple Std 11/16 CVI	4/12/26		5	\$30.95	\$154.75	
		*** ORI - Honeycrisp Apple Std 11/16 CVI						
COMB	00856	Honeycrisp Apple Std 11/16 CVI	4/12/26		15 10	\$30.95	\$309.50	
		*** ORI - Honeycrisp Apple Std 11/16 CVI						
COMB	00580	Honeygold Apple Std 1" CVI	4/12/26		5	\$35.00	\$175.00	
COMB	06536	Liberty Apple S-M7 11/16 CVI	4/12/26		5	\$30.95	\$154.75	
COMB	00753	State Fair Apple Std 7/8 CVI	4/12/26		5	\$33.50	\$167.50	
COMB	00765	Sweet Sixteen Apple Std 7/8 CVI	4/12/26		5	\$33.50	\$167.50	
COMB	50372	Contender Peach Std 7/8	4/12/26		5	\$34.95	\$174.75	
COMB	01634	Reliance Peach Std 7/8	4/12/26		5	\$33.00	\$165.00	
		*** ORI - Reliance Peach Std 11/16						
COMB	01297	Mesabi Cherry Std 11/16 CVI	4/12/26		5	\$30.00	\$150.00	
COMB	01314	North Star Cherry Std 11/16 CVI	4/12/26		5	\$30.00	\$150.00	
Order #:	N - 0765690	Name: HAMLIN COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT	Ship To:	45052 SD HWY 21 HAYTI SD 57241				
Type:	26 BR	PO #: HAMLIN						
COMB	34707	Betula pap Renaissance Oasis® 5'	4/12/26		10	\$27.40	\$274.00	
COMB	06008	Populus trem Quaking Aspen 5'	4/12/26		5	\$35.20	\$176.00	
		*** ORI - Populus trem Quaking Aspen 5'						

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COMB	06840	Salix alba Tristis Niobe Weeping Willow 5'	4/12/26		10	\$25.80	\$258.00	
COMB	53905	Syringa ret Ivory Silk® Japanese Tree Lilac LB 5'	4/12/26		5	\$33.50	\$167.50	
COMB	07326	Tilia am Redmond Linden LB 5'	4/12/26		5	\$30.65	\$153.25	
		*** ORI - Tilia am Redmond Linden LB 5'						
COMB	08314	Forsythia Northern Gold 12"	4/12/26		100	\$5.40	\$540.00	
COMB	01732	Vitis Edelweiss Grape-green/white #1 T	4/12/26		10	\$8.90	\$89.00	
COMB	29831	Rubus Caroline Raspberry 1yr #1	4/12/26		25	\$4.30	\$107.50	

Order #: D - 0765696 Name: HAMLIN COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT Ship To: 45052 SD HWY 21
Type: 26 BR PO #: CODINGTON HAYH SD 57241

COMB	45834	Acer miyabei State Street® Maple 1yr LB 5'	4/12/26		5	\$30.25	\$151.25	
COMB	45750	Acer sac Fall Fiesta® Sugar Maple 1yr LB 5'	4/12/26		5	\$29.35	\$146.75	
COMB	79096	Acer sac Fall Fiesta® Sugar Maple LB 6'	4/12/26		5	\$39.45	\$197.25	
		*** ORI - Acer sac Fall Fiesta® Sugar Maple LB 5'						
COMB	23021	Acer tat Hot Wings® Tatarian Mpl-Tree PP15023 LB 6'	4/12/26		10	\$35.25	\$352.50	
COMB	45763	Acer tat Hot Wings® Tatarian Mpl-Tree PP15023 1yr 5'	4/12/26		5	\$27.75	\$138.75	
COMB	45890	Acer x freemanii Autumn Blaze® Maple OR 1yr LB 5'	4/12/26		5	\$27.15	\$135.75	
COMB	45891	Acer x freemanii Autumn Blaze® Maple OR 1yr LB 6'	4/12/26		5	\$31.45	\$157.25	
COMB	45865	Acer x freemanii Sienna Glen® Maple OR 1yr 6'	4/12/26		5	\$36.35	\$181.75	
COMB	13868	Catalpa speciosa Northern Wh 7'	4/12/26		5	\$29.70	\$148.50	
COMB	45780	Celtis occidentalis Hackberry 1yr 6'	4/12/26		5	\$27.50	\$137.50	
COMB	11645	Gled tri iner Northern Acclaim® Honeylocust Wh 6'	4/12/26		5	\$29.50	\$147.50	
COMB	75571	Quercus ellip Northern Pin Oak 5'	4/12/26		5	\$38.00	\$190.00	
		*** ORI - Quercus ellip Northern Pin Oak LB 6'						
COMB	15296	Quercus rubra Northern Red Oak LB 6'	4/12/26		5	\$38.00	\$190.00	
COMB	03151	Quercus x mac Heritage® Oak 6'	4/12/26		5	\$46.75	\$233.75	
COMB	62163	Frostbite™ Apple Std 7/8	4/12/26		5	\$35.35	\$176.75	
COMB	00507	Haralred® Apple Std 7/8 CVI	4/12/26		5	\$33.50	\$167.50	
COMB	00519	Haralson Apple Std 11/16 CVI	4/12/26		5	\$30.95	\$154.75	
COMB	00856	Honeycrisp Apple Std 11/16 CVI	4/12/26		20	\$30.95	\$619.00	
		*** ORI - Honeycrisp Apple Std 11/16 CVI						
COMB	00765	Sweet Sixteen Apple Std 7/8 CVI	4/12/26		5	\$33.50	\$167.50	
COMB	75973	Golden Spice Pear Std 11/16 CVI	4/12/26		10	\$33.00	\$330.00	
COMB	26332	Luscious Pear S-87 1" CVI	4/12/26		5	\$33.00	\$165.00	
		*** ORI - Luscious Pear S-87 11/16 CVI						
COMB	26339	Parker Pear S-87 11/16 CVI	4/12/26		5	\$33.00	\$165.00	
COMB	75280	Summercrisp Pear S-87 Wh 6' CVI	4/12/26		10	\$26.45	\$264.50	
COMB	43914	Blacklee® Plum Std 11/16	4/12/26		5	\$29.75	\$148.75	
COMB	64708	Superior Plum Std 11/16 CVI	4/12/26			\$28.25		5
COMB	40758	Toka Plum S-myro 11/16 CVI	4/12/26		10	\$28.25	\$282.50	
COMB	40770	Waneta Plum S-myro 11/16 CVI	4/12/26		5	\$28.25	\$141.25	
		*** ORI - Waneta Plum S-myro 11/16 CVI						
COMB	50372	Contender Peach Std 7/8	4/12/26		5	\$34.95	\$174.75	
COMB	01634	Reliance Peach Std 7/8	4/12/26		5	\$33.00	\$165.00	
		*** ORI - Reliance Peach Std 11/16						
COMB	36980	Evans Bali Cherry Std 11/16 CVI	4/12/26		5	\$30.00	\$150.00	
COMB	01297	Mesabi Cherry Std 11/16 CVI	4/12/26		5	\$30.00	\$150.00	
COMB	01314	North Star Cherry Std 11/16 CVI	4/12/26		5	\$30.00	\$150.00	

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SV	Item	Description and Size	Want Date	Req Qty	Apvd Qty	Price	Ext Price	Wait Qty
Order #: N - 0765697 Name: HAMLIN COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT			Ship To: 45052 SD HWY 21					
Type: 26 BR			PO #: CODINGTON			HAYTI SD 57241		
COMB	02679	Acer sacc Silver Maple Wh 6'	4/12/26		20	\$16 75	\$335 00	
COMB	03117	Betula nigra River Birch Cl 6'	4/12/26		4	\$37 75	\$151 00	1
COMB	03148	Betula pap Paper Birch Cl 5'	4/12/26		5	\$32 60	\$163 00	
COMB	53905	Syringa ret Ivory Silk® Japanese Tree Lilac LB 5'	4/12/26		5	\$33 50	\$167 50	
COMB	07907	Caragana arborescens Siberian Peashrub 2'	4/12/26		15	\$7 35	\$110 25	
COMB	20695	Fragaria All Star Strawberry 1yr #1	4/12/26		25	\$0 85	\$21 25	
COMB	31423	Rubus Killarney Raspberry 1yr #1	4/12/26		25	\$4 30	\$107 50	
						1055.50		
Order #: D - 0766543 Name: HAMLIN COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT			Ship To: 45052 SD HWY 21					
Type: 26 BR			PO #: GRANT			HAYTI SD 57241		
COMB	02004	Acer plat Crimson King Maple LB 5'	4/12/26		5	\$28 80	\$144 00	
COMB	59891	Acer plat Princeton Gold® Maple 6'	4/12/26		5	\$38 75	\$193 75	
COMB	45221	Acer rub Brandywine Maple OR LB 8'	4/12/26		5	\$43 95	\$219 75	
COMB	45221	Acer rub Brandywine Maple OR LB 8'	4/12/26		5	\$43 95	\$219 75	
COMB	79096	Acer sac Fall Fiesta® Sugar Maple LB 6'	4/12/26		10	\$39 45	\$394 50	
*** ORI - Acer sac Fall Fiesta® Sugar Maple LB 5'								
COMB	89593	Acer sac Inferno™ Sugar Maple LB 6'	4/12/26			\$49 35		5
COMB	01795	Acer x freemanii Autumn Blaze® Maple OR 8'	4/12/26		5	\$48 75	\$243 75	
*** ORI - Acer x freemanii Autumn Blaze® Maple OR 6'								
COMB	04060	Gled tri iner Imperial® Honeylocust 5'	4/12/26		5	\$41 00	\$205 00	
COMB	05207	Malus Red Splendor Crab-pink 6' CVI	4/12/26		5	\$30 00	\$150 00	
COMB	05296	Malus Royalty Crab-red 5' CVI	4/12/26		5	\$26 50	\$132 50	
COMB	46969	Malus Snowdrift Crab-white 5'H CVI	4/12/26		5	\$30 00	\$150 00	
COMB	06737	Quercus alba White Oak 6'	4/12/26		5	\$43 45	\$217 25	
COMB	15299	Quercus rubra Northern Red Oak LB 1"	4/12/26		5	\$43 45	\$217 25	
*** ORI - Quercus rubra Northern Red Oak 5'								
COMB	66695	Delicious Golden Apple S-M7 11/16 CVI	4/12/26		5	\$30 95	\$154 75	
COMB	62163	Frostbite™ Apple Std 7/8	4/12/26		5	\$35 35	\$176 75	
COMB	00831	Haralson Apple S-M7 11/16 CVI	4/12/26		5	\$30 95	\$154 75	
COMB	00856	Honeycrisp Apple Std 11/16 CVI	4/12/26		10	\$30 95	\$309 50	
*** ORI - Honeycrisp Apple Std 11/16 CVI								
COMB	00856	Honeycrisp Apple Std 11/16 CVI	4/12/26		5	\$30 95	\$154 75	
COMB	00765	Sweet Sixteen Apple Std 7/8 CVI	4/12/26		5	\$33 50	\$167 50	
COMB	75973	Golden Spice Pear Std 11/16 CVI	4/12/26		5	\$33 00	\$165 00	
COMB	26332	Luscious Pear S-87 1" CVI	4/12/26		5	\$34 70	\$173 50	
*** ORI - Luscious Pear S-87 11/16 CVI								
COMB	26343	Patten Pear S-87 11/16 CVI	4/12/26		5	\$33 00	\$165 00	
COMB	26409	Summercrisp Pear S-87 11/16 CVI	4/12/26			\$33 50		5
COMB	01342	Ure Pear Std 11/16 CVI	4/12/26		5	\$33 00	\$165 00	
COMB	50372	Contender Peach Std 7/8	4/12/26		5	\$34 95	\$174 75	
COMB	01634	Reliance Peach Std 7/8	4/12/26		5	\$33 00	\$165 00	
*** ORI - Reliance Peach Std 11/16								



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 WATERTOWN, SD 57201

Contact:
 Deanna Kunkel

Ship Date:
 9/22/2025

Order Date:
 09/22/2025

Terms:

Quantity	Description	Type	Size	Price	Amount
100	CHOKEBERRY, BLACK	S	12-18"	1.34	134.00
450	CHOKECHERRY, COMMON	S	12-18"	0.99	445.50
250	COTTONWOOD, COMMON	S	12-18"	1.10	275.00
25	COTTONWOOD, MALE	S	2-3'	2.59	64.75
75	CRABAPPLE, SIBERIAN	S	12-18"	1.42	106.50
100	DOGWOOD, REDOSIER	S	12-18"	1.20	120.00
25	DOGWOOD, REDOSIER	S	2-3'	2.46	61.50
25	HAZELNUT, AMERICAN	S	12-18"	2.19	54.75
175	HAZELNUT, AMERICAN	S	18-24"	1.81	316.75
250	LILAC, COMMON PURPLE	S	12-18"	1.15	287.50
100	MAPLE, AMUR	S	12-18"	1.20	120.00
150	MAPLE, RUBRUM	S	12-18"	1.31	196.50
25	MAPLE, SUGAR	S	12-18"	1.92	48.00
25	MAPLE, SUGAR	S	2-3'	3.01	75.25
125	OAK, BUR	S	12-18"	1.55	193.75
25	OAK, RED (NORTHERN)	S	12-18"	1.81	45.25
825	PLUM, AMERICAN	S	12-18"	0.95	783.75
25	PLUM, AMERICAN	S	2-3'	2.46	61.50
10	POPLAR, SIOUXLAND	S	4-5'	3.19	31.90
25	WILLOW, FLAME	S	12-18"	2.01	50.25
75	WILLOW, FLAME	S	2-3'	1.82	136.50
600	SPRUCE, BLACK HILLS	TR 2-2	7"-15"	1.50	900.00
150	SPRUCE, COLORADO	TR 2-2	7"-15"	2.03	304.50
26	CEDAR, EASTERN RED	1C	15-18"	12.15	315.90
100	SPRUCE, BLACK HILLS	5C	30"-36"	27.00	2700.00
50	SPRUCE, COLORADO	2C	24"-30"	14.50	725.00
100	SPRUCE, MEYER	5C	24"-30"	28.00	2800.00
				SUBTOTAL:	\$11,354.30
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Item	Description	Quantity	Rate	Total
SFXVAL-6060-0010	5 ft SunFlex® Grow Tubes with Stem Guides & Trunk Builder® Fiberglass Stakes (10-Pack)	120	59.94	7,192.80
ACWSRT-0911-0030	Twist Lock® Soft Wire Tie. 11 Inches (30-Pack)	120	0.00	0.00
AKDS0X-0030-0001	All-Steel Stake Driver for Trunk Builder® 47-84 Inch Fiberglass Stakes	5	0.00	0.00
Instructions-TGEVAL	SunFlex Grow Tubes with Stem Guides - Product Instructions (Included)	1	0.00	0.00
LTL Shipping	Shipping & Handling-Pallet Sales Tax	1	0.00 0.00%	0.00 0.00
Total				USD 7,192.80

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Codington Conservation District
A/P Aging Summary
As of March 12, 2026

	<u>Current</u>	<u>1 - 30</u>	<u>31 - 60</u>	<u>61 - 90</u>	<u>> 90</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Bessey Nursery	575.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	575.00
Big Sioux Nursery	13,588.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	13,588.00
Big Sioux Water Festival	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Cherokee Manufacturing	20,250.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20,250.00
Fast Threads Inc	103.24	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	103.24
First National Bank of Omaha	19.79	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	19.79
Hamlin District	0.00	7,136.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,136.25
Menards	0.00	0.00	0.00	-12.57	0.00	-12.57
Municipal Utilities	88.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	88.08
Plantra	7,192.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,192.80
Richards Bookkeeping	105.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	105.00
Schumacher's Nursery	11,354.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,354.30
TOTAL	53,376.21	7,136.25	0.00	-12.57	0.00	60,499.89



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March 12, 2026

Dear Conservation Commission:

The Codington Conservation District is applying for an operating loan for tree planting season 2026. We have had a couple of hard years recently with the reduction in CRP acres. In addition to the reduction in income, we have had a number of large expenses keeping equipment in working order.

The conservation district doesn't have the funds to purchase the supplies needed to get our trees and fabric on the ground for spring 2026. We have the items on order but not the funds to pay the bills. We are in the process of collecting deposits from producers, but a portion of that money will need to be used to pay wages for the tree and fabric crews.

We are asking for an operation loan in the amount of \$60,000 which is enough to cover the expense of supplies. We will be able to pay the loan back this year once the final bills have been paid.

We hope that you will give serious consideration to our request for assistant. We don't get any county funding, but our tree acres are increasing in number each year. We know that we will eventually turn the corner and start to get some funds back in the bank.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kenneth Bunde".

Ken Bunde
Board Chairman, Codington Conservation District

Codington Conservation District Board:
Ken Bunde, Chairperson
Bonnie Oletzke, Vice-Chairperson
Dan Kahnke, Supervisor
Ben Schleusner, Supervisor
Mike Paulsen, Supervisor

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Codington County Conservation District
Board of Supervisor's Meeting
February 3, 2026, 9:00 am

Supervisors Present

Ken Bunde, Chairman
Ben Schleusner, Supervisor
Dan Kahnke, Supervisor – via phone
Bonnie Oletzke, Supervisor

Absent

Mike Paulsen, Supervisor
Bradly Bunde, Advisor

Others Present

Deanna Kunkel, DM
Ryan Mar, NRCS
Corey Zirbel, Watershed

The Codington Conservation District Supervisors meet Tuesday, February 3rd, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in the conference room at the NRCS office. Chair Ken Bunde called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comment – None.

Approve the Agenda. On a motion by Oletzke, with a second by Schleusner, the agenda was approved as written. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion was opened for the January regular board. On a motion by Schleusner, with a second by Oletzke, the minutes were approved. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report covering checking, credit card, accounts payable/receivable balances, profit & loss and balance sheet were approved on a motion by Kahnke, with a second by Oletzke. Vouchers were signed as well.

NRCS Report –

- Ben Lyons is the new Pheasant Forever Farm Bill Biologist for Watertown
- NRCS programs are changing and we will know more by the end of the month

Prairie Coteau Watershed Improvement and Protection Project Report – see attached

District Manager's Report – see attached. Motion by Kahnke, with a second by Schleusner to approve the District Manager's report. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business

- Letter of support for the watershed was signed by Chairman Bunde and given to Corey.

New Business

- A motion to approve the annual progress report for 2025, the financial reports for 2025, annual plan of work for 2026 with the revised Erosion and Sediment Control Standards showing

Codington County soils, dated February 3, 2026 and the budget for 2026 was made by Oletzke with a second by Schleusner. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

- Supervisors due for re-election in 2026 include Schleusner, Paulsen and Kahnke, they can get the petition from the District Manager.
- Motion by Schleusner, seconded by Oletzke to give \$100 to the Big Sioux Water Festival for 2026. All voted in favor. Motion carried.
- Federal Property Re-Authorization was signed by Chairman Bunde
- Motion by Oletzke with a second by Schleusner to authorize District Manager to register/attend the Grassland Summit in Mitchell, March 3-4, 2026. All voted in favor. Motion carried.
- Motion made by Schleusner with a second by Oletzke to authorize renewal for the SDACDE membership and authorize District Manager to attend/register for the conference in June. All voted in favor. Motion carried.
- Motion by Oletzke with a second by Schleusner to approve a loan application to cover input costs for fabric and trees for Spring 2026 planting. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Items tabled until the March meeting due to time constraints include:

- SDACD membership investment notice
- SD Natural Resource Conservation Award nomination

Adjourn – Motion made by Schleusner, to adjourn the meeting, with a second by Oletzke. All voted in favor, motion carried. Meeting was officially adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

The next district board meeting will be held March 10th, 2026, 9:00 a.m. at the USDA building.

Respectively,
Deanna Kunkel, District Manager

Codington Conservation District
Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2025

	Dec 31, 25
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1002 · Petty Cash	72.19
1005 · Reliabank	6,390.57
1007 · District Savings	1,041.27
Total Checking/Savings	7,504.03
Accounts Receivable	
1200 · Accounts Receivable	15,964.35
Total Accounts Receivable	15,964.35
Other Current Assets	
1400 · Other Assets	
1401.1 · Inventory Assets_Fabric Rolls L	2,530.00
1401.1a · Inventory Assets_Fabric Roll Sm	1,313.34
1401.1b · Inventory Assets_Fabric Square	994.50
1401.2 · Inventory Assets_Staples	1,239.70
1401.3 · Inventory Assets_Tubes/Stakes	2,838.00
Total 1400 · Other Assets	8,915.54
Total Other Current Assets	8,915.54
Total Current Assets	32,383.92
Fixed Assets	
1600 · Land	35,000.00
1610 · Buildings (3)	
1610.1 · Compressor	18,027.55
1610 · Buildings (3) - Other	75,000.00
Total 1610 · Buildings (3)	93,027.55
1621 · District Pickups	
1621.1 · 1998 Chevy pickup	11,687.50
1621.2 · 1993 Chevy pickup	9,700.00
1621.5 · 2001 2500HD	6,000.00
1621.6 · 2016 Chv Truck Silverado	31,274.00
Total 1621 · District Pickups	58,661.50
1650 · Drills	
1650.6 Land Pride Drill	7,488.87
1650.3 · Great Plains grass drill '15	9,000.00
1650.4 · JD 1590 Drill (2016)	12,562.50
Total 1650 · Drills	29,051.37
1660 · Trailers	
1660.1 · Trailers	1,000.00
1660.2 · Tilt Trailer 2013	1,000.00
1660.3 · 2019 Trailer	2,637.48
1660.4 · 1660.4 2021 Gooseneck Trailer	11,532.50
Total 1660 · Trailers	16,169.98
1669 · air compressor	50.00
1670 · Cultivators	
1670.5 · Hand Plant Auger	50.00
1670.6 · Mulcher	200.00
1670.9 · Bush Hog Mower 7'	2,000.00
1671.2 · JD Batwing Mower	24,494.04
Total 1670 · Cultivators	26,744.04

Codington Conservation District
Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2025

	Dec 31, 25
1680 · Tractors	
1680.11 · Kubota 5030 Tractor 2006	4,000.00
1680.12 · Kubota 7040 Tractor 2012	9,000.00
1680.13 · Kubota 7040 Tractor 2007	9,000.00
1680.2 · N.H. TN75S Tractor 2003	8,000.00
1680.3 · John Deere 5075M Tractor 2009	7,000.00
Total 1680 · Tractors	37,000.00
1681 · Tree Planter	50.00
1682 · Fabric Machines	1,250.00
1690 · Office Equipment	50.00
Total Fixed Assets	297,054.44
TOTAL ASSETS	329,438.36
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
2000 · Accounts Payable	-12.57
Total Accounts Payable	-12.57
Credit Cards	
2000.1 · Runnings Deanna	10.00
Total Credit Cards	10.00
Other Current Liabilities	
2015 · Payroll Liabilities	1,659.46
2016 · State Unemployment	-39.99
2023 · Retirement Contribution Payable	233.09
2101 · SD Sales Tax Payable	-35.46
2200 · Gift Certificate	150.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	1,967.10
Total Current Liabilities	1,964.53
Long Term Liabilities	
2650 · Machinery Notes Payable	
2650.1 · 2016 Chev Silverado	11,527.19
2650.2 · Compressor	7,423.60
2650.3 · JD Batwing Mower	14,747.94
Total 2650 · Machinery Notes Payable	33,698.73
Total Long Term Liabilities	33,698.73
Total Liabilities	35,663.26
Equity	
3000 · Opening Bal Equity	-26,273.02
3999 · Retained Earnings	286,670.04
Net Income	33,378.08
Total Equity	293,775.10
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	329,438.36

Codrington Conservation District

Profit & Loss

01/29/26

January through December 2025

Accrual Basis

	Jan - Dec 25
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
4100 · Machine Tree Planting Income	52,095.90
4104 · Hand Plant Sales	14,510.22
4110 · Hand Tree Planting Income	584.00
4111 · Hand Plant Auger Rental	100.00
4112 · Perennial Plant Income	1,252.00
4114 · Ornamental Trees Income	3,995.00
4115 · Friut Trees Income	7,084.36
4116 · Potted Conifer Income	18,990.00
4120 · Fabric, staples, Supplies	70,655.35
4130 · Tree Tubes & Stakes	4,261.00
4140 · Grass Management	
4140.1 · CRP Clipping	6,630.25
4140 · Grass Management - Other	225.00
Total 4140 · Grass Management	6,855.25
4150 · Site Prep	
4150.1 · Disk sites	2,000.00
Total 4150 · Site Prep	2,000.00
4160 · Transfilm	10.00
4161 · Plantskydd Products	190.04
4170 · Tractor Rental	1,223.20
4200 · Great Plains Drill Income	
4200.1 · Delivery Grass Drill	1,775.00
4200 · Great Plains Drill Income - Other	16,455.40
Total 4200 · Great Plains Drill Income	18,230.40
4210 · JD Crop Drill Rental Income	6,791.00
4220 · Landpride Drill	1,600.00
4350 · Seed Sales Income	38,600.56
4500 · Miscellaneous Income	
7000 · Conservation Commission Grant	1,915.95
4500 · Miscellaneous Income - Other	3,083.14
Total 4500 · Miscellaneous Income	4,999.09
4501 · Rental Income	1,260.00
4510 · Interest Income	15.82
4511 · Finance Charges	246.65
4550 · Sales of Fixed Assets Income	-2,250.00
7600 · Patronage	229.67
Total Income	253,529.51
Gross Profit	253,529.51
Expense	
6001 · Utilities	
6001.1 · Wifi	595.58
6001.2 · Telephone	656.01
6001 · Utilities - Other	1,439.77
Total 6001 · Utilities	2,691.36
6002 · Postage	163.21
6004 · Printing & Supplies	83.00
6004.1 · Office Supplies	360.30
6005 · Insurance	
6005.1 · General Liability/Property	5,264.30
6005.2 · Workers Compensation Ins	289.00
Total 6005 · Insurance	5,553.30

Codrington Conservation District

Profit & Loss

01/29/26

January through December 2025

Accrual Basis

	Jan - Dec 25
6006 · Accounting Expense	2,074.70
6010 · Supervisor per Diem.	4,740.00
6012 · Supervisor Mileage	692.80
6020. · Employee Expense	
6020.10 · Yard Maintenance Wages	2,902.92
6020.11 · Shop Wages	2,565.28
6020.5 · District Manager Wages	38,745.00
6020.6 · District Manager Holiday	2,572.00
6020.7 · District Manager Sick	1,294.50
6020.8 · District Manager Vacation	1,160.25
6020.9 · District Tech Wages	4,871.92
6020. · Employee Expense - Other	7,788.40
Total 6020. · Employee Expense	61,900.27
6030 · Employer Payroll Tax Expense	6,830.73
6032 · Employer Retirement Contrib.	2,503.91
6035 · Employee Mileage	782.78
6036 · Employee Meals	23.58
6037 · Employee Lodging	843.94
6050 · Membership & Dues	86.00
6051 · Contributions	50.00
6055. · Administrative Expenses	
6055.4 · Computer Expense	1,249.99
Total 6055. · Administrative Expenses	1,249.99
6056 · Miscellaneous Other Expenses	429.23
6071 · Contests	22.00
6072 · Events	-510.72
6074 · Meetings & Registration Fees	525.00
6075 · Advertising Expense	1,455.70
6076 · Promotional Materials	100.04
611 · Tree Expenses	
6109 · District Tree Stock	
6109.1 · Fruit Trees	579.09
6109.2 · Potted Conifer	4,284.52
6109.3 · Perennials	29.83
6109.4 · Ornamental Trees	336.65
6109 · District Tree Stock - Other	18,083.47
Total 6109 · District Tree Stock	23,313.56
611.1 · Trucking Expense	0.44
6110 · Private Nursery Tree Stock	
6110.1 · Fruit Trees	6,665.83
6110.2 · Potted Conifer	4,337.50
6110.4 · Ornamental Trees	1,686.34
6110 · Private Nursery Tree Stock - Other	2,144.30
Total 6110 · Private Nursery Tree Stock	14,833.97
6111 · Tree Planting Wages - Crew	7,338.66
611 · Tree Expenses - Other	2,107.92
Total 611 · Tree Expenses	47,594.55
6119 · auger rental repair	42.50
612 · Tree Fabric	
6121 · Fabric Wages	6,255.45
6123 · Fabric Stock	15,949.00
6124 · Staples Stock	2,515.50
Total 612 · Tree Fabric	24,719.95
614 · Perennial Plant sales	928.29

Codrington Conservation District

Profit & Loss

January through December 2025

01/29/26

Accrual Basis

	Jan - Dec 25
617 · Mowing	
6172 · Mowing Wages	1,321.38
6174 · Mowing Repairs	23.33
Total 617 · Mowing	1,344.71
618 · Gas Fuel Expense	3,272.45
619 · Diesel Fuel Expense	2,927.20
620 · Great Plains Grass Drill	
620.1 · Great Plains Drill Wages	5,546.63
6203 · Grass Drill Repairs	1,456.80
6206 · Grass Drill Misc. Expense	54.94
Total 620 · Great Plains Grass Drill	7,058.37
621 · John Deere Crop Drill	
6213 · Crop Drill Repairs	800.45
6216 · Crop Drill Misc. Expense	272.80
Total 621 · John Deere Crop Drill	1,073.25
630 · Miscellaneous Equipment Expense	
6300 · Miscellaneous Equipment Expense	64.98
6303.1 · Trucks	848.65
6303.2 · Tractors	5,012.42
6303.7 · Fabric Machine	360.00
630 · Miscellaneous Equipment Expense - Other	24.59
Total 630 · Miscellaneous Equipment Expense	6,310.64
6304 · Misc Tools and Supplies	361.99
6350 · Seed Sales	30,848.74
6351 · Shipping to Watertown	0.00
6541 · Real Property Building Expense	
6540 · Real Property Expense	10.00
6541 · Real Property Building Expense - Other	603.37
Total 6541 · Real Property Building Expense	613.37
6560 · Bad Debts	395.52
66910 · Bank Service Charges	269.36
Total Expense	220,412.01
Net Ordinary Income	33,117.50
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
7100 · Contribution Agreement Income	5,984.00
Total Other Income	5,984.00
Other Expense	
605 · Other Expenses	
6520 · Interest Expense	1,479.53
Total 605 · Other Expenses	1,479.53
6305 · Renting of Machinery	750.00
6305.1 · JD Tractor	3,450.00
65 · Miscellaneous Expense	43.89
Total Other Expense	5,723.42
Net Other Income	260.58
Net Income	33,378.08



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2/27/26

Dear South Dakota Conservation Commission,

The Dewey County Conservation District would like to request a refinancing of our loan #1106. We have made two of the five year's worth of payments on time, but our annual profit margin is too narrow to continue to make that high of payment and continue to function. In conversations with Mr. Smith and your accountant, it was suggested that we could pay off the interest only for our upcoming payment due April 1st, 2026, and start a new refinanced, five-year loan with a balance of \$63,958.79. This would lower our annual payments to \$13,177.21 per year. If possible, we would like to start our first payment on July 1st, 2027 (as opposed to April 1), as our accounts receivable are usually paid by that time of year.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James Petersen".

James Petersen, President
Dewey County Conservation District
605-865-3552x3

Revolving Loan #
Tillage Program #

APPLICATION FOR REVOLVING LOAN and CONSERVATION TILLAGE LOAN

Legal authority: SDCL 38-8-53, 53.1 and 54; and 38-6-8.1, and the Administrative Rules Chapter 12:03:03, and 12:07:01.
The Dewey County Conservation District, with headquarters at Timber Lake South Dakota,
does hereby apply for a loan of \$ 63,959 from the (check all that apply)

- Conservation District Revolving Loan Fund
- Conservation Tillage Equipment Program

in the State of South Dakota, in accordance with the above stated legal authorities.

Purpose of loan: Refinance existing loan #1106

Payments to begin on: 07/01/2027 Length of Loan: Years, 5 months

The district understands that the repayment will include principal plus interest at the rate of 3.0% Annual Percentage Rate (APR) for Revolving Loans; and 5.0% Annual Percentage Rate (APR) for Conservation Tillage Equipment Loans, on the unpaid principal balance. There is no penalty for early repayment.

REVOLVING LOAN FUND		Proposed	Principal
Repayment Schedule:			
Date	<u>07/01/2027</u>	Amount \$	<u>13,177</u>
Date	<u>07/01/2028</u>	Amount \$	<u>13,177</u>
Date	<u>07/01/2029</u>	Amount \$	<u>13,177</u>
Date	<u>07/01/2030</u>	Amount \$	<u>13,177</u>
Date	<u>07/01/2031</u>	Amount \$	<u>13,681</u>

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

Kept as collateral

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

Make of Machine: 2021 Bobcat S64 Skid Steer Total Cost:
 Model #: S64 Serial #: B4SC13083
 Anticipated Charge: Anticipated use of machine: Acres:

EQUIPMENT INSURANCE:

Insurance Company: SD PAA Amount of comprehensive coverage: 1,000,000

NOTE: ARSD 12:03:03:02(9) requires that insurance be carried to cover loss of equipment purchased with loan funds.

PLEASE CHECK THE APPROPRIATE ANSWER:	
YES <input checked="" type="radio"/>	NO <input type="radio"/> Will this loan be used to pay off or refinance another loan?
YES <input checked="" type="radio"/>	NO <input type="radio"/> Is existing equipment being used as a trade-in?
YES <input checked="" type="radio"/>	NO <input type="radio"/> If yes, is there a current loan on that equipment? Where: <u>Skid steer purch w/ orgin loan #1106</u>
YES <input type="radio"/>	NO <input checked="" type="radio"/> Are other lending institutions involved in the acquisition of this equipment?
YES <input checked="" type="radio"/>	NO <input type="radio"/> Has the district already purchased the equipment? If yes, When: <u>2023</u>

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AS OF 03/10/2026 . (Or attach current Balance Sheet)

ASSETS:

Cash (deposits, savings, petty cash)	\$	<input type="text"/>
Accounts Receivable (list below)	\$	<input type="text"/>
Equipment (inventory value)	\$	<input type="text"/>
Land & Buildings	\$	<input type="text"/>
Other Assets	\$	<input type="text"/>
TOTAL	\$	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>

LIABILITIES/EQUITY:

Vehicle notes payable	\$	<input type="text"/>
Other Accounts Payable (list on separate page)	\$	<input type="text"/>
Equipment notes payable	\$	<input type="text"/>
Land/Building notes payable	\$	<input type="text"/>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
Retained Earnings (equity)	\$	<input type="text"/>
TOTAL LIABILITIES+ EQUITY	\$	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE RECORD AS OF _____

DEBTOR	AMOUNT OF DEBT	DATE DEBT INCURRED	REASON FOR DEBT NOT PAID
SEE ATTACHED BALANCE SHEET AND PROFIT/LOSS STATEMENTS			

PROJECTED FINANCIAL STATEMENT (note unusual income or expenditure changes anticipated during the term of the loan):

We anticipate normal expenses and income for the 2026 fiscal year. See previous two year's comparisons to date.

NOTE:

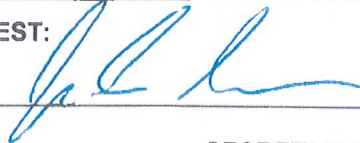
1. Please attach a copy of the meeting minutes at which the loan application was authorized. These minutes **MUST BE SIGNED** by the District Administrative Secretary.
2. The district agrees to maintain financial records as required by the Conservation Commission and will make those records available to the Commission or Department of Agriculture staff for inspection upon request.
3. The district agrees to submit a statement of usage to the Commission at the time of each payment according to Administration of Revolving Fund Rules - chapter 12:03:03:08.
4. The district must attach a W-9 form to this application.

This application for a loan from the (check all that apply)

- Conservation District Revolving Loan fund
- Conservation Tillage Equipment Loan Program

was approved by the Board of Supervisors of the Dewey County Conservation District at a meeting held on 2/4/2026 and is so recorded in the official minutes of the meeting.

ATTEST:



 SECRETARY



 CHAIRMAN
3/10/2026

 Date of Application

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LOAN FINDINGS (DEPARTMENT USE ONLY):

QUESTIONS	COMMENTS
1. Was the application received by the deadline? <small>Date Received:</small> <i>3-18-26</i>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
2. Is the application signed by appropriate persons?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
3. Is the loan for the appropriate reason (not real estate, computers, etc.)?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
4. If applicable, is insurance being acquired?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> NA
5. Are minutes attached with applicable motion(s)?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
6. If no minutes are attached, are they coming? When?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> NA
7. Are minutes official (quorum, no advisors involved in action on motions)?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
8. Are conservation tillage loan funds being requested?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
9. Are present loans current? <i>interest only payment 3/23/26</i>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> NA
10. Were past loans paid off on time?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> NA
11. Is the financial information in the application consistent with that in the district's annual financial report?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
12. Additional comments <i>Dewey is requesting refin. on yr 3 of loan.</i>	



 Division Staff

3-23-26

 Date

THIS PAGE FOR DEPARTMENT USE ONLY

CERTIFICATION OF COMMISSION ACTION ON LOAN:

Approved Revolving Loan

Approved Conservation Tillage

\$ _____
Disapproved Revolving Loan

\$ _____
Disapproved Conserv. Tillage

Conservation Commission Chairman

Date

CERTIFICATION OF DEPARTMENT ACTION ON CONSERVATION TILLAGE LOAN:

Approved Conservation Tillage

\$ _____
Disapproved Conservation Tillage

Administrator

Date

LOAN AMORTIZATION SCHEDULE

LOAN INFORMATION		LOAN SUMMARY	
Refinanced Loan amount	\$60,347.77	Payment amount	\$13,177.21
Interest rate	3.00%	Scheduled number of payments	5
Loan term in years	5	Total principal and interest	\$66,389.82
Payments made per year	1	Total interest	\$11,871.17
Loan repayment start date	07/01/2027		

BORROWER	
Loan Number	1106
Original Loan Amount	\$100,000.00
Closed Date	09/01/2023
Refinanced new 5yr period	04/01/2026

PMT NO	PAYMENT DATE	BEGINNING PRINCIPAL BALANCE	TOTAL PAYMENT	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	ENDING BALANCE	CUMULATIVE INTEREST
1	04/01/2024	\$100,000.00	\$21,835.46	\$20,210.46	\$1,625.00	\$79,789.54	\$1,625.00
2	04/01/2025	\$79,789.54	\$21,835.46	\$19,441.77	\$2,393.69	\$60,347.77	\$4,018.69
3	04/01/2026	\$60,347.77	\$1,810.43	\$0.00	\$1,810.43	\$60,347.77	\$5,829.12
4	07/01/2027	\$60,347.77	\$13,177.21	\$10,919.20	\$2,258.01	\$49,428.57	\$8,087.13
5	07/01/2028	\$49,428.57	\$13,177.21	\$11,694.35	\$1,482.86	\$37,734.22	\$9,569.99
6	07/01/2029	\$37,734.22	\$13,177.21	\$12,045.18	\$1,132.03	\$25,689.04	\$10,702.02
7	07/01/2030	\$25,689.04	\$13,177.21	\$12,406.54	\$770.67	\$13,282.50	\$11,472.69
8	07/01/2031	\$13,282.50	\$13,680.98	\$13,282.50	\$398.48	\$0.00	\$11,871.17
			\$111,871.17	\$100,000.00	\$11,871.17		

New Repayment Schedule

Dewey County Conservation District Board Minutes
Regular Meeting 2/4/26

Board members present: Jerimiah Garon, Arden Petersen, Jim Petersen, Jay Jones Not present: Ed Ducheneaux
Personnel: Angie Jones; NRCS Personnel: none

Meeting called to order by Jim Petersen at 1:04. Jay Jones moved to approve agenda, seconded by Arden Petersen. Motion carried.

Arden Petersen moved to approve the minutes of the meetings on 1.13.26, seconded by Jay Jones. Motion carried.

NRCS report – none

Jerimiah Garon moved to approve the treasurer's report and pay the bills. Seconded by Jay Jones. Motion carried.

Business manager report given by Angie Jones.

Old Business

Jerimiah Garon made the motion to apply for refinancing on the Dewey CD loan# 1106 with DANR, seconded by Jay Jones. If possible, we will pay only the interest for our upcoming payment. Bill Smith is looking in to our options, and will let us know.

New Business

2025 DANR tree grant reimbursement cost share to applicants was reviewed.

Jerimiah Garon made the motion to approve the applicant for the 2026 DANR tree grant, seconded by Jay Jones.

Discussion of a 2026 work plan was held and a developing a tree management program will be our goal this year. To start, this program would offer additional services such as watering and brush clearing for windbreaks and shelterbelts. We will continue to flesh out the details and expand service options as time, money and interest permit.

Petitions for re-election were handed out to Jerimiah Garon and Arden Petersen, whose terms are up Dec. 31st 2026. They must be filed no later than July 1st.

Next meeting set for 3/4/2026 at 1:00 p.m.

Meeting declared adjourned by Jim Petersen at 2:04 PM

Minutes submitted by: Angie Jones, Business Manager

Dewey County Conservation District

Balance Sheet

as of March 10th, 2026

Assets		Liabilities	
Checking account:	\$36,198.34	Current sum of bills due from tree/fabric providers. (Down payments due Mar-Apr. Final payment due end of May/early June:	-\$42,055.35
Accounts Receivable Now	\$4,457.44	Conservation Commission Loan	-\$60,347.77
Total Current Assets:	\$40,655.78	Remaining payroll & payroll liability annual budget	-\$23,500.00
Accounts Receivable in June (after planting)	\$48,845.95	Current sales tax due	-\$503.52
Fixed Assets: Skid Steer S64	\$40,000.00		
Total Assets:	\$170,157.51	Total Liabilities:	-\$126,406.64

4:19 PM

03/10/26

Accrual Basis

Dewey County Conservation District
Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison
 October 15, 2025 through March 10, 2026

2025 Oct-Mar
vs
2026 Oct-Mar

	Oct 15, '25 - Mar 10, 26	Oct 15, '24 - Mar 10, 25	\$ Change
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
4100 · Tree Planting Income (Machine)	4,398.22	0.00	4,398.22
4110 · Hand Plant Income	8,856.05	4,390.06	4,465.99
4112 · Christmas Tree Income	0.00	494.35	-494.35
4120 · Fabric Income	300.00	150.00	150.00
4121 · Fabric Machine Income	5,093.43	0.00	5,093.43
4122 · Staples - any size	0.00	42.00	-42.00
4500 · Miscellaneous Income	430.58	22.00	408.58
4510 · Interest Income	37.46	56.32	-18.86
4541 · Storage Unit Income	150.00	250.00	-100.00
4900 · Skid Steer Income	0.00	300.00	-300.00
8000.2 · SDACDE Reimbursements	1,365.00	0.00	1,365.00
Total Income	20,630.74	5,704.73	14,926.01
Expense			
6001 · Utilities	1,071.46	617.56	453.90
6005 · Insurance Expense	723.00	743.00	-20.00
6013 · Supervisor Meals	107.84	206.61	-98.77
6015 · Supervisor General Expenses	8.37	1,840.70	-1,832.33
6020 · Employee Wages	6,837.50	5,022.50	1,815.00
6030 · Employer Payroll Tax	99.15	72.83	26.32
6035 · Employee Mileage	0.00	225.42	-225.42
6050 · Memberships & Dues	101.00	700.00	-599.00
6055 · Administrative Expense	1,345.30	0.00	1,345.30
6056 · Miscellaneous expense	0.00	9.68	-9.68
6075 · Advertising Expense	24.60	228.50	-203.90
6075.1 · Event Expense	0.00	50.28	-50.28
6110 · Tree Stock	115.00	1,613.00	-1,498.00
6213 · Drill Repairs	0.00	177.00	-177.00
630 · Misc Equipment Expenses	9.98	693.97	-683.99
6302 · Misc Equipment Gas/Mileage	0.00	40.81	-40.81
6570 · Discount	0.00	96.00	-96.00
66000 · Payroll Expenses	1,832.48	362.85	1,469.63
8000.1 · DANR Grant Reimbursements	7,772.28	0.00	7,772.28
Total Expense	20,047.96	12,700.71	7,347.25
Net Ordinary Income	582.78	-6,995.98	7,578.76
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
1110 · Reimbursements	9,452.27	1,980.00	7,472.27
7300 · Other Governmental Grants Income	5,500.00	7,900.00	-2,400.00
Total Other Income	14,952.27	9,880.00	5,072.27
Net Other Income	14,952.27	9,880.00	5,072.27
Net Income	15,535.05	2,884.02	12,651.03

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Dewey County Conservation District Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison

October 15, 2025 through March 10, 2026

	% Change
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
4100 · Tree Planting Income (Machine)	100.0%
4110 · Hand Plant Income	101.7%
4112 · Christmas Tree Income	-100.0%
4120 · Fabric Income	100.0%
4121 · Fabric Machine Income	100.0%
4122 · Staples - any size	-100.0%
4500 · Miscellaneous Income	1,857.2%
4510 · Interest Income	-33.5%
4541 · Storage Unit Income	-40.0%
4900 · Skid Steer Income	-100.0%
8000.2 · SDACDE Reimbursements	100.0%
Total Income	261.6%
Expense	
6001 · Utilities	73.5%
6005 · Insurance Expense	-2.7%
6013 · Supervisor Meals	-47.8%
6015 · Supervisor General Expenses	-99.6%
6020 · Employee Wages	36.1%
6030 · Employer Payroll Tax	36.1%
6035 · Employee Mileage	-100.0%
6050 · Memberships & Dues	-85.6%
6055 · Administrative Expense	100.0%
6056 · Miscellaneous expense	-100.0%
6075 · Advertising Expense	-89.2%
6075.1 · Event Expense	-100.0%
6110 · Tree Stock	-92.9%
6213 · Drill Repairs	-100.0%
630 · Misc Equipment Expenses	-98.6%
6302 · Misc Equipment Gas/Mileage	-100.0%
6570 · Discount	-100.0%
66000 · Payroll Expenses	405.0%
8000.1 · DANR Grant Reimbursements	100.0%
Total Expense	57.9%
Net Ordinary Income	108.3%
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
1110 · Reimbursements	377.4%
7300 · Other Governmental Grants Income	-30.4%
Total Other Income	51.3%
Net Other Income	51.3%
Net Income	438.7%

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Dewey County Conservation District
Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison
 January through December 2025

2024 / 2025
 Comparison

	Jan - Dec 25	Jan - Dec 24	\$ Change	% Change
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
4100 · Tree Planting Income (Machine)	15,598.32	25,741.23	-10,142.91	-39.4%
4110 · Hand Plant Income	22,587.36	32,649.28	-10,061.92	-30.8%
4112 · Christmas Tree Income	0.00	1,087.57	-1,087.57	-100.0%
4120 · Fabric Income	596.00	823.00	-227.00	-27.6%
4121 · Fabric Machine Income	25,502.17	55,652.93	-30,150.76	-54.2%
4122 · Staples - any size	240.88	252.00	-11.12	-4.4%
4130 · Tree Tube Installation	2,463.75	0.00	2,463.75	100.0%
4210 · Drill Rent	4,207.00	9,377.00	-5,170.00	-55.1%
4500 · Miscellaneous Income	22,771.93	174.65	22,597.28	12,938.6%
4510 · Interest Income	104.78	247.94	-143.16	-57.7%
4541 · Storage Unit Income	550.00	650.00	-100.00	-15.4%
4900 · Skid Steer Income	200.00	1,000.00	-800.00	-80.0%
Total Income	94,822.19	127,655.60	-32,833.41	-25.7%
Expense				
1610.1 · Buildings - Repair Maintenance	0.00	2,596.55	-2,596.55	-100.0%
6000 · Rent	75.00	75.00	0.00	0.0%
6001 · Utilities	2,463.22	2,176.67	286.55	13.2%
6002 · Postage	73.00	153.17	-80.17	-52.3%
6004 · Printing and Supplies	0.00	139.10	-139.10	-100.0%
6005 · Insurance Expense	2,377.19	1,844.35	532.84	28.9%
6012 · Employee Meals	0.00	222.43	-222.43	-100.0%
6013 · Supervisor Meals	338.09	544.47	-206.38	-37.9%
6015 · Supervisor General Expenses	17.76	1,840.70	-1,822.94	-99.0%
6020 · Employee Wages	20,687.50	20,597.17	90.33	0.4%
6030 · Employer Payroll Tax	299.98	298.71	1.27	0.4%
6035 · Employee Mileage	0.00	2,247.20	-2,247.20	-100.0%
6037 · Employee Lodging	304.24	992.58	-688.34	-69.4%
6050 · Memberships & Dues	476.00	685.00	-209.00	-30.5%
6055 · Administrative Expense	1,185.94	3,021.58	-1,835.64	-60.8%
6056 · Miscellaneous expense	540.24	579.68	-39.44	-6.8%
6075 · Advertising Expense	825.78	565.48	260.30	46.0%
6075.1 · Event Expense	746.18	50.28	695.90	1,384.1%
6110 · Tree Stock	24,418.30	46,699.18	-22,280.88	-47.7%
6111 · Tree Planting Wages	8,467.81	20,667.02	-12,199.21	-59.0%
6113 · Tree planter repair	2,357.54	890.00	1,467.54	164.9%
6117 · Tree Shed and Cooler Repairs	0.00	19.57	-19.57	-100.0%
6120 · Fabric Stock	9,570.00	12,820.00	-3,250.00	-25.4%
6134 · Fabric Machine Repair	50.00	0.00	50.00	100.0%
6190 · Specialty Plant Sales Stock	82.32	657.40	-575.08	-87.5%
6213 · Drill Repairs	22,809.24	4,772.80	18,036.44	377.9%
630 · Misc Equipment Expenses	1,464.24	797.83	666.41	83.5%
6302 · Misc Equipment Gas/Mileage	395.27	31.77	363.50	1,144.2%
6303 · Miscellaneous Repairs	0.00	223.86	-223.86	-100.0%
6400 · Skid Steer Expense	0.00	16.65	-16.65	-100.0%
6520 · Interest Expense	2,393.69	1,625.00	768.69	47.3%
6570 · Discount	376.00	1,270.00	-894.00	-70.4%
66000 · Payroll Expenses	3,899.22	1,598.36	2,300.86	144.0%
Total Expense	106,693.75	130,719.56	-24,025.81	-18.4%
Net Ordinary Income	-11,871.56	-3,063.96	-8,807.60	-287.5%
Other Income/Expense				
Other Income				
1110 · Reimbursements	580.00	1,980.00	-1,400.00	-70.7%
7300 · Other Governmental Grants Income	5,500.00	31,600.00	-26,100.00	-82.6%
Total Other Income	6,080.00	33,580.00	-27,500.00	-81.9%
Net Other Income	6,080.00	33,580.00	-27,500.00	-81.9%
Net Income	-5,791.56	30,516.04	-36,307.60	-119.0%



Clark County Conservation District
101 Warren Road
Clark, SD 57225
Phone (605)532-3686 ext.3

January 26, 2026

Dear Grant Commission Committee,

Clark County Conservation District would like to request an amendment regarding their two Tree Shelterbelt Grants that we were granted graciously from the Committee in 2025.

The first grant would be 2025-CSW-009 will expire in summer of 2026. Our second grant is 2025-CSW-025 will expire in the summer of 2027.

The Conservation District, at our last monthly meeting, adjusted our service prices regarding tree planting to match the same rates that are under the 2026 Docket. Due to the change in docket prices, the board elected to also get our rates to match considering the rise in prices in materials but also make it a little easier when working with producers regarding potential projects when discussing some cost share options. The district would like to amend our grants for any future projects to be able to use the most current, up to date cost-share docket the commission has in effect for the fiscal year.

I want to thank the commission committee for allowing this opportunity for not only the district I represent, but also for the opportunities it presents for all districts across the state. If it wasn't for these opportunities, some of these projects would not be possible.

I hope you take the time to consider this amendment and look forward to continuing working along with the commission committee in getting more projects lined up and more conservation on the land.

Thank you,

Kyle Reeves, District Manager
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Day County Conservation District
600 E HWY 12, STE 1
Webster, SD 57274

Established January 14, 1942



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

April 10, 2026

To Whom it may concern,

The Day County Conservation District (DCCD) is requesting extension to the current State Conservation Commission Grant for the Prairie Coteau Watershed project #2024-CSW-024, funded through the Coordinated Natural Resources Conservation Grant program. The DCCD is requesting an extension for six months until 12/31/2026.

The Prairie Coteau Watershed Improvement and Protection Project currently has 4 livestock stream crossings that are planned and will be implemented. Wet conditions last summer into the fall at the project sites created conditions not feasible to install the planned stream crossings. Sites are improving but may need to wait until mid-summer, fall of 2026 to install. With a granted extension, the Prairie Coteau Watershed Project should be able to utilize the rest of the allocated funds to implement these practices this summer into the fall . The allocated funds left total \$1,340.00.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Josh Wagner".

Josh WAGNER on behalf of:

Mark Brandlee, DCCD District Board Chairman

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McPherson County Conservation District
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(605)439-3336 ext 3

January 27th, 2026

RE: Grant #2023-CSW-030 "North Missouri Shelterbelt Renovation & Establishment"

South Dakota Conservation Commission
523 East Capital
Pierre, SD 57501

South Dakota Conservation Commission,

The McPherson County Conservation District would like to request permission to use the 2026 Conservation Commission Cost Docket. This grant currently uses the 2024 Conservation Commission Cost Docket. With the increase in tree prices, labor and other supplies – the 2026 rates would be a great benefit to our producers.

The North Missouri Shelterbelt Renovation and Establishment grant will be expiring at the end of this year. The McPherson County Conservation district intends to apply for an additional grant to assist producers in our area with the renovation of aged shelterbelts and establishment of new shelterbelts. Currently, there are two producers in our district that would like to remove trees in 2026 and replant new trees into their shelterbelts in 2027 that a new grant would assist.

This grant currently has \$20,000 approved for plantings in 2026 for 7 producers, and we have spent over \$30,000 on shelterbelt renovations and establishments during 2024 and 2025.

We greatly appreciate your consideration of the request to use the 2026 cost docket. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen Yost". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end of the name.

Karen Yost

District Manager *for the* McPherson County Conservation District

DATE	GRANT FUND DEPOSITS	SB170 (2022) DEPOSITS	PESTICIDE DEPOSITS	OTHER DEPOSITS	INTEREST	GRANTS AWARDED	SB 170 GRANTS AWARDED	DIVISION FUNDING	REVERTED FUNDS	DEOBLIGATED FUNDS	OTHER DEDUCTIONS	ACCOUNT BALANCE	
FY 2026	\$ 500,000.00											\$ -	SB170 Balance
												\$ 277,423.16	Commission Balance
												\$ 777,423.16	
									\$ -			\$ 777,423.16	Davison 2025-CSW-014
									\$ 6,544.12			\$ 783,967.28	Kingsbury 2023-CSW-017
									\$ 10,444.00			\$ 794,411.28	Bennett 2025-CSW-003
									\$ -			\$ 794,411.28	Butte 2025-CSW-006
									\$ 8.47			\$ 794,419.75	Marshall 2022-CSW-009
									\$ 41,778.25			\$ 836,198.00	Custer 2023-CSW-008
									\$ 10,000.00			\$ 846,198.00	Minnehaha 2023-CSW-022
									\$ 9,388.71			\$ 855,586.71	Minnehaha 2023-CSW-021
									\$ 28,902.19			\$ 884,488.90	Jerauld 2024-CSW-010
									\$ -			\$ 884,488.90	Davison 2025-CSW-013
									\$ -			\$ 884,488.90	Charles Mix 2024-CSW-003
									\$ 254.19			\$ 884,743.09	Davison 2024-CSW-023
									\$ -			\$ 884,743.09	Miner 2023-CSW-031
									\$ 433.65			\$ 885,176.74	Hamlin 2024-CSW-026
									\$ -			\$ 885,176.74	Charles Mix 2025-CSW-007
									\$ 1,852.88			\$ 887,029.62	Beadle 2025-CSW-002
									\$ 146.77			\$ 887,176.39	Corson 2025-CSW-011
						\$ 616,986.60			\$ 23,442.40			\$ 910,618.79	Hughes 2023-CSW-013
												\$ 293,632.19	
SUBTOTAL	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 616,986.60	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 133,195.63	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	293,632.19	
CUMMULATIVE TOTALS	\$ 20,215,428.83	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 1,011,263.98	\$ 803,406.27	\$ 1,969,945.90	\$ 616,986.60	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 133,195.63	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00		

Total revenues FY2025 \$ 500,000.00
Total revenues to date \$ 24,100,044.98

Commission Reversions	\$41,633.01
SB170 Reversions	
Total Funds Available:	\$335,265.20

Tentative Fall FY2026 reversions				
District	Grant #	Amount	Grant End date	Fund Type
Lawrence	2024-CSW-012	\$ 120.00	12/31/2025	Commission
Lawrence	2023-CSW-018	\$ 1,654.76	12/31/2025	Commission
Davison	2024-CSW-022	\$ -	12/31/2025	Commission
Perkins	2024-CSW-019	\$ 498.61	12/31/2025	Commission
Dewey	2025-CSW-015	\$ 1,749.62	12/31/2025	Commission
Beadle	2025-CSW-001	\$ -	12/31/2025	Commission
Brule-Buffalo	2024-CSW-021	\$ 247.00	12/31/2025	Commission
Miner	2025-CSW-023	\$ -	12/31/2025	Commission
Miner	2025-CSW-021	\$ -	12/31/2025	Commission
Miner	2025-CSW-022	\$ -	12/31/2025	Commission
Miner	2024-CSW-016	\$ -	12/31/2025	Commission
Edmunds	2025-CSW-016	\$ 692.93	12/31/2025	Commission
Moody	2023-CSW-023	\$ 14,508.31	12/31/2025	Commission
Lake	2025-CSW-019	\$ 15,000.00	12/31/2025	Commission
Perkins	2024-CSW-017	\$ 7,067.32	12/31/2025	Commission
Codington	2025-CSW-010	\$ 94.46	12/31/2025	Commission
Total		\$41,633.01		

Grant Summary & Milestones Ending December 31, 2025

District	Grant Title	Funds Awarded	Cost-Share	Match	Fabric (LF)	Windbreaks (Acres)	Tanks #	Fence (LF)	Pipeline (LF)	Wells #	Energy Pumps #	Cover Crop (Acres)	Brush MGMT (Hours)	Forest Thinning (Acres)
Beadle	Livestock Water	\$28,290.00	\$28,290.00	\$89,708.87			7		4,095	1	2			
Beadle	Shelterbelt	\$8,256.00	\$6,403.12	\$11,398.75	10,094	6								
Brule-Buffalo	Multi-County Brush MGMT	\$18,250.00	\$18,003.00	\$18,823.00									195	
Butte	SD Envirothon	\$15,500.00	\$15,500.00	\$14,247.01										
Charles Mix	Brush Management	\$15,000.00	\$14,062.50	\$24,375.00									175	
Charles Mix	Shelterbelts	\$10,000.00	\$9,457.70	\$16,841.30	15,477	4.6								
Codington	Public Awareness	\$2,000.00	\$1,905.54	\$1,905.55										
Corson	Tree Planting Grant	\$1,265.75	\$1,118.98	\$1,163.00	1,875	0.6								
Davison	Multi-County Brush MGMT	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$42,278.23									458	
Davison	Microirrigation	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$5,430.00										
Davison	DCD Tree Planting	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$12,423.23	16,269	8.2								
Dewey	Dewey County Tree Grant	\$11,201.89	\$9,452.27	\$10,857.28	9,540	2.6		3,040						
Edmunds	Conservation Education	\$1,500.00	\$807.07	\$950.46										
Hamlin	2025 Tree Plantings	\$8,975.00	\$8,541.35	\$12,588.55	13,458	4.0								
Lawrence	Forest Resiliency Project	\$25,000.00	\$23,345.24	\$60,880.64										48
Lawrence	Thinning for Forest Health	\$31,500.00	\$31,380.00	\$38,350.00										34
Miner	Soil Health Improvement	\$21,840.00	\$21,840.00	\$60,932.19								609		
Miner	Conservation Edu & Awareness	\$2,550.00	\$2,550.00	\$6,978.48										
Miner	Pollinator Planting	\$1,650.00	\$1,650.00	\$1,748.40										
Miner	SDACDE 2025 Promoting Conservation	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$9,339.35										
Moody	Shelterbelt Grant	\$35,860.00	\$21,351.69	\$28,405.39	28,545	12.3								
Perkins	2024 Fencing Pipeline	\$12,488.52	\$5,421.20	\$21,792.23			3	2,558	3,407					
Perkins	Perkins County Tree Planting	\$23,722.11	\$23,223.50	\$23,232.94	34,462	13.2		3,722						
Total		\$334,849.27	\$304,303.16	\$514,649.85	129,720	51	10	9,320	7,502	1	2	609	828	82

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202620	Lawrence	Forest Resiliency Project	01/01/2026	2/31/2027	\$93,000.00	\$186,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!	No
202621	Lincoln	Windbreak Renovation Spring	01/01/2026	6/30/2026	\$2,750.00	\$11,590.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!	No
202622	Mellette	2025 MC Multi-Practice Grant	01/01/2026	6/30/2027	\$40,000.00	\$181,600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!	No
202623	Miner	SDACDE Promoting Conservation	01/01/2026	2/31/2026	\$8,200.00	\$16,400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!	No
202624	Miner	Conservation Practices for MC	01/01/2026	2/31/2026	\$29,975.00	\$61,975.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!	No
202625	Perkins	Perkins County Tree Planting	01/01/2026	2/31/2026	\$3,740.10	\$18,280.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!	No
202626	SANBORN	Conservation Reborn	01/01/2026	2/31/2026	\$2,850.00	\$5,700.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!	No
<u>Grand Total:</u>					\$26,518,018.70	\$109,405,735.60	\$19,343,627.71	\$56,791,947.70		

Leverage is \$4.11 (NOT including Nursery Grants)

ALL CAPS indicates project is complete

Number in (1) indates how many districts are active co-sponsors

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202603	Beadle	Shelterbelt	01/01/2026	2/31/2026	\$9,300.00	\$21,750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!	No
202605	Brule-Buffalo		01/01/2026	6/30/2027	\$18,250.00	\$18,250.00	\$525.00	\$625.00	\$1.19	No
202606	Brule-Buffalo	Renovation and Tree Planting	01/01/2026	6/30/2027	\$50,000.00	\$103,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!	No
202607	Butte	Multi-County Ditch & Pipe	01/01/2026	2/31/2026	\$30,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!	No
202608	Charles Mix	Brush Management	01/01/2026	2/31/2027	\$21,875.00	\$43,750.00	\$2,625.00	\$4,125.00	\$1.57	No
202609	Charles Mix	Shelterbelts	01/01/2026	2/31/2027	\$18,000.00	\$36,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!	No
202610	Corson	Tree Planting Grant	01/01/2026	2/31/2026	\$20,400.00	\$42,400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!	No
202611	Davison	Microirrigation	01/01/2026	2/31/2026	\$5,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!	No
202612	Davison	Davison/Hanson Tree Planting	01/01/2026	2/31/2026	\$20,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!	No
202613	DEWEY	Windbreak/Shelterbelt	01/01/2026	2/31/2026	\$4,878.00	\$14,758.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!	No
202614	Fall River	Forest Resiliency Health	01/01/2026	2/31/2028	\$15,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!	No
202615	Hamlin	2026 Tree Plantings	01/01/2026	2/31/2027	\$11,033.00	\$35,243.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!	No
202616	Hughes	2026/27 Tree Initiative	01/01/2026	6/30/2027	\$15,000.00	\$53,250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!	No
202617	HUTCHINSON		01/01/2026	2/31/2026	\$11,000.00	\$22,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!	No
202618	Jerauld	Multi-Purpose	01/01/2026	6/30/2027	\$41,996.50	\$91,275.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!	No
202619	Kingsbury	Conservation Practice	01/01/2026	6/30/2027	\$69,000.00	\$138,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!	No

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202521	Miner	Conservation Edu & Awareness	01/01/2025	2/31/2025	\$2,550.00	\$5,100.00	\$2,550.00	\$6,978.48	\$2.74	Yes
202522	Miner	Pollinator Planting	01/01/2025	2/31/2025	\$1,650.00	\$3,300.00	\$1,650.00	\$1,748.40	\$1.06	Yes
202523	Miner	SDACDE 2025 Promoting Conserva	01/01/2025	2/31/2025	\$8,000.00	\$16,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$9,339.25	\$1.17	Yes
202524	Perkins	NWA Tree Planting	01/01/2025	2/31/2026	\$19,389.55	\$66,362.86	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!	No
202525	Clark	Tree Shelterbelt	07/01/2025	6/30/2027	\$26,874.13	\$75,135.28	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!	No
202526	Davison	Awareness & Outreach Activity	07/01/2025	6/30/2026	\$3,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$1,085.56	\$1,085.56	\$1.00	No
202527	Davison	Multi-County Brush MGMT	07/01/2025	2/31/2026	\$15,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$4,471.86	\$4,800.74	\$1.07	No
202528	Gregory	County Projects 9	07/01/2025	2/31/2026	\$100,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$10,485.60	\$18,975.03	\$1.81	No
202529	Jackson	Cover Crop Initiative	07/01/2025	2/31/2026	\$20,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$2,752.20	\$2,514.20	\$0.91	No
202530	Lawrence	Walk in the Forest	07/01/2025	6/30/2026	\$1,150.00	\$2,300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!	No
202531	Marshall	Multi-purpose & Multi-practice	05/01/2025	6/30/2027	\$42,000.00	\$190,445.00	\$14,168.37	\$27,303.83	\$1.93	No
202532	Pennington	Black Hills Forest Stewardship	07/01/2025	6/30/2026	\$9,500.00	\$19,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!	No
202533	Spink	Education & Promotion	07/01/2025	6/30/2026	\$6,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!	No
202534	Stanley	Stanley County Tree Planting	07/01/2025	6/30/2026	\$26,333.00	\$76,532.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!	No
202601	AURORA	SHELTERBELTS	01/01/2026	2/31/2027	\$12,500.00	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!	No
202602	Beadle	Livestock Water	01/01/2026	2/31/2026	\$51,325.00	\$159,025.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!	No

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202417	Perkins	2024 Fencing Pipeline	01/01/2024	2/31/2025	\$12,488.52	\$71,187.40	\$5,421.38	\$21,612.23	\$3.99	Yes
202418	Perkins	Community Outreach	01/01/2024	2/31/2024	\$5,150.00	\$20,465.00	\$5,150.00	\$10,358.05	\$2.01	Yes
202419	Perkins	Perkins County Tree Planting	01/01/2024	2/31/2025	\$23,722.11	\$78,928.66	\$23,223.50	\$23,282.94	\$1.00	Yes
202420	AURORA	Conservation Education & Aware	07/01/2024	2/31/2026	\$1,500.00	\$3,000.00				No
202421	Brule-Buffero	Multi-County Brush MGMT	07/01/2024	2/31/2025	\$18,250.00	\$36,500.00	\$18,003.00	\$22,083.00	\$1.23	Yes
202422	Davison	Multi-County Brush MGMT	07/01/2024	2/31/2025	\$40,000.00	\$80,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$42,278.23	\$1.06	Yes
202423	Davison	Awareness & Outreach	07/01/2024	6/30/2025	\$1,500.00	\$3,000.00	\$1,245.81	\$1,245.81	\$1.00	Yes
202424	Day	Prairie Coteau Watershed Proje	07/01/2024	6/30/2026	\$10,000.00	\$423,940.00	\$8,659.00	\$30,924.03	\$3.57	No
202425	Douglas	Tree & Fabric Project	01/01/2024	6/30/2026	\$17,000.00	\$34,000.00	\$5,374.38	\$9,868.74	\$1.84	No
202426	Hamlin	2025 Tree Plantings	07/01/2024	2/31/2025	\$8,975.00	\$21,555.00	\$8,541.35	\$12,588.55	\$1.47	Yes
202427	Hyde	Hyde/Faulk Enhancements Proj 3	07/01/2024	6/30/2026	\$28,273.50	\$58,473.50	\$11,263.59	\$12,590.41	\$1.12	No
202428	Pennington	Thinning for Forest Health	07/01/2024	6/30/2026	\$46,000.00	\$92,000.00	\$28,230.00	\$31,590.00	\$1.12	No
202501	Beadle	Livestock Water	01/01/2025	2/31/2025	\$28,290.00	\$93,310.00	\$28,290.10	\$89,708.87	\$3.17	Yes
202502	Beadle	Shelterbelt	01/01/2025	2/31/2025	\$8,256.00	\$21,190.00	\$6,403.12	\$11,398.75	\$1.78	Yes
202503	Bennett	Tree Plantings 2025	01/01/2025	2/31/2025	\$10,444.00	\$23,351.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!	Yes
202504	Brule-Buffero	Renovation and Tree Planting	01/01/2025	6/30/2026	\$25,200.00	\$54,400.00	\$24,284.26	\$32,082.29	\$1.32	No

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202505	Butte	Multi-County Ditch & Pipe	01/01/2025	6/30/2026	\$30,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$6,318.37	\$6,318.37	\$1.00	No
202506	Butte	SD Envirothon	01/01/2025	2/31/2025	\$15,500.00	\$62,000.00	\$15,500.00	\$9,247.01	\$0.60	Yes
202507	Charles Mix	Brush Management	01/01/2025	2/31/2026	\$15,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$25,950.12	\$1.73	Yes
202508	Charles Mix	Shelterbelts	01/01/2025	2/31/2026	\$10,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$2,903.50	\$5,145.61	\$1.77	No
202509	Clark	Tree Shelterbelt	01/01/2025	6/30/2026	\$11,825.50	\$34,519.50	\$6,449.97	\$7,512.38	\$1.16	No
202510	Codington	Public Awareness	01/01/2025	2/31/2025	\$2,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$1,905.54	\$1,905.55	\$1.00	Yes
202511	Corson	Tree Planting Grant	01/01/2025	2/31/2025	\$1,265.75	\$2,531.50	\$1,118.98	\$1,163.00	\$1.04	Yes
202512	Custer	Thinning for Resilient Forest	01/01/2025	2/31/2027	\$61,200.00	\$122,400.00	\$16,630.00	\$22,965.00	\$1.38	No
202513	Davison	Microirrigation	01/01/2025	2/31/2025	\$2,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$5,430.00	\$2.72	Yes
202514	Davison	DCD Tree Planting	01/01/2025	2/31/2025	\$10,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$12,423.27	\$1.24	Yes
202515	DEWEY	Dewey County Tree Grant	01/01/2025	2/31/2025	\$11,201.89	\$23,010.72	\$9,452.27	\$10,857.28	\$1.15	Yes
202516	Edmunds	Conservation Education	01/01/2025	2/31/2025	\$1,500.00	\$3,000.00	\$807.07	\$950.46	\$1.18	Yes
202517	Fall River	Forest Resiliency Health	01/01/2025	2/31/2027	\$15,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!	No
202518	Kingsbury	Conservation For Everyone	01/01/2025	6/30/2026	\$49,000.00	\$179,000.00	\$27,538.51	\$47,232.35	\$1.72	No
202519	LAKE	Improve Soil Health by Conserv	01/01/2025	2/31/2025	\$15,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!	Yes
202520	Lawrence	Thinning for Forest Health	01/01/2025	2/31/2027	\$167,000.00	\$334,000.00	\$39,077.50	\$41,377.90	\$1.06	No



Brule-Buffalo Conservation District
200 S Paul Gust Rd, STE 111
Chamberlain, SD 57325
605-734-5953 x3

BBCD Brush Management Project
Commission Grant 2024-CSW-021 Summary
Completed December 2025

The Brule-Buffalo Conservation District completed 195 hours of Brush Management in 2024-2025. The 13 producers that participated in the grant were:

Doug Feltman – 10 hrs	Charly Totten – 30 hrs
Sheldon Fletcher – 13 hrs	Hal Werner – 30 hrs
Jeff Bailie – 8 hrs	Brennan Lockwood – 3 hrs
Steve Reimer – 3 hrs	Robyn Trimble – 8 hrs
Allan Renner – 12 hrs	Rodger Cambell – 17 hrs
Alex Permann – 18 hrs	Ryan Cambell – 25 hrs
Wes Priebe – 18 hrs	

Those involved with this grant were Brule-Buffalo Conservation District, SD Dept of Ag Division of Resource Conservation & Forestry, and operators in Brule, Buffalo, and Lyman Counties.

The operators were responsible for 50% cost-share. Division of RC&F paid 50% cost-share. The District provided the initial visit to meet with Producers, schedule time of removal, and doing the work of removing encroaching trees species.

The commitment from these operators shows the family tradition of good land stewardship, opening grasslands for livestock and preservation of conservation.

Brule-Buffalo Conservation District will be turning back a total of \$1075.00.

Zach Zimprich
District Manager
Brule-Buffalo Cons District



Codington County Conservation District
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Phone (605)882-4989 x3

March 19, 2026

SD Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources
Division of Resource Conservation and Forestry
Attn: Alex Roeber
523 E Capitol Ave
Pierre, SD 57501

Final Report Grant #2025-CSW-010

Dear Alex Roeber:

This grant was awarded to Codington Conservation District. It was to fund promotional activities within the county.

We were able to participate in the following:

- 2025 Watertown Winter Farm Show funding helped us be able to do radio ads for the first time.
- We reached over 300 kids during April by speaking at the schools in Codington County.
- 4-H Achievement Day sponsorship of the T-shirts given to each member.
- We advertised on the cover of our county plat book, promoting our new CRP mowing service.
- We participated in the Thanksgiving Lighted Parade, we had the pickup lit up with green, red and white lights. We also put a 12-foot snowman in the bed of the truck and heard kids comment on the size of the snowman throughout the parade.
- Winter Wonderland participant. The Optimist Club asks organizations to bring a lighted display to Lake Kampeska campground. The displays are open on the evening weekends in December for people to drive thru and view the lighted displays. When they exit the display Santa is there to give out candy canes and people can leave a free will donation. This is our 5th year participating.

Having the grant assistance made it easier for our District to participate in the activities listed and there by getting our name out there to inform the residents of Codington Co we are available to help with any of their conservation needs. We can finally start to see the effect of all our efforts. We have more people aware that we are here to help. Many more people are stopping in the office to order trees, ask questions or inquire on tree plantings. It is exciting to see our hard work pay off.

Regretfully, I am reverting \$94.46 to the Grant fund. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Thank you,

Deanna Kunkel, District Manager
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Beadle Conservation District Livestock Water Quality Grant

2025-CSW-001 Final Report

The Beadle Conservation District has completed a 1-year Livestock Water Grant with success.

We were able to assist 6 producers provide water for their livestock who otherwise would not have been able to do so. Thank you for your assistance with this project.

Grant Summary:

The below practices assisted producers provide water for their livestock on 720 acres of land.

- 2 - Rural Water hook-up
- 7 - Tanks/hydrants
- 1 - Well
- 2 - Pumps
- 4,095 ft of Pipeline



Davison Conservation District
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Mitchell, SD 57301
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November 20, 2025

South Dakota Conservation Commission
c/o Alex Roeber
Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources
523 E. Capitol Ave.
Pierre, SD 57501

Dear South Dakota Conservation Commission:

The Davison Conservation District would like to present the final report for Grant number 2024-CSW-022 that was for the Brush Management Project.

The Forestry Cutter was used to improve pastures, CRP acres, and various other sites where unwanted trees and shrubs were growing. The Forestry Cutter was used in Davison County for 6 customers with a total of 89.75 hours, in Hanson County for 9 customers with a total of 198.75 hours, in Sanborn County for 6 customers with a total of 91.75 hours and in Miner County for 1 customer with a total of 8 hours. The totals come to 388.25 hours and 22 producers.

We have returned to many of the sites this spring 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.

If there are any further questions you may have concerning this grant, please feel free to contact our office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Debbie Bartscher".

Debbie Bartscher
Asst. District Manager



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Final Report for Dewey Tree Grant #2025-CSW-015

Project Goals & Objectives: Our goal was to establish two windbreaks in high-need locations, which were otherwise unable to receive cost-share assistance. Both plots, representing approximately five total acres, were successfully installed and will be monitored in the coming years for survival success outcomes. An exclusion fence was also installed. An additional goal was to improve overall awareness of conservation services in our county, which both of these plots achieved due to their highly visible locations. Soil erosion, windbreak protection for wildlife and livestock and nutrient retention from run-off were addressed through installation of these conservation practices.

Successes & Challenges: This was our first year having a functioning district again, and it was challenging to meet the knowledge and labor requirements to get the landowners the assistance they were seeking. However, it was a success in that we were able to implement several important local conservation practices, and as our first year is now under our belt, we are far better situated to continue to improve conservation within our county.

Milestones: It was a milestone to get our county's conservation district up and functioning again, after nearly a decade of inoperation. We also made and re-established several partnerships with related conservation entities, which will hopefully lead to many future cooperative conservation endeavors.

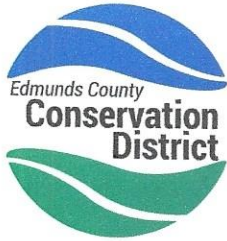
Partners Involved: This was a cooperative effort between the SDDANR Conservation Commission, the Dewey County Conservation District and two private landowner residents of Dewey County.

On behalf of the Dewey County Conservation District and our local landowners, I would like to thank you for your assistance with this project. Your efforts to assist South Dakota land stewarts with their conservation efforts are greatly appreciated!

Sincerely,

Angie Jones

Angie Jones
District Manager,
Dewey County Conservation District
605-230-0968



Edmunds County Conservation District
PO Box 25
Ipswich, SD 57451-0025

Dear Commissioners ,

ECCD had a very late start to the growing season in the community garden due to weather. We did have a great group of kids from the tiger Post to help plant, weed and harvest so that was a good thing. All produce was donated to the Tiger Post and people in the county.

Main Street garden was a new project to reshape a memorial garden to show case native pollinators complete with markers with the names of the plants. We had many people share their thoughts about how wonderful it is to see so much color and life(bees and butterflies). Next year we will plant Zinnia seeds that were harvested from last year's flower I had and our office gardens and the veg. garden. This is also a teaching point I work with people, how to seed collect for years. It's a smart way to make your money stretch.

The reason for the Zinnias is years ago Ipswich was known for their Zinnias so I thought it would be fun to bring it back. Can't wait to see the reaction from people's faces.

Arbor Day was a lot of fun as always but next year will be different. No trees but pollinators that I started from seed. Yes we talk about the importance of trees and what they do for us. Many of the kids don't live where BHS trees can be planted and I have been asked if we can do something different but fun.

Thank you Commissioners for helping to support ECCD with outreach teaching funds.

Meshele Townsend
District Manager
Edmunds County Conservation District
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Final Grant report from Lake County SD.

While the Lake County Conservation District was initially excited to get awarded grant dollars, enthusiasm was tempered when I became aware of how few of my tree plans were to be accepted. I had a state forester review my planting sites and he determined only a handful of them were eligible for reimbursement. The work involved in getting the DANR dollars was not worth it in the opinion of the Supervisors board in Lake County.

There was limited interest in the program from county residents. I was also able to secure funds from a private entity that received widespread acceptance by residents that was financially advantageous to the Conservation District.

Thank you

Jeff Meadows, LCCD manager

Jeffrey.meadows@usda.gov



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November 24, 2025

Alex Roeber
SD DANR
Resource Conservation & Forestry Div.
523 E Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501

Alex:

This letter is to serve as the final report for our Coordinated Soil & Water Conservation Grant, Thinning for Forest Health, 2023-CSW-018a. Lawrence Conservation District matched \$22,344.74 in grant funds with \$52,547.04 in other funds for a total of \$74,891.78 invested in forest health. Reverted funds total \$1655.26.

A total of 48.27 acres of applied practices and 6 landowners were assisted in the administration of this grant. The approval of our request for a docket change and an extension was key to completing these projects. Previously, landowners were hindered by the high cost of contractors, availability of contractors, limited work season, dry/drought conditions, and the low cost-share rate.

We have seen an increase in interest for these grant programs, which conveys that landowners are being proactive on their property and want to be prepared should a fire event occur.

We consider this project a success and are seeing continued success with our current grants. Thank you for your continued support of our conservation efforts, we look forward to working with you on our future grants.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Yvette M. Kirkman".

Yvette Kirkman, District Manager
Lawrence Conservation District



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Alex Roeber
SD DANR
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523 E. Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501

Alex:

This letter is to serve as a final report for our Coordinated Soil and Water Conservation Grant, Thinning for Forest Health, #2024-CSW-012. We matched \$30,150.00 in grant funds with \$38,350.00 in other funds for a total of \$68,500.00 invested.

A total of 2 projects were completed on 33.5 acres. This project was an improvement of forest health and reduced fire hazards on small acreages. We have had increased interest in these types of projects and look forward to assisting several more land-owners with our running grants.

Although we did not complete the projected 100 acres, we were able to amend this grant to utilize the updated cost share docket, which altered the amount of acres we could fund. We will be reverting \$120.00 in administration funds and consider this project a success.

Thank you for your continued support of our forest health projects.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Yvette Kirkman".

Yvette Kirkman, District Manager
Lawrence Conservation District

Grant 2025-CSW-021
MINER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
CONSERVATION EDUCATION & PUBLIC AWARENESS OF CONSERVATION FOR MINER COUNTY
FINAL REPORT
January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2024

The Miner Conservation District's Conservation Education & Public Awareness of Conservation for Miner County – Grant #2025-CSW-021 – is now complete. The term of the grant was January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

Through this grant we accomplished many projects. Many of these projects could not have been completed without the assistance of this grant. Public Awareness and Conservation Education is an expensive part of being a Conservation District – but DEFINITELY a necessary requirement to achieve the goals and mission of Conservation Districts.

In small communities such as ours, community activities are very important. Our local paper allows us to submit 'Conservation Notes' each week free of charge if we subscribe to the paper. So, we submit conservation news and many pictures of our activities through community events, school activities, and grant projects. We send out one mailing a year with information about the Conservation District and our NRCS office. We have been at the Football Playoffs in the last few years; at the playoff games we have supplied stress footballs and light-up bracelets (both with our Conservation District name on them). They also announced thanking the Miner Conservation District for supporting Howard High School activities. At the Homecoming Parade, our cheerleaders pass out stress basketballs. 3 of our District Supervisors enjoy Soil & Water Stewardship Week. They hand out Black Hills Spruce plugs in an identification plastic sleeve during their church service. The District also supplies Litanies for the service. Hometown Holidays is a big deal in Miner County, with a Parade of Trees – the Conservation District always has a tree on display for this event. 4-H is also a big deal in Miner County. At the Achievement Days we supply coozies for the concession stand to use when they sell their pop. It is nice to see people walking around the fairgrounds with a cookie stating "Miner Conservation District Proudly Supports Miner County 4-H".

The Miner Conservation District participates in each class grades 1 -6. We do a different project in each class, so it is always something new for each student. In 1st grade we teach about the water cycle and make a 'water cycle bracelet' as we learn about each part of the water cycle. We also read a book 'Drop: An Adventure Through The Water Cycle'. The CD received a grant from the Discovery Center to purchase enough books for each student to be able to read from. The children read the parts from Drop, the rain drop. The Conservation District reads the other part.

Earth Day was celebrated with the 2nd graders. The students learned about the layers of soil and how they were formed. Then each student made a 'Dirt Cup', with the ingredients representing different layers of soil. Different items represent the various layers of the soil.

We celebrated Arbor Day with the 3rd Graders and 5th Graders. We talked about Arbor Day, the history, and the importance of Arbor Day. Each student received the state tree of South Dakota (Black Hills Spruce). It is amazing how many parents and students still come up to me and discuss their Arbor Day tree and how well it has grown. We teach the students about planting their little trees and hand them information sheets. The trees also each have a bag for the tree plug that includes instructions for planting.

We visited the 4th graders and discussed how easy it was to pollute the water and ruin water quality. We had made a container that illustrated their local lake – they chose Lake Carthage. Each student had a role they played ranging from Lake Front Property Owners, Feedlot Owners, Mother Nature – to name a few. Each student took their turn and read a

card that had to do with the role they were playing and discussed the best role to play to keep the water clean. If bad choices were made, they students added those choices to the water. They were very surprised how just a few bad choices can affect the quality of a lake they love.

5th Grade participated in the Poster Contest. The winning poster was sent to the state for state competition, our winning poster was featured in the Arbor Day Calendar! We were very excited about that. SD DANR even came to our Howard Elementary Awards Day to present an award to our student with the winning poster.

We went with the 5th graders collecting leaves and learning about trees. We made art projects with the leaves, identifying each leaf. The students designed the front of their booklet and created a 'Table of Contents'. The Conservation District judged the booklets and awarded prizes to the winning booklets.

We had a 5th Grade Nature Day. It was not beautiful day. We did plant 2 fruit trees in the Fruit Tree Garden by the Howard High School. The other events were inside.

The 5th & 6th graders participated in the Arbor Day Creative Writing Contest. We met with them to discuss the importance of Arbor Day. We are allowed to submit one winning essay for state competition. Our winning essay was from a 6th grader. His essay won 1st in the state. We had a really nice awards presentation with honored guests from SDACD and SD DANR, along with the student's family.

The Conservation District participated in the Elementary Awards Celebration. We gave out conservation awards for the Arbor Day Essays, Arbor Day Posters, and the Leaf Booklets.

All of the 10th graders and some 11th graders in Miner County participated in the Conservation Speech Contest. It was very rewarding to see how much the students learned from the Speeches. Each participant gave their speech in front of the entire class, their teachers, and the Conservation District. The top 2 winners participated in the Area Contest, and both won the area contest. One of our students received 2nd place in the state.

We were very proud of our students' conservation activities. In the state we placed in the 5th Grade Arbor Day Poster Contest, the 5th & 6th Grade Creative Writing Contest, and the Conservation Speech Contest!

Students love to learn about Conservation. We had done events at the schools for so long, that now the young farmers have actually been students when the Conservation District has had Conservation Activities. They feel comfortable coming into the office and asking about way to improve their land and make it better than before through good conservation of their natural resources. We love having visitors come through our county and comment on the beauty of our county with our trees and native grass seedings. We have a lot of farmers participating in rotational grazing and livestock water quality projects. Much of this is because of our Conservation Education and Public Awareness activities.

Conservation Awareness and Education is a great way to get Conservation information out to the producers, landowners, and residents of Miner County. We start with 1st grade and continue through the high school teaching and promoting conservation. We also do community activities with adults - it is surprising how much the students have talked with their parents about Conservation. It is a wonderful way for us as a Conservation District to promote Conservation in our county – and to let everyone know the importance of their local Conservation District! WE THANK YOU FOR MAKING OUR COMMUNITY MORE AWARE OF CONSERVATION!

Students participating in the Conservation Speech Contest and the winners



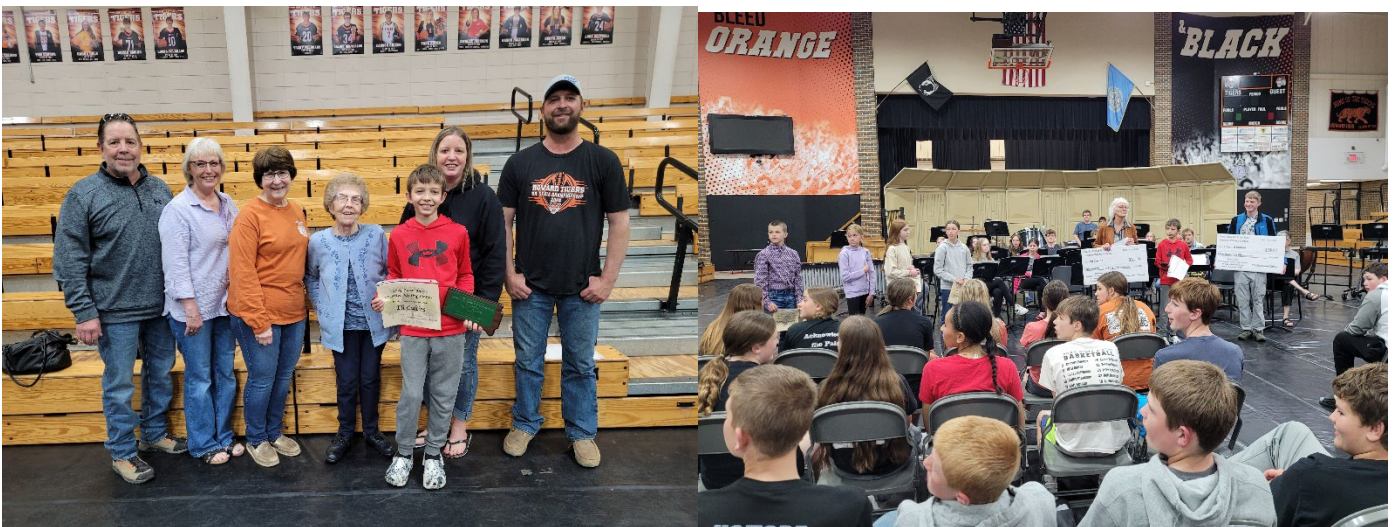
Parade of Trees Display

Hanson School 4th Grades for Arbor Day

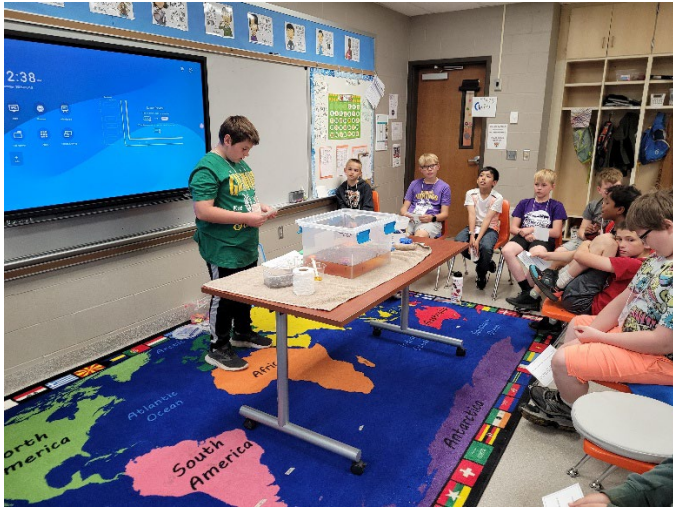


Winning Arbor Day Creative Writing with his proud family

Presentation at Highschool for Winning Essay



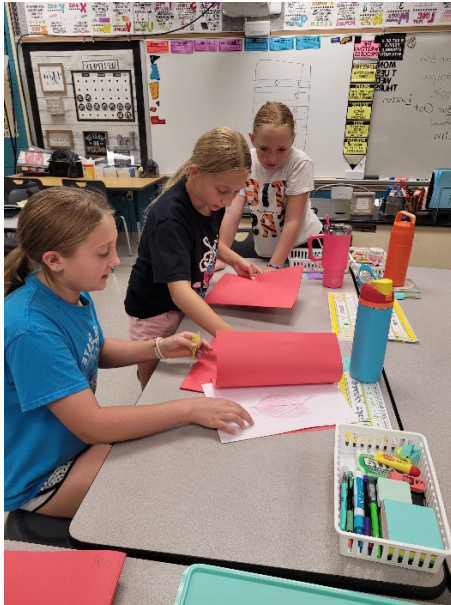
4th Graders Participating in 'Lake Pollution'



Collecting leaves around town for Leaf Booklets



Art Work with Leaves Collected



4th Graders Making Better Choices with Lake Carthage



1st Graders Learning the Water Cycle



3rd Graders Showing Off Their Black Hills Spruce



Grant 2025-CSW-022

Pollinator Plantings in Miner County

FINAL REPORT

January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025

The Pollinator Planting Grant – Grant #2025-CSW-022 – is now complete. The term of the grant was January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

This was a very fun grant. It was a great way to promote pollinator plantings and educate the public on the importance of pollinators. Sometimes as a Conservation District we get somewhat set in our ways just thinking about tree planting and grass seeding. This grant was a fun, inexpensive way for the Conservation District to be more involved with the community.

13 producers participated in this grant, with pollinators ranging from milkweed to black eyed susan to asters. Time was spent planning the pollinator gardens to include early blooming for habitat after hibernation to summer blooming for their peak pollinator, to late blooming to provide added fuel to prepare for hibernation. Minnesota Native Landscapes have a grant available to assist Conservation Districts with Native Plantings. It helps in planning and also offers a discount rate on the garden kits. Each of their garden kit includes 36 plugs, 6 plants of 6 different varieties. Their kits can be personalized to fit the customers needs. We planted Monarch Butterfly Gardens, Rusty Patch Bee Pollinator Gardens, Backyard Prairie Pollinator Gardens, and some creative pollinator garden kits.

This grant was a wonderful opportunity for the Conservation District to become more involved with others in the community.

The Miner Conservation District, along with its residents, landowners, and community members, wish to thank the Conservation Commission for their support of this project. We received great public awareness on the importance of pollinator. All participants thoroughly enjoyed all aspects of this grant.



SOUTH DAKOTA CONSERVATION DISTRICT EMPLOYEES PROMOTING CONSERVATION IN SD

FINAL REPORT

South Dakota State Fair – August 27 – September 1 – Huron

Jean Fagerland, Ivy Pazour, & Amy Sis were in charge of the South Dakota State Fair. Tami & Wayne Moore and Jean & Dennis Fagerland are in charge of hauling items for the booth, set up and clean up. SDACDE spent Thursday in the Value Added Tent. A lot of people went through because of the beautiful day and they served free ice cream and other samples. People that stopped at our booth were asked to drop a mark on the Conservation District area they were from. People marked 56 of the 68 Conservation District areas, so we were really excited. Big Sioux Nursery donated some potted trees and plants for our booth. Ivy Pazour had some native plants available. We had a drawing for three \$50 gift certificates to their local Conservation District. The neon green backpacks are the biggest hit, kids and adults walk around the fair grounds all week with their backpacks. In our promotion of planting pollinators, we handed out Monarch Butterfly Perennial Seed Packets. We also had stress acorns to further promote the South Dakota Conservation Districts. 14 Conservation District employees worked at the booth. The next day, Pheasants Forever were providing water bottles at the Game, Fish, & Parks outdoor activity center. We provided the coozies for their water bottles – we also got to see people walking around with our coozies all week at the fair. Workers at the fair were Moore's, Fagerlands', Amy Sis, Maggie Steiner, Ivy Pazour, Kyle Reeves, Robin Viestenz, McKenzie Beadle, Mary Beth Fravel, Jody Hauge, Deanna Kunkel, & Molly Hauck.



Dakota Fest – August 19-21 – Mitchell

Dawn Schulte and Jody Hauge were in charge of Dakota Fest. They manned the booth with NRCS, SDACD, Pheasants Forever, SD GF&P, and SDACDE all 3 days – very, very hot days. Tami Moore worked on August 20. This area was located on the east end of the grounds with very little air flow and a lot of heat. People were hot so they didn't spend a lot of time in our area. Pheasants Forever was handing out water, and we supplied coozies for their water – so everyone that went by stopped at least to get a water and a coozie. We also handed out perennial pollinator seed packets to everyone that stopped by. The coozies were probably the biggest hit because it was so hot. SDACDE also supplied coozies for their pop and water at the South Dakota Cattleman's Booth on the west side of the grounds. This was a huge hit. The cattlemen appreciated it, and their customers really appreciated it. It was good to see all the Conservation District coozies walking around Dakota Fest.



South Dakota Soil Health Conference

Jean Fagerland & Amy Sis were in charge of planning for the SD Soil Health Conference. Other Conservation District employees helping at the booth were Maggie Steiner, Josh Wagner, Peggy Loomis, Deanna Kunkel, & Ivy Pazour. The SD Soil Health Conference is always a great opportunity. SDACDE does the lowest sponsorship and get an awesome gain. We were even put right by the main door so that everyone walked right by. Everyone loves the stress trees, the seed packets are easy to carry, and back packs are always handy to keep handouts in. Plus, all through the conference the back packs can be seen with the Conservation District name on it.



Grant 2024-CSW-016

Soil Health Improvement through Conservation Practices Grant for Miner County

FINAL REPORT

January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025

The Soil Health Improvement for Miner County – Grant #2024-CSW-016 – is now complete. The term of the grant was January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025.

This Conservation Grant was well perceived by the community, the landowners, and our conservation partners. Our community loves trees and has a very vested interest in healthy soil. Many people call in – not just farmers and landowners – to comment on trees that we planted in the county and to commend us on the promotion of things like cover crops to improve soil health. It is very rewarding to receive a phone call or have someone stop in to comment on our conservation efforts. We have people stop by when we are planting trees just to watch. My crew loves to plant trees. We would love to stop tillage, but that has not happened yet – but we are making progress.

Our goals for this grant were to plant 14,835' of trees with 5 producers, 2.0 acres of Shelterbelt Renovations with 2 producers, and have 5 producers that had not planted cover crops plant cover crops on 320 acres. Through this grant 6 producers planted trees on 11.1 acres for a total of 12,080' of trees, this did not meet our goal of 14,835' but we did provide cost-share to 1 more producer. 6.03 acres of trees were for Wildlife Plantings, along with Ground Water Protection. 5.03 acres of trees were planted for Livestock and Farm Protection. 3.77 acres of trees were Shelterbelt Renovations, exceeding our goal of 2.0 acres. We were very proud that we promoted Cover Crops for Soil Health and 8 producers new to planting cover crops participated on 608.6 acres, which far exceeded our goal.

The total project costs of this grant was \$39,061.81. Conservation Commission Grant Funds used were \$12,151.17 or 31.11%.

This grant was a wonderful opportunity for our producers. All the producers taking advantage of this grant sincerely appreciated the funding for their tree plantings.

The Miner Conservation District, along with its residents, landowners, and community members, wish to thank the Conservation Commission for their support of this project. We received great public awareness on the importance of tree plantings and the planting of cover crops – and all the benefits, such as improved water quality, reduction of soil erosion,

protection of ground water, improved wildlife habitat, and beautiful esthetics for Miner County and its visitors.

Some of the tree site we planted through this grant. One of the pictures is of our producer watering his trees before fabric was applied.





Moody Conservation District 2023-CSW-23 Final Report

The grant has enabled Moody Conservation District to provide their producers with the expertise and ability to plant shelterbelts. These shelterbelts provide protection for livestock, preventing erosion of fields, and several have the added benefit of providing food and shelter for wildlife. In 2023, 2024, & 2025 were able to help several producers within our District in establishing these shelterbelts, many of which wouldn't have been achievable without the help of South Dakota Conservation Commission.

On behalf of the Moody Conservation District and our local landowners, I would like to thank the South Dakota Conservation Commission for assistance with this project. Your efforts to assist South Dakota land stewards with their conservation efforts are greatly appreciated!

Sincerely,

Keith Fricke Jr.

District Manager

Moody Conservation District

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NORTHWEST AREA NATURAL RESOURCE SPECIALIST 2024-CSW-019 FINAL REPORT

This is the final report for the South Dakota Conservation Commission grant 2024-CSW-019. The grant has enabled the Northwest Area Conservation Districts to provide their producers with the expertise and ability to plant shelterbelts. These shelterbelts provide protection for livestock, prevent erosion of fields, and most have the added benefit of providing food and shelter for wildlife.

2024-CSW-019 Tree Planting Grant

- In 2024 assisted 5 producers with planting shelterbelts on their land with approximately 20,439 linear feet of trees, 4,185 linear feet of shrubs, 22,725 feet of fabric, and 3,722 feet of shelterbelt fence.
- In 2025 assisted 4 producers with planting shelterbelts on their land with approximately 8,535 linear feet of trees, 1,302 linear feet of shrubs and 9,837 linear feet of fabric.

This grant has provided Perkins County producers with the ability to plant shelterbelts to protect livestock and protect against erosion. We hope to continue with it in the future.

We would like to thank the Conservation Commission and the Division for supporting Perkins County with the Tree Planting Grant.

FINAL REPORT FOR PERKINS COUNTY 2024-CSW-017 GRANT

This is the final report for the South Dakota Conservation Commission grant 2024-CSW-017. The grant has enabled Perkins County Conservation District to provide their producers with the cost share to implement cross fences, water pipeline, tanks, and cover crops. These practices help provide producers with the ability to prevent erosion of fields, improve soil and vegetative health and better utilize and care for their natural resources.

2024-CSW-017 Fencing Pipeline and Cover Crop Grant

- From January 2024- December 2025 assisted 3 producers with implementing 2,558 ft of fence, 3,407 ft of pipeline, 3 tanks with 3,130 gal of tank capacity, and 1 rural water hookup.

This grant has provided Perkins County producers with the ability to fill a funding coverage gap left by other federal and state programs that require a more comprehensive conservation plan. We hope to continue with it in the future.

We would like to thank the Conservation Commission and the Division for supporting Perkins County through the Fencing Pipeline and Cover Crop Grant.

A note: We had a producer back out of the grant so funds were remitted.

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State Conservation Commission

April 2026

Conservation District: Custer

Project Name: Thinning for a Resilient Forest

Start Date: 07/01/2026

End Date: 06/30/2028

Total Project Amount:	\$ 100,000.00
Commission Funds:	\$ 50,000.00
District Funds:	\$ 1,000.00
Landowner Cash:	\$ 49,000.00
Local In-kind:	
Other Funds:	\$ -

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

Description of Grant Application:

The purpose of this project is to provide cost-share assistance for private landowners to protect their property and improve forest conditions. The practices used will include thinning overstocked pine trees, brush management to remove pine encroachment from meadows and grasslands, fuels reduction, and other means to improve forest diversity through enhancement of hardwood populations. This grant will allow the conservation district to continue to build on previous grants.

We have landowners interested in our program, but do not have cost-share funding available. All landowners will be advised to have thinning prescriptions and/or forest management plans in place at the time of application for any grant funding.

If selected for funding, RC&F suggests that:

- The Conservation Commission will not reimburse any costs that exceed the most upto date 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.
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- 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:

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GF&P:

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	Project	Start date	End Date	Original Award	Balance	Extensions
Other current grants:						
Thinning for Resilient Forest	2025-CSW-012	01/01/2025	12/31/2027	\$ 61,200.00	\$ 34,070.00	
	Approved: []		Denied: []			

Reason for denial:

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GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Applicant Information

Organization: Custer County Conservation District Mailing Address: 25363 US HWY 85
Telephone: (605) 673-5680 City: Custer State: SD Zip: 57730
Tax Status: Government

Project Contact

Project Officer: Mike Baldwin Telephone: (605) 673-5680
Fax: _____ Email: custercd@sdconservation.net

Project Information

Project Name: Thinning for a Resilient Forest
Start Date: 07/01/2026 End Date: 06/30/2028
Legal description: County: Custer
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: \$ 50,000.00 Partner contributions (total): \$ 50,000.00 Total project cost: \$100,000.00
Please provide a brief, descriptive summary of the project:

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Applicant Signature Mike Baldwin Title District Manager Date 03/02/2026

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	\$ 2,000.00	
2.	Travel	\$ 0.00	
3.	Contractual Services	\$ 98,000.00	
4.	Supplies		
5.	Equipment (list major equipment)	\$ 0.00	
6.	Consultation Services	\$ 0.00	
Total Project Costs		\$100,000.00	This total must equal <u> \$100,000.00</u>

B. Activity Budget

	Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
1.	Forest Stand improvement	49,000.00	49,000.00			\$98,000.00
2.	Administrative costs	1,000.00	1,000.00			\$2,000.00
3.	_____					
4.	_____					
5.	_____					
6.	_____					
7.	_____					
8.	_____					
Totals		\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00			\$100,000.00
This total must equal						<u> \$100,000.00</u>

C. Project Partners

	Partners	Amount Cash	Amount In-Kind	Total
1.	Landowners	49,000.00		\$49,000.00
2.	Commission Grant	50,000.00		\$50,000.00
3.	Custer County Conservation	1,000.00		\$1,000.00
4.	_____			
5.	_____			
6.	_____			
7.	_____			
8.	_____			
Totals		\$100,000.00		\$100,000.00
This total must equal				<u> \$100,000.00</u>

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



Grant Application Narrative Custer County Conservation District “Thinning for Resilient Forests”

D. Project Description and Need

Primary beneficiaries – The primary beneficiaries of this project include property owners, adjacent landowners, watershed residents dependent on quality water, firefighting agencies, and the taxpayers shouldering the costs of firefighting, clearing roads, and general maintenance. During the 2012 Myrtle Fire (~10,000 acres), the 2017 Legion Lake Fire (~54,000 acres), and the 2022 Wabash Spring Fire (~100 acres), it was evident that the thinned acres were an asset to firefighting efforts.

Implementation, maintenance, and follow-up – CCCD partners with staff foresters with SD DANR Division of Resource Conservation and Forestry. Those foresters provide technical assistance in identifying areas, a project plan (“forest prescription”), contract administration, and certifying completed thinning projects. The project will target those landowners who do not qualify for the USDA-NRCS’s Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and/or the SD Wildland Fire fuels reduction program. Private contractors hired by landowners or landowners themselves will complete the thinning projects.

Pine stands to be thinned will have an average diameter of six inches breast height or less and conifers will be removed from hardwood stands to improve forest health and increase species diversity. Lower density pine forests are more resistant to insects, disease, and fire. Hardwood species diversity also decreases fire intensity. All thinning slash will be treated to meet the minimum SD Logging Slash Abandonment and Treatment Standards.

Participating landowners will have a preferred minimum of five contiguous acres to thin. Fewer acres would be considered dependent on availability of funds, and need. Landowners are required to pay a minimum of 50% of the cost of completing the work on their property.

Location – The project is located within the Custer County Conservation District. The project area will encompass the headwaters of twelve major drainages that make up the middle Cheyenne-Spring watershed as identified in the *1998 South Dakota Unified Watershed Assessment*. The project focuses on the ponderosa pine forest type in the Black Hills, which was identified as a “high priority” landscape in the *South Dakota Statewide Forest Resource Strategy (2020)*, as amended *South Dakota Forest Action Plan National Priorities Section and Five-Year Review (Sept. 2020)* (https://danr.sd.gov/Conservation/Forestry/ForestStewardship/Docs/2020_NationalPriorities5YearReview_FINAL.pdf), that addresses the “forest health” threat and the strategies to provide forest management technical and financial assistance and improve diversity among others. This grant would also contribute to thinning acreage goals (Action 1.1.1) in the *Black Hills Resilient Forest Strategy (Dec 2017)* endorsed by various Black Hills Conservation Leaders and by the 2018 SD Legislature, HCR 1003, <https://mylrc.sdlegislature.gov/api/Documents/48565.pdf>.

Environmental, natural resource, ecological, educational, and/or socio-economic need/s – Thinning boosts resistance to insect and disease attack, reduces severe wildfire, protects watersheds, improves tree, grass, and shrub growth, and improves carbon sequestration. Mountain pine beetle (MPB) (*Dendroctonus ponderosae*) populations reached epidemic levels across the Black Hills from

1996 to 2016. Although populations have returned to endemic (natural) levels, MPBs populations require monitoring. Thinning will improve pheromone dispersal in pine stands susceptible to mountain pine beetle attack, and will also provide for increased nutrient and water uptake to help the residual stand resist the pine engraver beetle (*Ips pini*). Overstocked pine stands reduce aesthetics, property values, and wildlife habitat, while increasing fire hazard, and renders trees less valuable for wood recovery and utilization.

On-the-ground restoration activities – The primary activities involved include non-commercial forest thinning and fuels reduction. Thinning is defined as thinning in pine stands with an average diameter of six inches breast height or less and/or conifer removal from hardwood stands to improve forest health and increase species diversity and removing conifer encroachment into meadows. Further specifications are determined by the Forester and outlined in the thinning prescriptions written specifically for each landowner/project. Fuels reduction includes slash treatment following minimum SD Logging Slash Abandonment and Treatment Standards.

Larger regional, watershed and landscape levels – This project will encourage private landowners to treat their property at the same time federal and state agencies are treating public lands. Specifically, the CCCD is working with other partners (“Conservation Leaders”) in the *Black Hills Resilient Forest Partnership* of 15 or so entities that seek to improve forest resiliency across all lands in the Black Hills regardless of ownership.

Long-term management and protection of the project – Landowners will be required to maintain project areas for ten years following completion of the project including the control of invasive species. Landowners with a Forest Stewardship Plan containing the elements endorsed by SD DANR, NRCS, USFS and the private American Forest Foundation (Tree Farm), are given priority in the cost-share grants due to their demonstrated commitment to long-term management. Landowners are required to sign agreements to allow CCCD Board members, employees, or State Foresters to check the compliance of the thinning for a 10-year period.

Permit Requirements – The only permits required to complete the project are to dispose of piled thinning slash if burning is the selected method of disposal. Those permits are available free of charge from the SD DPS Wildland Fire as long as conditions are satisfactory for safe open burning.

Coordinated Plan for the Natural Resources Conservation – If funded, this project would contribute to Objective 3D of the South Dakota Coordinated Plan for Natural Resources Conservation Funds. (<https://danr.sd.gov/Conservation/docs/Coordinated-Plan-Final.pdf>.)

E. Final Products

This project will directly protect property and improve forest health and resiliency on approximately 55 acres. Indirect project benefits include improving watershed protection, habitat diversity, aesthetic quality, and forest products economy. This project has potential to expand the landscape-level benefits of tree thinning and fuel treatment onto private lands thus reducing insect and fire problems and retaining aesthetic and economic resources now and in the future.

F. Partner Justification

CCCD will facilitate a landowner education program during the allocated period of the grant. This will be done in partnership with the SD DPS Division of Wildland Fire, SD DANR Division of Resource Conservation & Forestry, the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, the USDA Forest Service, Custer County Weed & Pest, and SD Family Forest Association (Tree Farm). This

project intends to incentivize private landowners to do work on their property located in the broad vicinity of projects done by the NRCS (on private lands) and USFS (on National Forest System lands).

Partners – Project partners include:

- SD DANR Division of Resource Conservation & Forestry – will provide technical assistance in identifying areas, a project plan, and certify completed thinning projects.
- USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) – technical support
- USDA Forest Service – treatment of NFS lands for landscape scale project

This project builds on previous thinning grants received from the SD Conservation Commission dating back to 2014. This is in addition to a USDA-NRCS grant that Custer County Conservation District (CCCD) received to provide Environmental Quality Incentives Program dollars to private landowners for resilient forest projects in priority areas (2021-2024). CCCD also recently completed a USDA-USFS Secure Rural Schools & Community Self-Determination Act grant that funded a resilient forest project on the Black Hills National Forest adjacent to private lands. Additionally, the district is administering two Forest Health Grants funded by BIL dollars through DANR-RCF.

The CCCD seeks interested landowners, and provides administrative support, bookkeeping, records maintenance, and reimbursement to landowners for completing thinning and fuel reduction practices.

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

This project will directly protect property and improve forest health and resiliency on approximately 55 acres, in addition to the indirect benefits described above including watershed protection, habitat diversity, aesthetic quality, and forest products economy. This project has potential to expand the landscape-level benefits of tree thinning and fuel treatment onto private lands thus reducing insect and fire problems and retaining aesthetic and economic resources now and in the future.



Custer County Conservation District Meeting Minutes – February 12, 2026

The February 12, 2026, meeting of the Custer County Conservation District was called to order in the Commissioner's Conference Room at the Custer County Courthouse, at 9:02 AM by Dave Thom.

Board members in attendance were Dave Thom, Paul Nettinga, Oonagh Wood, Tamarah Caster, Greg Neugebauer, and Stuart Adrian (advisor). Others in attendance were Paige Uher (NRCS), Jordan Leach (NRCS), Kari Sanders (FSA), Patricia Weyrich (call-in; SD DANR-RCF), and Mike Baldwin (District Manager).

All motions were approved unanimously unless otherwise noted. For the purpose of continuity, these minutes are not necessarily in chronological order.

Approve Agenda/Minutes:

Motion to approve today's modified agenda and to approve the meeting minutes from January 8, 2026, was made by Paul, seconded by Tamarah, motion carried.

Partnership/Guest Reports:

- NRCS: Paige Uher & Jordan Leach –
 - Paige introduced Jordan who is serving on a detail as the Resource Unit Conservationist – Justin Boerboom's old position.
 - IRA contracts have been approved.
 - NRCS programs are undergoing new changes across the agency. There will be training for staff next week.
- FSA: Kari Sanders –
 - Drought monitor update – nearly all of Custer county is in D1 category (moderate drought). Kari will send Mike information for how people can submit "on the ground" reports, which can be used to refine the drought maps.
 - Emergency Forest Restoration Program (EFRP):
 - EFRP - funding made available for qualified landowners affected by the December windstorm.
 - Kari is only aware of one other time that program has been used.
 - Kari reviewed the EFRP step-by-step application process, requirements and exclusions of the program, cost-share rates (for trees and fence repair), and answered various questions from the board. The board appreciated Kari taking the time to attend the meeting and answer questions. Mike has been fielding several phone calls about the program, so information provided today will be very useful moving forward.

Financial Report:

- Account balances:
 - Main Checking = \$13,709.88 (\$9,000.00 deposit), Grant Checking = \$1,990.91,
 - Savings = \$34,131.90 (January interest = \$11.22).
- Formal review of District's 3-year financial records:
 - Review conducted by Christine Baker. Report was shared with the Board. No issues were found.
 - Question about cash in cash box (\$130.00) – Board agreed to deposit cash in savings account – not necessary to keep cash on hand.
- Bills to pay/approve:
 - Credit card expenses:
 - Family Fare - \$40.50, cookies for Burning Beetle Learning Event
 - Lynn's DakotaMart - \$17.35, coffee/cookies for Burning Beetle Learning Event
 - Checks:
 - Christine Baker - \$250, financial review
 - SDACD - \$1,100 annual dues
 - SDACDE - \$50, annual dues
 - SDACDE - \$175, registration for Leadership Conference
- District investing in CDs:
 - Board discussed options for depositing funds into a CD. Board looked at interest rates for various terms offered by Black Hills Federal Credit Union and First Interstate Bank.
- Motion by Oonagh to approve account balances, credit card purchases, pay bills, approval of financial review, and to deposit \$25,000 in a 12-month CD at Black Hills Federal Credit Union, second by Paul, motion carried.

Old Business:

- Revision of County Ordinance #2 - minimum acreage for development in the county and letter from the Board to the County Commission:
 - Draft revisions of the ordinance were shared with the Board. The current draft does not change the minimum acreage for development. Commission discussed topic after their Tuesday board meeting, but no changes were requested.
 - Board will send letter to the Commission stating that the current revision is suitable to the District. Paul will draft letter, send to Mike for revision. Mike will send letter to the rest of the board for comments.
- Burning beetle learning event:
 - Good turnout considering the weather, roughly 42-44 people attended.
 - Dave said the actual burning of the beetle may still happen – dependent on the weather cooperating.

New Business:

- Fire mitigation RCPP funding proposal (Regional Conservation Partnership Program):
 - Belle Fourche River Watershed Partnership agreed during their January 29 meeting to be the lead partner pending review of the NFO once it is released. RCPP changes are expected and will not be known until the release.

- Meeting held with Black Hills Energy, not sure if they would participate. They need to seek approval up the chain on their end.
- NRCS Unfunded Cooperative Agreement:
 - District's past agreement with NRCS expired on December 31. NRCS stated that changes are expected and there is a possibility of funding attached to new agreements for tasks. They are waiting to see what those changes will be. Board will table discussion until March meeting.
- 2026 Annual Work Plan:
 - Motion by Paul to carryover 2025 plan into 2026. Second by Oonagh, motion carried. Board will send any comments to Mike by next week.
- Update on thinning grants:
 - Forest Health grants:
 - Only one landowner left with work incomplete. State deadline to complete all work is March 31. Mike communicated this deadline to the landowner.
 - State Commission grant:
 - Previously awarded project of 13.2 acres awarded to Youssef. Mike discovered that after the District awarded cost-share to him, he decided to go with SD Wildland Fire for cost-share but did not inform us of the decision. His contractor is near completion of the project. However, Wildland Fire will only cost-share 10 acres of the project.
 - Mike asked if the Board wanted to cost-share the remaining 3.2 acres or save the funding for another project. Motion by Greg to table decision until March meeting to allow for additional landowner applications. Second by Oonagh, motion carried.
- Spring grant round – SD Conservation Commission:
 - Mike inquired whether the Board wanted to apply for a new grant in the upcoming grant round. He suggested against applying for a water development grant since the docket rates for those practices have not changed. Board's consensus is to not apply for water development funds.
 - Also discussion about applying for grant dollars for Forest Stewardship Plans and for thinning grants. Patricia stated need for cost-share for forest stewardship plans since SD FFA no longer has funding, and Pennington CD's grant is used up and they will not apply for additional funds.
 - Board expressed interest in applying for a thinning cost-share grant. After discussion, motion by Tamarah to apply for a \$50,000 thinning grant. Second by Greg, motion carried.
- Reflections on 2025:
 - No discussion due to lack of time.
- County Commission briefing:
 - Dave and Mike provided an update at this week's commission meeting. Mike gave a slide presentation and Dave reviewed an annual summary report of the District's 2025 activities. Copies of the report were provided to each Commissioner.
- Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP):
 - Stakeholder meeting held Monday, February 2. Stakeholders were provided a draft plan for review. Follow-up stakeholder meeting scheduled for tomorrow at

10:00 am. Comments from stakeholders due by Feb. 15. Mike has reviewed the main document, while Dave has reviewed the four appendices.

- Public comment period planned for Feb. 23 – Mar. 15.

Correspondence:

- Invitations to upcoming events:
 - Succession Planning Workshop, February 13, 9:00 AM at Outdoor Campus, Rapid City.
 - SD Grasslands Summit, March 3-4 in Mitchell. A special session planned for those involved with conservation districts from 4:30-5:45 on Tuesday, March 3rd.
 - NRCS Forest Management Workshop, March 24 in Rapid City.
- USDA FSA Emergency Forest Restoration Assistance for December 18 windstorm.
- SD DANR-RCF packet on Supervisor elections:
 - Tamarah's and Greg's terms expire on Dec. 31. Both were given paperwork to review/complete if they are interested in running for a new term.
- USFS Black Hills NF – seeking comments on proposed exploratory drilling project (October Jinx Mineral Exploration). Company is Clean Nuclear Energy Corp based in Vancouver, BC, CA. They are looking for uranium. Public comment period is Feb.2-Mar.3.
- Legislative updates from Angela Ehlers (SDACD)
 - Note: HCR 6003 (not included in Angela's updates) mentions the work of local conservation districts in the Black Hills.
- Updates from NACD on recent Executive Actions
- Conservation District personalized clothing – Board asked for more information, may consider placing an order.
- SD DANR-RCF – 2026 pocket planners

Other Business:

- Office manager report:
 - BHNF Plan Revision –
 - Cooperative Agency Meeting on January 14 (but without USFS), this was the first Cooperative Agency meeting since last August.
 - Participated in meeting with the Vegetation Growth & Yield Working Group yesterday, February 11. Follow-up meetings are planned.
 - Review packet from the County Planning to the IRC (Interagency Review Committee) – nothing of concern.
 - SDACDE Board of Directors - 2 meetings since last board meeting:
 - Leadership Conference planning
 - NACD TA Grant application was submitted for new statewide position. If funded, person hired to position would assist district managers across the state as well as assist NRCS with various tasks.
 - Completed 2025 reports to the State (annual activities, financial)
 - Completed annual report to County Commissioners
 - Submitted 2025 entry to Conservation Connections (new name for Contour Lines)
 - Promoted student contests (speech, writing, poster):

- Information sent out to schools. Keri Cochran also communicating with some teachers to encourage participation.
- Mike will be at the State Weed & Pest Conference, Feb. 18-20

Public Comment:

- None.

Critique:

- None.

Next meeting: Thursday, March 12, 9:00-11:00 AM, Commissioners Conference Room, Custer County Courthouse.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Paul, second by Oonagh. Meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM.

State Conservation Commission

April 2026

Conservation District **Davison**

Project Name: **Microirrigation Grant**

Start Date **07/01/2026**

End Date **12/31/2027**

Total Project Amount:	\$	20,000.00
Commission Funds:	\$	10,000.00
District Funds:		
Landowner Cash:		
Local In-kind:	\$	10,000.00
Other Funds:	\$	-

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

Description of Grant Application:

The Davison CD is applying for this grant to irrigate four tree planting sites in Davison and Hanson counties. All producers have access to water on site, making them good candidates for microirrigation. Filters, pipe, emitters, and valves would be installed throughout the sites to provide consistent watering. This, in turn, will increase survivability of trees and increase their growth rate.

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DANR:

GF&P:

Other current grants:	Project	Start date	End Date	Original Award	Balance	Extensions
Awareness & Outreach	2025-CSW-026	07/01/2025	06/30/2026	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,914.44	
Multi-County Brush MGMT	2025-CSW-027	07/01/2025	12/31/2026	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 10,528.14	
Microirrigation	2026-CSW-011	01/01/2026	12/31/2026	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	
Davison/Hanson Tree Planting	2026-CSW-012	01/01/2026	12/31/2026	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	
	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 City: Mitchell State: SD Zip: 57301
Tax Status: Exempt

Project Contact

Project Officer: Matthew Hayes Telephone: (605) 770-5250
Fax: _____ Email: matthew.hayes2@sd.nacdnet.net

Project Information

Project Name: Microirrigation Grant
Start Date: 07/01/2026 End Date: 12/31/2027
Legal description: County: Davison & Hanson
Township: _____ Range: _____
Section: _____ Qtr: _____

Type of Grant

- Conservation Grant Community Forestry
 Insect/Disease Invasive Species
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Financial Information

Grant funds requested: 10,000 Partner contributions (total): 10,000 Total project cost: 20,000
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Applicant Signature *Matthew Hayes* Title District Manager Date 3-11-26

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

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Signature of Reviewer _____ Title _____ Date _____
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BUDGET SHEET

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3.	Contractual Services	20000	
4.	Supplies		
5.	Equipment (list major equipment)		
6.	Consultation Services		
Total Project Costs		20000	This total must equal <u>20 000</u>

B. Activity Budget

Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
1. <u>Microirrigation</u>	10000	10000			20000
2. _____					0
3. _____					0
4. _____					0
5. _____					0
6. _____					0
7. _____					0
8. _____					0
Totals	10000	10000	0	0	20000
This total must equal					<u>20000</u>

C. Project Partners

Partners	Amount Cash	Amount In-Kind	Total
1. <u>RC&F</u>	10000		10000
2. <u>Local Partners</u>	10000		10000
3. _____			0
4. _____			0
5. _____			0
6. _____			0
7. _____			0
8. _____			0
Totals	20000	0	20000
This total must equal			<u>20000</u>

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

Matt Hayes
Davison Conservation District
District Manager
1820 N Kimball St, Suite B
Mitchell, SD 57301
March 11, 2025

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 2026 spring grant round. The following application is for our microirrigation projects that will start July 1, 2026 and end December 31, 2027.

Along with the application, you will find a copy of the minutes from our board meeting, the district's W-9, and the narrative that goes with our application.

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

Microirrigation Program

Project Narrative

Project Description and Need

The Davison Conservation District microirrigation program assists producers in shelterbelt establishment in the critical first years of growth. Above ground microirrigation for shelterbelts provides adequate moisture for tree and shrub growth, while lowering attrition rates and the need for re-planting.

Identify How You Will Measure the Success of the Project

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

A three-year average of Davison County shelterbelt attrition rates reveals a 27% loss of trees in the first year of planting. In shelterbelts where microirrigation has been installed in Davison County over a three-year period the rate of loss has been lowered to 3%. Microirrigation combined with weed barrier fabric and protective tree tubes (where necessary) increases overall survivability of newly planted shelterbelts.

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

Partner Justification

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

UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF MEETING
DAVISON CONSERVATION DISTRICT

March 5, 2026

The meeting was called to order by Wade Strand, Chairman at 1:05 p.m. at the USDA Service Center in Mitchell, SD.

Supervisors present were Wade Strand, Bruce Haines and Paul Hetland. Others present were Justin Schoenrock, Rod Huber, Hanson CD supervisors, Matt Hayes, District Manager, Heidi Rients, RUC and Annie Feden, Pheasants Forever.

FSA gave an update on CRP guidelines. March 9 – April 17, 2026 is the General CRP sign-up and February 12 – March 20, 2026 is the Continuous CRP sign-up. So far they have 88 re-enrolls and 20 – 30 new offers.

The agenda for the March meeting was approved in a motion by B. Haines and seconded; motion carried.

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

The treasurer's report was given for the month of February showing a beginning balance of \$158,186.62, disbursements of 127,439.12, receipts of 96,555.43 leaving cash available on February 28, 2026 of \$127,302.93. A motion was made by B. Haines and seconded to pay the pending bills. Motion carried.

The Hanson CD supervisors discussed the merging of Hanson and Davison Conservation Districts. The 2 boards discussed next steps for this merger.

REPORT: Matt Hayes

Matt reported that he has been working on tree plantings for this spring and checking sites to make sure they are ready to be planted. He will be attending the James River Water Development District meeting on March 12, 2026 to see if they would have funds available to help us purchase a new skid steer.

REPORT: Heidi Rients

Heidi reported on CRP requirements, EQIP and CSP. She mentioned about the Soil Health Event, which was held in Mitchell on February 5, 2026 and the Grassland Summit which was held in Mitchell on March 3 & 4, 2026. She introduced the new Pheasants Forever employee.

Matt mentioned about applying for another Drip Irrigation Grant. He has several customers wanting to put this in this spring. A motion was made by B. Haines and seconded by P. Hetland to apply for this grant; motion carried.

The board has been discussing purchasing a new skid steer. A motion was made by P. Hetland and seconded by B. Haines to purchase a new skid steer from DMI in Sioux Falls, SD; motion carried.

The board discussed the Certificate of Deposit that is coming due in April. They decided to roll it over for another year.

Matt is wanting to purchase a new bumper for the new skid steer. A motion was made by B. Haines and seconded by P. Hetland to purchase the bumper; motion carried.

The Annual Work Plan, Report of Progress and Financial Report were reviewed by the board.

Bruce and Paul gave a report on reviewing the books.

There being no further business to come before the board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Debbie Bartscher
District Secretary-Treasurer

State Conservation Commission

April 2026

Conservation District: Day

Project Name: Prairie Coteau Watershed Project

Start Date: 07/01/2026

End Date: 12/31/2028

Total Project Amount:	\$	580,080.00
Commission Funds:	\$	60,000.00
District Funds:	\$	2,000.00
Landowner Cash:	\$	121,580.00
Local In-kind:		
Other Funds:	\$	396,500.00

Other funds:	Cash	In-kind
Total:	\$ 396,500.00	
RC&F:		
DANR:	\$ 396,500.00	
GF&P:		
USFWS:		
NRCS:		
OTHER:		

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 South Dakota lakes, streams, and rivers by providing technical and financial assistance to agricultural producers who want to implement conservation practices that benefit 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

If selected for funding, RC&F suggests that:

- The Conservation Commission will not reimburse any costs that exceed the most up to date 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:

Other current grants:	Project	Start date	End Date	Original Award	Balance	Extensions
Prairie Coteau Watershed Project	2024-CSW-024	07/01/2024	06/30/2026	\$10,000.00	\$1,341.00	
Approved:			Denied:			

Reason for denial:



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RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY DIVISION

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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: 7/1/2026 End Date: 12/31/2028
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: 60000 Partner contributions (total): 520080 Total project cost: 580080
Please provide a brief, descriptive summary of the project:

The goal of the Prairie Coteau Watershed Improvement and Protection Project is to improve and protect the water quality of northeast South Dakota lakes, streams, and rivers by providing technical and financial assistance to agricultural producers who want to implement conservation practices that benefit 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.

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 Vice Chairman Date 24 Feb 26

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	196030	
2.	Travel	18600	
3.	Contractual Services	365450	
4.	Supplies	0	
5.	Equipment (list major equipment)	0	
6.	Consultation Services	0	
Total Project Costs		580080	This total must equal <u>580080</u>

B. Activity Budget

	Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
1.	Streambank Stab	10000	13980	0	20970	44950
2.	Grazing Mgt.	9000	16000	0	24000	49000
3.	Grass Seeding	5000	4000	0	6000	15000
4.	Grass Waterway	15000	17600	0	26400	59000
5.	Ag Waste	5000	70000	0	105000	180000
6.	Inform. and Outreach	6000	0	2000	9500	17500
7.	Travel	5000	0	0	13600	18600
8.	Admin	5000	0	0	191030	196030
Totals		60000	121580	2000	396500	580080
						This total must equal <u>580080</u>

C. Project Partners

	Partners	Amount Cash	Amount In-Kind	Total
1.	RC&F	60000	0	60000
2.	EPA 319	197500	0	197500
3.	Producer Match	121580	0	121580
4.	SD CWSRF	199000	0	199000
5.	Day Cons. District	0	2000	2000
6.	_____	_____	_____	0
7.	_____	_____	_____	0
8.	_____	_____	_____	0
Totals		578080	2000	580080
				This total must equal <u>580080</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 with 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, outreach, 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.
- **Bramble Park Zoo**- Local support, campus and staff for workshops and environmental education programs sponsored by the watershed project.
- **Izaak Walton League Watertown Chapter**- Local support for workshops and environmental education programs sponsored by the watershed project.

- **City of Watertown-** Local support for workshops and environmental education programs sponsored by the watershed project.
- **Enemy Swim Lake Sanitary Sewer District -** Local support and funding for water quality monitoring.
- **Pickrel Lake Conservancy -** Local support and funding for water quality monitoring easements, riparian and lake shore buffers.
- **Blue Dog Lake Association -** Local support and funding for water quality monitoring.
- **Ne-So-Dak Environmental Learning Center-** Local support, campus and staff for workshops and environmental education programs sponsored by the watershed project.
- **Lake Pelican Water Project District-** Local support and funding for activities in the Upper Big Sioux River and Lake Pelican watershed project areas.
- **Lake Kampeska Water Project District-** Local support and funding for activities in the Upper Big Sioux River and Lake Kampeska watershed project areas.

Project Description and Need

The Prairie Coteau Watershed Improvement and Protection Project is a multi-year multi-segment EPA-3 I 9 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 the northeast South Dakota glacial lakes, streams and rivers water quality will benefit:

- the public who uses and enjoys 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 thirty four 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 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 and associated practices are planned for Segment 1 (four years) will support this goal:

Prairie Coteau Watershed Project Segment 1 Milestone Goals

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 322 lineal feet Stream bank Stabilization <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Grade/Shoreline Stabilization • 31 acres of Grassed Waterways <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Earthwork Erosion Control ○ Grass Seeding ○ Mulching • 3 Animal Waste Management System <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Animal Nutrient Systems • 2 Lake and Stream Ecology and Water Quality Workshops (facility rental, workshop supplies, bus rental, printing of materials) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Technical Assistance I&E • Mileage for travel to BMP planning, installation, monitoring, and information outreach and education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Technical Assistance I&E | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 228 acres of Riparian Buffers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Grazing Management ○ Grass Seeding ○ Streambank Stabilization ○ Mulching 9 Grazing Systems <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Grazing Management ○ Grass Seeding ○ Grade/Shoreline Stabilization 460 acres Forage and Biomass Planting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Grass Seeding ○ Grazing Management ○ Mulching 20 Stream Crossings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Grade/Shoreline Stabilization ○ Grazing Management |
|---|---|

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 water body 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.
- PLET model for changes in loadings resulting from implementation of conservation practices.

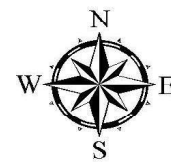
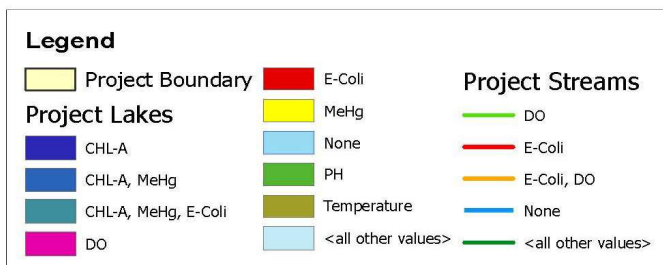
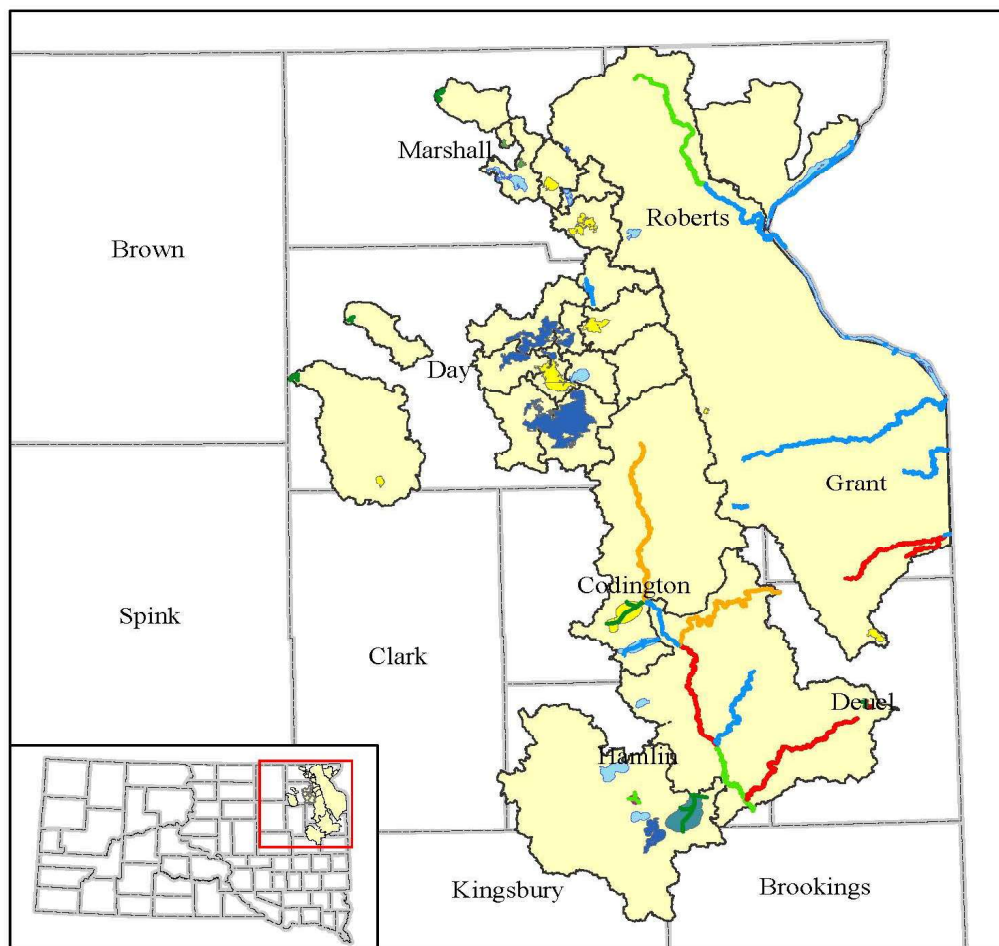
Improvements to lake and stream water quality will be measured by in-lake and stream testing conducted by project personnel, local lake associations and sewer districts.

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 5 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 manager 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 Manager will administer project payroll and cost share payments to producers.

Prairie Coteau Project Watershed Area





83 years of conservation. Established 1942

Day County Conservation District
Webster, South Dakota
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10 November 2025

Supervisors Present:

Joel Butler
Frank James
Todd Kaufman

Others Present:

Josh Wagner, District Manager
Cory Zirbel, Prairie Coteau

Absent: Mark Brandlee, Brent Zimmerman

The Day County Conservation District's monthly board meeting was held at the Day County Courthouse. Vice-Chairman James brought the meeting to order at 10:16AM. A motion to approve the agenda and September minutes was made by KAUFMAN, seconded by BUTLER. All voted yes; motion carried.

Treasurer's report was given detailing monthly checks and deposits from Sep 9-Nov 10. The October profit/Loss and Balance Sheet were presented as well. After review, it was moved by KAUFMAN and seconded by BUTLER to accept the treasurer's report and approve payments as presented. All voted aye. Motion carried.

District Report, Josh Wagner updated the Board.

- Hosted tree walk Oct 4.
- Attended SDACD Convention in Huron Sept 21-23.
- Working with the City of Webster for an Urban Forestry grant to expand the Webster Boulevard Program.
- Started fall dormant season. 600+acres to sow and hopefully finish end of the week.
- Finished painting tree shed office floor.
- Government shutdown updates.
- Hired help to flag grass seeding sites.

Prairie Coteau Project Report, Cory Zirbel updated the Board. See attached report.

- Summer internship discussed.
- Prairie Coteau Project to apply for Conservation Commission grant for grass waterways, etc. Motion by BUTLER, seconded by KAUFMAN to approve Cory to apply for said grant. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Old Business

- Summer Conservation Tour: 40+ people attended. Weather was hot and buggy but got a good reception from attendees.
- Legislative Banquet: Good event. Three State Legislators were there along with various County Commissioners and other officials. Dr. Ball was the guest speaker. Again, 40+ in

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attendance. No US Congressional representatives were there due to the government shut down.

New Business

- Community Forestry Grant, City of Webster: The City of Webster is applying for a grant to help fund the Webster Boulevard Tree Program. The District is helping draft grant and will again supply trees for the city. Grant awards will be announced in December.
- NACD Membership: Dues and levels of contributions were reviewed. Motion by BUTLER, seconded by KAUFMAN to contribute \$525 to NACD. All voted yes. Motion carried.
- NACD annual meeting in San Antonio Feb 15-19. SDACDE contributes to those that attend. \$2250 each and an additional \$1500 for the SDACDE President. Wagner to register and report on full financing of attending at next meeting.
- Annual Reviews: Tabled until next meeting.

NEXT MEETING: December 8, at 10:00 AM, NRCS office.

There being no further old or unfinished business, the meeting was, upon Motion made and unanimously carried, thereupon adjourned. 11:30AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Josh Wagner, District Manager

Board Supervisor Signature

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Prairie Coteau Watershed Improvement and Protection Project Report
Day County Conservation District November 2025 Meeting
November 10, 2025
Cory Zirbel, Project Manager

- In the process with 25 other producers in Roberts, Marshall, Day, Deuel, Codington, Hamlin and Grant counties
 - 3 ag waste systems through EQIP (1 Codington, 1 Grant, 1 Day)
 - 15 RAM's (Deuel, Roberts, Marshall, Day, Hamlin, Codington, Grant)
 - Some projects working with RBI/CRP combination also
 - 5 grazing management (stream crossings, cross fence, water development) in Marshall, Roberts, Codington, Grant, Hamlin counties
 - 2 Stream bank stabilizations (Codington, Roberts)
 - Technical assistance with GFP on shoreline restorations on Enemy Swim Lake installed ●

Past Outreach

- NESD FFA Land and Range Contest
- September 24 – Pickerel Lake 285 students
- November 5 - Waubay High School Career Presentation
- Working on updating website and possible facebook page; will be winter project
- Meetings
 - Enemy Swim Sanitation District Meeting- September 26
 - Private Lands Biologist Forum -Oacoma October 1-2
 - Lake Kampeska Water Project Meeting -October 1
 - Roberts Conservation District Meeting- October 8
 - Grant Conservation District Meeting - October 9
 - East Dakota Water Development District - October 16
 - Pickerel Lake Conservancy Meeting - November 4
- Future Meetings
 - Will be doing end of year meetings with conservation districts November through December.
- Reporting
 - Project was amended until October 31, 2025; new amendment will begin November 1, 2025
 - State will be sending contract to sign here soon.
 - Voucher 12 sent and approved for project costs; will do Voucher 13 end of month to finish producer payments for year
 - Finished Lake and Stream Workshop; will be reimbursed soon from Discovery Center ○
 - Working on Conservation Commission Grant; due March timeframe
 - GRTS report due November 15, finishing up
 - Updating Tracker with reductions
 - Working with Lake Area Technical College on internship program for next year for project
 - Planning for next year outreach events
- Water Quality Monitoring
 - Finished sampling Pickerel, Enemy Swim and Blue Dog Lakes for the season; compiling reports.

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Day County Conservation District
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Webster, SD 57274

Established January 14, 1942



To: SD Conservation Commission
From: Day Count Conservation District
Date: 9 February 2026
Subject: Support Letter for Prairie Coteau Watershed Project Grant

Commissioners,

The Day County Conservation District would like to express our support for this grant application. The grant will be for a combination of best management practices (BMPs) such as livestock stream crossings, grazing management, riparian protection, grass seeding, grassed waterways, animal nutrient management systems, and information and outreach education within the watershed project area over the next two years. The project has had high interest with all the listed BMPs within the watershed project area. Installation of these best management practices will help reduce nutrient, sediment, and bacteria loading within our streams, improving water quality and help further our outreach efforts to educate on the importance of improving and protecting water quality of our lakes, streams, and rivers.

Moreover, we are excited to see multiple partners and multiple agencies fund and support this important work covering northeast South Dakota.

We convey our strong support to this project and continued conservation in our area.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kelly Jean Vica Supervisor".

Supervisor, Day County Conservation District

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To Whom it may concern:

The Codington County Conservation District (CCD) supports Prairie Coteau Watershed Project's proposed conservation commission grant. The grant will be for a combination of best management practices (BMPs) such as livestock stream crossings, grazing management, riparian protection, grass seeding, grass waterways, animal nutrient management systems, and information and outreach education within the watershed project area over the next two years.

The project has had high interest in all the listed BMPs within the watershed project area. Installation of these best management practices will improve water quality and help further our outreach efforts to educate on the importance of improving and protecting water quality of our lakes, streams, and rivers.

CCD is familiar with the proposal, understands the expectations, and supports the efforts to address water quality.

The Codington 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.

Sincerely,

CCD District Manager
Deanna Kunkel

CCD District Board Chairman
Ken Bunde



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To Whom it may concern:

The Roberts Conservation District (RCD) supports Prairie Coteau Watershed Project's proposed conservation commission grant. The grant will be for a combination of best management practices (BMPs) such as livestock stream crossings, grazing management, riparian protection, grass seeding, grass waterways, animal nutrient management systems, and information and outreach education within the watershed project area over the next two years. The project has had high interest in all the listed BMPs within the watershed project area. Installation of these best management practices will help reduce nutrient, sediment, and bacteria loading within our streams, improving water quality and help further our outreach efforts to educate on the importance of improving and protecting water quality of our lakes, streams, and rivers.

RCD is familiar with the proposal, understands the expectations, and supports the efforts to address water quality.

The Roberts 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 Roberts 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Maggie Hanson".

RCD District Manager
Maggie Hanson

RCD District Board Chairman
Calvin Thompson

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Calvin Thompson".



Marshall County Conservation District

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To Whom it may concern:

The Marshall County Conservation District (MCCD) supports Prairie Coteau Watershed Project's proposed conservation commission grant. The grant will be for a combination of best management practices (BMPs) such as livestock stream crossings, grazing management, riparian protection, grass seeding, grass waterways, animal nutrient management systems, and information and outreach education within the watershed project area over the next two years. The project has had high interest in all the listed BMPs within the watershed project area. Installation of these best management practices will help reduce nutrient, sediment, and bacteria loading within our streams, improving water quality and help further our outreach efforts to educate on the importance of improving and protecting water quality of our lakes, streams, and rivers.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jean Fagerland".

MCCD District Manager
Jean Fagerland

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nathan O'Brien".

MCCD District Board Chairman
Nathan O'Brien



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To Whom it may concern:


The Grant County Conservation District (GCCD) supports the Prairie Coteau Watershed Project's proposed conservation commission grant. The grant will be for a combination of best management practices (BMPs) such as livestock stream crossings, grazing management, riparian protection, grass seeding, grass waterways, animal nutrient management systems, and information and outreach education within the watershed project area over the next two years. The project has had high interest in all the listed BMPs within the watershed project area. Installation of these best management practices will help reduce nutrient, sediment, and bacteria loading within our streams, improving water quality and help further our outreach efforts to educate on the importance of improving and protecting water quality of our lakes, streams, and rivers.


GCCD is familiar with the proposal, understands the expectations, and supports the efforts to address water quality.

The Grant 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 Grant 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,


GCCD District Manager
Amy Sis


GCCD District Board Chairman
Gerald Thaden

State Conservation Commission

April 2026

Conservation District **Dewey**

Project Name: **DCCD Wind & Water Mixed-Use Grant**

Start Date **07/01/2026**

End Date **06/30/2028**

Total Project Amount:	\$ 242,850.00
Commisson Funds:	\$ 73,145.00
District Funds:	\$ 5,000.00
Landowner Cash:	\$ 164,705.00
Local In-kind:	
Other Funds:	

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

Description of Grant Application:

The DCCD "Wind & Water" Mixed-Use Grant is an effort to provide cost-share on conservation practices to all residents of Dewey County, who are not otherwise able to obtain cost-share support. Our project is designed to reduce erosion, increase organic matter, improve rangeland, and pasture land, improve water quality and soil health and protect ground water, which aligns with the goals of the SD coordinated soil and water conservation plan. The most up to date conservation commission approved practices and cost share percentages will be followed. 18 Months is a practical timeframe to inform the public, install practices, and use the funding to achieve our goals.

If selected for funding, RC&F suggests that:

- The Conservation Commission will not reimburse any costs that exceed the most up to date 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:

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GF&P:

[Empty box for GF&P comments]

	Project	Start date	End Date	Original Award	Balance	Extensions
Other current grants:						
Windbreak/Shelterbelt	2026-CSW-013	01/01/2026	12/31/2026	\$ 4,878.00	\$ 4,878.00	
Approved:	[Box]		Denied:	[Box]		

Reason for denial:

[Empty box for Reason for denial]



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PO Box 66
Timber Lake, SD 57656
deweycountycd@gmail.com

3/10/26

Dear South Dakota Conservation Commission,

The Dewey County Conservation District is pleased to submit a grant application for the 2026 spring grant round. The following application is for our DCCD "Wind & Water" Mixed-Use Grant which will start May 15th, 2026 and end November 15th, 2027. This timeframe covering two summers is necessary to plan and implement the practices in this program.

Along with the application, you will find a copy of the minutes from our board meeting, the district's W-9, a spreadsheet explaining how we came up with our figures and identifying our target metrics, and the narrative which goes with our application.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration on this grant application. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out.

Sincerely,

Angie Jones

Angie Jones, District Manager
Dewey County Conservation District
605-865-3552x3 - office
605-230-0968 - cell



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RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY DIVISION

523 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501
Phone: 605.773.3623
danr.sd.gov

GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Applicant Information

Organization: Dewey County Conservation District Mailing Address: PO Box 66
Telephone: 605-865-3552x3 City: Timber Lake State: SD Zip: 57656
Tax Status: exempt

Project Contact

Project Officer: Angie Jones Telephone: 605-230-0968
Fax: _____ Email: deweycountycd@gmail.com

Project Information

Project Name: DCCD Wind & Water Mixed-Use Grant
Start Date: 05/15/2026 End Date: 11/15/2027
Legal description: County: Dewey
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: 73145 Partner contributions (total): 169705 Total project cost: 242850
Please provide a brief, descriptive summary of the project:

The DCCD "Wind & Water" Mixed-Use Grant is an effort to provide cost-share on conservation practices to all residents of Dewey County, who are not otherwise able to obtain cost-share support. Our project is designed to reduce erosion, increase organic matter, improve rangeland and pasture land, improve water quality and soil health and protect ground water, which aligns with the goals of the SD Coordinated Soil and Water Conservation Plan. The 2026 conservation commission approved practices and cost share percentages will be followed. Eighteen months is a practical timeframe to inform the public of this new opportunity, install practices and utilize the funding to achieve our proposed goals. Please see the attached budget sheet for cost-share breakdown and target metrics.

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 Angie Jones Title District Manager Date 3/12/26

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	\$ 2,000.00	
2.	Travel	\$ 0.00	
3.	Contractual Services	\$ 98,000.00	
4.	Supplies		
5.	Equipment (list major equipment)	\$ 0.00	
6.	Consultation Services	\$ 0.00	
Total Project Costs		\$100,000.00	This total must equal <u> \$100,000.00</u>

B. Activity Budget

	Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
1.	Forest Stand improvement	49,000.00	49,000.00			\$98,000.00
2.	Administrative costs	1,000.00	1,000.00			\$2,000.00
3.	_____					
4.	_____					
5.	_____					
6.	_____					
7.	_____					
8.	_____					
Totals		\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00			\$100,000.00
This total must equal						<u> \$100,000.00</u>

C. Project Partners

	Partners	Amount Cash	Amount In-Kind	Total
1.	Landowners	49,000.00		\$49,000.00
2.	Commission Grant	50,000.00		\$50,000.00
3.	Custer County Conservation	1,000.00		\$1,000.00
4.	_____			
5.	_____			
6.	_____			
7.	_____			
8.	_____			
Totals		\$100,000.00		\$100,000.00
This total must equal				<u> \$100,000.00</u>

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

Dewey County "Wind & Water" Mixed-Use Grant						
			Project Start: May 15th, 2026	Project End: November 15th, 2027		
Practice Categories - Cost Share %	Target Goal	Unit	Total Practice Cost	Grant	Match	Details
Grazing Management						
- Pipeline for general livestock needs - 30%	52800	L.f	\$158,400.00	\$31,680.00	\$126,720.00	\$2,00/ft was used to create the budget Average cost to trench pipeline in Dewey is \$3,00/ft
- Tanks for general livestock needs - 30%	8000	Gal	\$12,800.00	\$3,840.00	\$8,960.00	All tank types in the docket are eligible for cost-share
Mechanical brush control - 50%	22	Hr	\$3,850.00	\$1,925.00	\$1,925.00	At \$175/hr
Shelterbelt Installation, Renovation and Improvement						
- Tree & Shrub planting - 50%	20000	L.f	\$9,400.00	\$4,700.00	\$4,700.00	Dewey charges \$0.40/ft for trees and \$47/ft for shrubs. Both charges will be taken out of this budget category.
- Fabric application - 50%	20000	L.f	\$17,800.00	\$8,900.00	\$8,900.00	Dewey charges \$0.89/ft for fabric
- Shelterbelt renovation - 40%	4	Ac	\$12,000.00	\$4,800.00	\$7,200.00	At \$3000/acre
- Thinning or slash disposal - 50%	4	Ac	\$7,200.00	\$3,600.00	\$3,600.00	Thinning at \$1500/ac, slash disposal at \$300/ac
- Wildlife Exclusion Fencing - 50%	3000	L.f	\$5,400.00	\$2,700.00	\$2,700.00	Est footage needed to fence 3 acres of plots at \$1.80/L.f
Technical Assistance	280	Hr	\$7,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$4,000.00	Provision of technical assistance for producers to implement conservation practices at \$25/hr
Required Information & Education activities (Administrative rule 12:03:05:11)			\$1,000.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	Running advertisements notifying the public of this cost-share opportunity, in-person attendance at public outreach events
Administration <15% grant total			\$8,000.00	\$7,500.00	\$500.00	
Totals			\$242,850.00	\$73,145.00	\$169,705.00	

Target Metrics

10 miles of pipeline installed in Dewey County (52,800ft)
7500 gallons worth of stock tanks installed
Brush cleared in areas needing conservation protection - weed invasion, shelterbelt maintenance, water ways,etc

20,000 ft of trees and shrubs planted in Dewey
20,000 ft of fabric installed in shelterbelts
4 acres of shelterbelts renovated

4 acres of shelterbelts thinned
Wildlife exclusion fencing for new and renovated shelterbelts
- technical assistance available to producers to plan, implement and ensure project specs and conduct site visits
- 8 advertisements throughout project duration (4 in each local paper)
- In person attendance of 2 public outreach events

Dewey County Conservation District Board Minutes

Regular Meeting 1/7/26

Board members present: Ed Ducheneaux, Arden Petersen, Jim Petersen, Jay Jones arrived 1:15, Not present: Jerimiah Garon

Personnel: Angie Jones; NRCS Personnel: Dustin Jewett, Ryan Wilen

Meeting called to order by Jim Petersen at 1:18. Ed Ducheneaux moved to approve agenda, seconded by Jay Jones.

Motion carried.

Ed Ducheneaux moved to approve the minutes of the meetings on 11.5.25, seconded by Arden Petersen. Motion carried.

NRCS report – Batching date for 2026 EQIP/CSP money is this Friday. New program called RCPP which is a whole farm contract

Jay Jones moved to approve the treasurer's report and pay the bills. Seconded by Arden Petersen. Motion carried.

Business manager report given by Angie Jones.

Old Business

Equipment update – JD 1590 no-till still having issues with hydraulics falling. Ardie will switch the cylinder and see if that is the problem. Planter and fabric machine repair on hold, waiting on connecting with Bryan of Hutchinson County and Gross regarding a fix.

Dewey County Conservation District received the \$5500 from the county commissioner's

New Business

Chairman signature for SAM verification process obtained.

Motion made by Arden Petersen to place additional advertising as 3x3 ads in both local papers, max budget of \$500.

Seconded by Ed Ducheneaux

Motion made by Jay Jones to approve application for the DANR spring grant round with a mixed use grant, seconded by Ed Ducheneaux.

Motion made by Arden Petersen to check have board members check into alternative financing options for the skid steer loan, seconded by Jay Jones.

Started the 2026 Work Plan, to complete next meeting

Started the Long Range Plan update, discussed areas to include and dispersed previous plan copies.

Next meeting set for 2/4/2026 at 1:00 p.m.

Meeting declared adjourned by Jim Petersen at 2:22 PM

Minutes submitted by: Angie Jones, Business Manager

State Conservation Commission

April 2026

Conservation District: **Edmunds**

Project Name: **Conservation Education**

Start Date: **07/01/2026**

End Date: **12/31/2026**

Total Project Amount:	\$ 3,000.00
Commisson 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:

Activities will include: Arbor Day plants, arbor day posters, handouts to all students k-5th grade and 3 colonies, materials for plantes, pencils for all students, project materials for 5th grade project and presentation materials, community garden starter plants and other materials as needed, newspaper articles regarding events, Winter and or spring garden workshops materials, native gardens materials and supplies.

Edmunds County has a veg. garden and 2 native gardens in Ipswich that are used to help teach the importance of pollinators and health soil. We have been at this for 7 years with a great number of people that participate and come to talk about what they can do to make gardening processes smarter for soil, water usage and all pollinators. Edmunds is always looking for new ways to help share the importance of being good Stewarts of the land.

If selected for funding, RC&F suggests that:

- 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:	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	

Approved:

Denied:

Reason for denial:



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GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Applicant Information

Organization: Edmunds County Conservation District Mailing Address: PO Box 25
Telephone: 605-426-6994 City: Ipswich State: SD Zip: 57451
Tax Status: _____

Project Contact

Project Officer: Meshele Townsend Telephone: 605-426-6994
Fax: _____ Email: eccd@valleytel.net

Project Information

Project Name: Conservation Education
Start Date: 04/2026 End Date: 12/31/2026
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: 1500.00 Partner contributions (total): 1500.00 Total project cost: 3000.00
Please provide a brief, descriptive summary of the project:

Activities will include: Arbor Day plants, arbor day posters, handouts to all students k-5th grade and 3 colonies, materials for plantes, pencils for all students, project materials for 5ht grade project and presentation materials, community garden starter plants and other materials as needed, newspaper articles regarding events, Winter and or spring garden workshops materials, native gardens materials and supplies.
Edmunds County has a veg. garden and 2 native gardens in Ipswich that are used to help teach the importance of pollinators and health soil. We have been at this for 7 years with a great number of people that participate and come to talk about what they can do to make gardening processes smarter for soil, water usage and all pollinators. Edmunds is always looking for new ways to help share the importance of being good Stewarts of the land.

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 Meshele Townsend Title District Manager Date 3/13/20
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	1000	
2.	Travel		
3.	Contractual Services	1000	
4.	Supplies	1000	
5.	Equipment (list major equipment)		
6.	Consultation Services		
Total Project Costs		3000	This total must equal <u>3000.00</u>

B. Activity Budget

	Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
1.	supplies	1000		1000		2000
2.	administration	500	500			1000
3.						0
4.						0
5.						0
6.						0
7.						0
8.						0
Totals		1500	500	1000	0	3000
						This total must equal <u>3000.00</u>

C. Project Partners

	Partners	Amount Cash	Amount In-Kind	Total
1.	ECCD		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 <u>3000.00</u>

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

Minutes

Edmunds County Conservation District Board of Supervisors

ECCD-BOS Meeting

Thursday March 12th 2026 1pm, ECCD held in office located at

20 S 4th St Ipswich

1. Call meeting to order –Bryce Nash 1:14pm
2. Roll call and introductions of meeting attendees – Bryce Nash chairman, Tim Braun vice chairman, Anita Weisser supervisor, Jonathan Rohrbach advisor, Kenny Kilber advisor. NRCS : Derek Barondeau DC. Absent: James Hoyle, Bruce Gauer.
3. Approval of agenda for March 2026– Tim motioned to approve Anita 2nd all carried
4. Approval of the minutes from the February 2026 meeting – Tim motioned to approve Anita 2nd all carried
5. Financial Reports for February 2026 for board approval – Anita motioned to approve Tim 2nd all carried
 - 5.1. check and deposit details
 - 5.2. balance sheet
 - 5.3. profit and loss report

Unfinished Business

6. Salinity plot updates – no at this time
7. Equipment updates – no at this time
8. Tree plans for 2026 season – 19 acers of new planting to date
9. Locally Lead Training March 24& 25 9:30 am-3:30pm – Tim motioned to approve DM to attend the training in Huron Anita 2nd all carried
10. South Dakota Wildlife Youth Camp June 7-13 in B.H. – Anita motioned to approve 2 student sponsorship to attend youth camp Tim 2nd all carried
11. Education Grant – Anita motioned to approve a new grant Tim 2nd all carried
12. NRCS Report – Derek NRCS Director Tim motioned to approve report Anita 2nd all carried
13. Other agenda items and executive session as needed - none at this time
14. Date, time and location of next meeting – April 9th at 1pm

State Conservation Commission

April 2026

Conservation District: Haakon

Project Name: Haakon County Tree Planting

Start Date: 07/01/2026

End Date: 12/31/2027

Total Project Amount:	\$ 124,225.00
Commisson Funds:	\$ 42,600.00
District Funds:	
Landowner Cash:	\$ 81,625.00
Local In-kind:	
Other Funds:	

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

Description of Grant Application:

This grant application is to fund shelterbelt plantings in Haakon County for the benefit of landowners, livestock and wildlife habitat. The types of plantings we are looking to cost-share would be living snow fence, livestock shelterbelts, and field windbreaks. The producers would be responsible for site prep and maintenance over the life of their tree belt. The conservation district will work closely with the landowner to plant the trees and install the fabric weed barrier. We currently have 4 producers interested in improving their land with these tree plantings to reduce wind and soil erosion and help with snow capture and dispersal. All plans will be approved by a SD DANR Forester and landowners will be required to contact 811 to locate any potential utilities prior to any work being done. This grant will benefit producers in Haakon County that don't qualify for other cost-share under federal programs. With the 4 producers already interested we are already planning to plant over 13 acres of trees.

If selected for funding, RC&F suggests that:

- The Conservation Commission will not reimburse any costs that exceed themost up to date 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.
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- 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:

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GF&P:

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	Project	Start date	End Date	Original Award	Balance	Extensions
Other current grants:	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Approved: [Empty box]

Denied: [Empty box]

Reason for denial:

[Empty box for Reason for denial]



Haakon County Conservation District

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March 5, 2026

Dear Conservation Commission and SD DANR:

The Haakon County Conservation District is submitting a grant application for a Tree Planting Grant. We have 4 producers interested in planting tree plots and have partnered with NRCS on the Technical Assistance portion of grant planning. Our goals for this project include establishing new shelter belts in Haakon County in several critical areas to reduce soil erosion, capture snow, reduce wind velocity and protect livestock. The primary beneficiaries of this project will be landowners; to include the general public in the interest of snow capture and better air quality that trees provide incidentally livestock and wildlife will also benefit from the increased protection the trees will provide.

The Haakon County Conservation District will be responsible for implementing the grant, we will require the landowner handle the maintenance of the trees and fabric starting with site prep in the fall of 2026 followed by planting in the spring of 2027, then we will follow-up with them during the summer months to check for tree survival, assisting them with ordering replants for any trees that die and reminding them to check on their fabric and water their trees. The project will be located throughout Haakon County.

Through this grant we will be addressing a need for shelterbelt protection for producers who have been hesitant in the past to plant trees due to the cost of the projects, federal cost-share opportunities have such rigorous rules and deadlines but with the help of the conservation commission grant program we can cost-share these projects. All plans will be reviewed and approved by a SD DANR Forester before any projects are started. We don't anticipate the need for any permits of any kind; however, we do require the landowner to call 811 to ensure we won't disturb any utilities. All local zoning regulations will be followed.

Respectfully,

Katie Schultz
HCCD District Manager

TJ Gabriel, Chairman
Fred Foland, Vice-Chairman
Bill Gottsleben, Supervisor
Nick Hamill, Supervisor
Gavin Brucklacher, Supervisor





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GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Applicant Information

Organization: Haakon County Conservation District Mailing Address: PO Box 130
Telephone: 605-859-2186 ext 122 City: Philip State: SD Zip: 57567
Tax Status: Government

Project Contact

Project Officer: Katie Schultz Telephone: 605-859-2186 ext 122
Fax: Email: haakoncd@sdconservation.net

Project Information

Project Name: Haakon County Tree Planting Grant
Start Date: 07/01/2026 End Date: 12/31/2027
Legal description: County: Haakon
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: 42600 Partner contributions (total): 81625 Total project cost: 124225
Please provide a brief, descriptive summary of the project:

This grant application is to fund shelterbelt plantings in Haakon County for the benefit of landowners, livestock and wildlife habitat. The types of plantings we are looking to cost-share would be living snow fence, livestock shelterbelts, and field windbreaks. The producers would be responsible for site prep and maintenance over the life of their tree belt. The conservation district will work closely with the landowner to plant the trees and install the fabric weed barrier. We currently have 4 producers interested in improving their land with these tree plantings to reduce wind and soil erosion and help with snow capture and dispersal. All plans will be approved by a SD DANR Forester and landowners will be required to contact 811 to locate any potential utilities prior to any work being done. This grant will benefit producers in Haakon County that don't qualify for other cost-share under federal programs. With the 4 producers already interested we are already planning to plant over 13 acres of trees.

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 Katie Schultz Title District Manager Date 3/5/26

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	0		
2. Travel	0		
3. Contractual Services	41500		
4. Supplies	82725		
5. Equipment (list major equipment)	0		
6. Consultation Services	0		
Total Project Costs	124245	This total must equal	124225

B. Activity Budget

Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
1. <u>Tree Planting</u>	15000	26500			41500
2. <u>Fabric Installation</u>	27600	55125			82725
3. _____					0
4. _____					0
5. _____					0
6. _____					0
7. _____					0
8. _____					0
Totals	42600	81625	0	0	124225
				This total must equal	124225

C. Project Partners

Partners	Amount Cash	Amount In-Kind	Total	
1. <u>RC & F</u>	42600		42600	
2. <u>Producers</u>	81625		81625	
3. _____			0	
4. _____			0	
5. _____			0	
6. _____			0	
7. _____			0	
8. _____			0	
Totals	124225	0	124225	
			This total must equal	124225

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

**HAAKON COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
USDA Service Center
PHILIP, SD
Minutes
February 17, 2025
5:30pm**

SUPERVISORS PRESENT: *Foland/Gottsleben/Hamill by phone* **SUPERVISORS ABSENT:** *Brucklacher/Gabriel* **OTHERS:** *Schultz*

CALLED MEETING TO ORDER AT 5:32 PM

All votes are unanimous unless otherwise noted.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

MOTION: *Hamill*

SECOND: *Gottsleben*

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

MOTION: *Gottsleben*

SECOND: *Hamill*

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Golden West	\$59.95*
Chamber of Commerce	\$25.00*
Big Sioux Nursery (down payment)	\$17,726.25*
SDSU Ag Day sponsorship	\$40.00*
Prairie Area dues	\$50.00*
SDACDE dues & Leadership	\$225.00*
SDACD dues	\$1100.00*

*indicates paid

Total: \$19,226.20

MOTION: *Gottsleben*

SECOND: *Hamill*

OLD BUSINESS: *None*

NEW BUSINESS: *Legislative Update-reviewed and informed about the weekly call in option*

Review SDPAA Packet-motion made by Hamill to approve and submit, seconded by Gottsleben

Manager report: JPA with Jackson County(pending, no action needed at this time), Grassland Summit March 3&4 Mitchell(gave members present a copy of the agenda with information to register if interested), FSA packet(information on County Committee elections), future events-manager encourage Supervisors to be thinking about outreach events the district should host this year

Spring Grant round: manager presented the board with information regarding the grant proposal, we intend to apply for a commission grant for tree plantings with 4 producers interested in participating, Supervisor Gottsleben made a motion to approve applying for the grant, seconded by Hamill.

Board feedback/concerns/issues: for discussion manager Schultz brought up a possible anhydrous ammonia facility being planned for north of Philip, other topics were wind energy project received approval from PUC, Locally-Led meeting being planned for one day during the week of March 23-27 in Philip with SDACD/NRCS/Supervisors and employees encouraged to attend.

MOTION:

SECOND:

NRCS Report: *Manager read a report provided by Cassie regarding what she is currently working on, the board signed ECP plans that were approved at the September meeting*

Executive Session per SDCL:

MOTION:

SECOND:

NEXT MEETING: *March 9th @ 5 pm*

ADJOURN @ 6:04 pm

MOTION: *Gottsleben*

SECOND: *Hamill*

Establishment

SD-CPA-6e

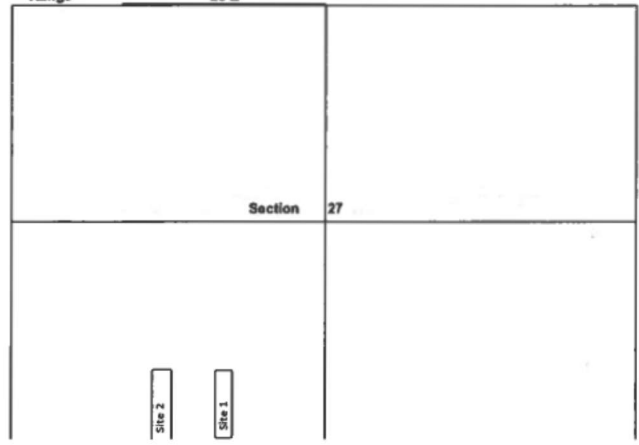
Site No.	MGA	63A	PLANTING INFORMATION -										PLANNED				APPLIED				Check if installed	Check if installed	Cats-Units
			Width (feet)	Spacing (feet)	Row No.	Species from North or West	Alternate With	(Feet) Spacing in Row	Approx. Length of rows (Feet)	Approx. Length of rows (Rods)	Approx. No. of Plants	Fabric (Feet)	Tree Tubes	Seeding Source	Width (feet)	Spacing (ft)	Approximate in the Row	Length (Feet)	Length (Rods)	Fabric (Feet)			
1	4C	15	1	Rocky Mountain Juniper	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	10	1,060	64.2	106	Yes													
			2	Chokecherry	<input type="checkbox"/>	10	1,060	64.2	106	Yes													
			3	Common lilac	<input type="checkbox"/>	10	1,060	64.2	106	Yes													
2	4C	15	1	Siberian elm	<input type="checkbox"/>	12	1,060	64.2	88														
			2	HackberryPM	<input type="checkbox"/>	12	1,060	64.2	88														
							Totals	5,300	321.0	494	3,180												

2.92 acres planned _____ acres applied

Section 27
Township 3 N
Range 20 E

Comments: Site one will be 300 ft from fence and will have 3 rows.
Site two will be 100 ft away from Site one.
The windbreaks will serve as a way to slow down wind/snow to dump on the land
to improve the management of the land over time.

LOCATION MAP



Producer Name _____
 Address _____
 Site Address _____
 Phone Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____

Type of Planting Field Windbreak Program _____
 Site Prep Disk Practice # 380

Applied _____ Date Completed _____ Completed by: _____
 Windbreak _____
 Fabric _____

Conservation Plan Map

Client(s): [REDACTED]

Assisted By: CASSIE BELL
USDA-NRCS
PHILIP SERVICE CENTER
HAAKON COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT



Legend

- trees
- Merged_SD_Sections_N
- p1ss_trng_a_sd055
- USDA_CONUS_PRI
- RGB
- Red: Band_1
- Green: Band_2
- Blue: Band_3



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Conservation Plan Map

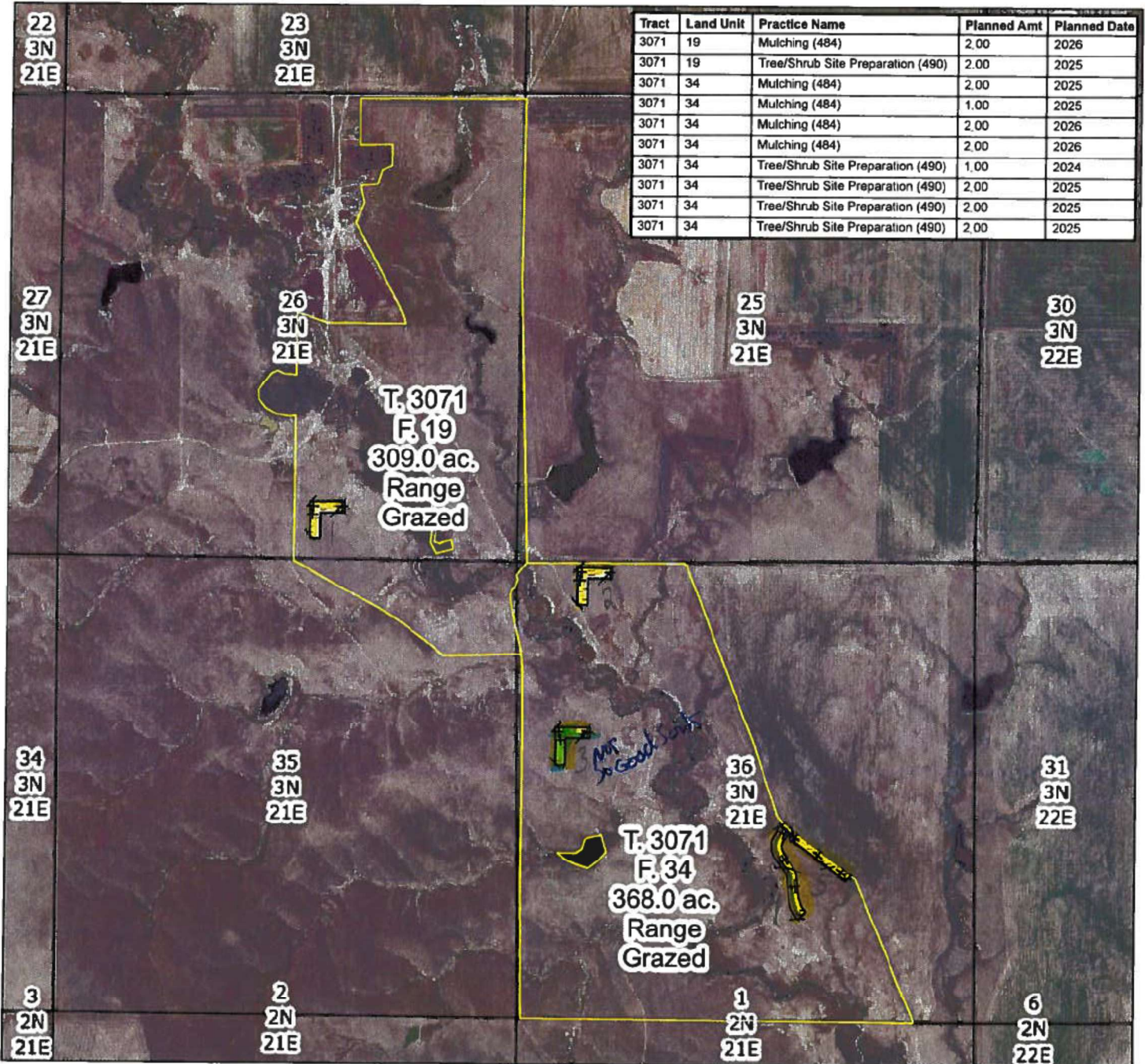
Date: 3/11/2024

Client(s): [REDACTED]

Assisted By: NINA PEKRON
USDA-NRCS
PHILIP SERVICE CENTER

Land Units: Tract 3071, Fields 19,34

Tract	Land Unit	Practice Name	Planned Amt	Planned Date
3071	19	Mulching (484)	2.00	2026
3071	19	Tree/Shrub Site Preparation (490)	2.00	2025
3071	34	Mulching (484)	2.00	2025
3071	34	Mulching (484)	1.00	2025
3071	34	Mulching (484)	2.00	2026
3071	34	Mulching (484)	2.00	2026
3071	34	Tree/Shrub Site Preparation (490)	1.00	2024
3071	34	Tree/Shrub Site Preparation (490)	2.00	2025
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Conservation Practice Lines	Conservation Practice Polygons	Practice Schedule PLUs
+ Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment (380)	Mulching (484)	
↖ Fence (382)	Tree/Shrub Site Preparation (490)	



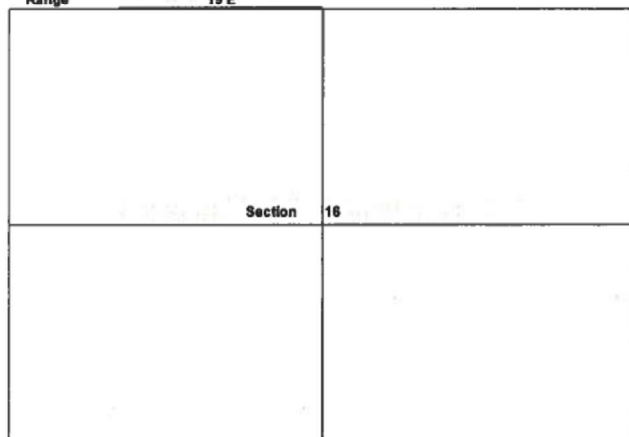
Establishment										SD-CPA-6e												
MLRA 63A PLANTING INFORMATION -										PLANNED										APPLIED		
Site No.	WPA C	Spacing (feet) North Between Rows	Row No.	Species from North or West	Applied <input type="checkbox"/>	(Feet) Spacing in Row	Approx. Length of rows		Approx. No. of Plants	Fabric (Feet)	Tree Tubes	Seedling Source	Width (feet)		Spacing (ft) Approximate in the Row	Length		Fabric (Feet)	Tree Tubes	No. of Plants		
							Feet	Rods					North	Between Rows		(Feet)	(Rods)					
1	4C	20	1	Rocky Mountain juniper	<input type="checkbox"/>	8	300	18.2	38	Yes												
		20	2	Chokecherry	<input type="checkbox"/>	6	300	18.2	50	Yes												
		20	3	Siberian elm	<input type="checkbox"/>	14	300	18.2	21	Yes												
		20	4	Silver buffaloberryPM	<input type="checkbox"/>	6	300	18.2	50	Yes												
		20	5	Rocky Mountain juniper	<input type="checkbox"/>	10	300	18.2	30	Yes												
2	4C	20	1	Rocky Mountain juniper	<input type="checkbox"/>	8	380	23.0	48	Yes												
		20	2	Chokecherry	<input type="checkbox"/>	6	380	23.0	63	Yes												
		20	3	Siberian elm	<input type="checkbox"/>	14	380	23.0	27	Yes												
		20	4	Silver buffaloberryPM	<input type="checkbox"/>	6	380	23.0	63	Yes												
		20	5	Rocky Mountain juniper	<input type="checkbox"/>	10	380	23.0	38	Yes												
3	4C	20	1	Rocky Mountain juniper	<input type="checkbox"/>	8	660	40.0	83	Yes												
		20	2	Chokecherry	<input type="checkbox"/>	6	660	40.0	110	Yes												
		20	3	Siberian elm	<input type="checkbox"/>	14	660	40.0	47	Yes												
		20	4	Silver buffaloberryPM	<input type="checkbox"/>	6	660	40.0	110	Yes												
		20	5	Rocky Mountain juniper	<input type="checkbox"/>	10	660	40.0	66	Yes												
							Totals	6 700	406.0	844	6,700											

3.38 acres planned _____ acres applied

Section 16
Township 3 N
Range 19 E

Comments: Producer will have three tree plots.
All plots will have the same species.
Plot 1 is in the NE quarter, green polygon
Plot 2 is in the NE quarter, south of Plot 1, purple polygon
Plot 3 is in the SE quarter, pink polygon.

LOCATION MAP



Producer Name _____
Address _____
Site Address _____
Phone Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____

Type of Planting Livestock Windbreak Program GRANT
Site Prep Chisel Plow, Disk, Practice # 380

Applied _____ Date Completed: _____ Completed by: _____
Windbreak _____
Fabric _____

Conservation Plan Map



Client(s):



Assisted By: CASSIE BELL
USDA-NRCS
PHILIP SERVICE CENTER
HAAKON COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT



-  Tree plot 3
-  Tree plot 2
-  Tree Plot 1

-  Merged_SD_Sections_NRCS
-  plss_tnrg_a_sd055



Establishment

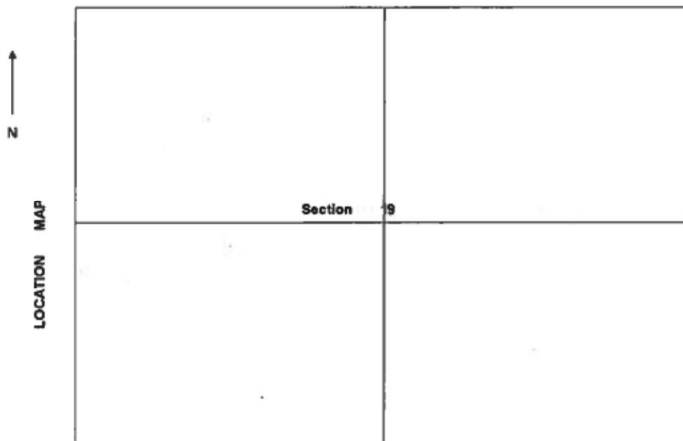
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Site No	NBS CTSC	Spacing (feet)	Row No	Species from North or West	Applied <input type="checkbox"/>	PLANNED						APPLIED				Check if installed <input type="checkbox"/>	Check if installed <input type="checkbox"/>	Calc-ulate <input type="checkbox"/>
						(Feet) Spacing in Row	Approx. Length of rows Feet	Approx. Length of rows Rods	Approx. No. of Plants	Fabric (Feet)	Tree Tubes	Seeding Source	Width (feet)	Spacing (ft)	Approximate in the Row			
1	4C	20	1	Eastern redcedar	<input type="checkbox"/>	8	690	41.8	88	Yes	No							
	4C	20	2	Russian-olive	<input type="checkbox"/>	10	715	43.3	72	Yes	No							
	4C	20	3	Honeylocust	<input type="checkbox"/>	12	740	44.8	62	Yes	No							
	4C	20	4	Chokecherry	<input type="checkbox"/>	6	760	46.1	127	Yes	No							
	4C	20	5	Caragana (Siberian peashr.	<input type="checkbox"/>	6	780	47.3	130	Yes	No							
						Totals	3,685	223.3	477	3,685								

Section 19
Township 5N
Range 23E

1.53 acres planned _____ acres applied

Comments: _____



Producer Name _____
Address _____
Site Address _____
Phone Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____
Type of Planting Living snow fence Program EQIP
Site Prep Disk Practice # 380
Applied Date Completed _____ Completed by: _____
Windbreak _____
Fabric _____



19

5 N 23 E

20

Eastern Red Cedar

Russian Olive

Honey Locust

Choke Cherry

Cargana

Legend

Name

- Cargana
- Choke Cherry
- Eastern Red Cedar
- Honey Locust
- Russian Olive

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RGB

- Red: Band_1
- Green: Band_2
- Blue: Band_3

1:2,400

1 INCH = 200 FEET



State Conservation Commission

April 2026

Conservation District: Hand

Project Name: Hand County Shelterbelt Enhancement Project

Start Date: 07/01/2026

End Date: 06/30/2028

Total Project Amount:	\$ 100,000.00
Comission Funds:	\$ 50,000.00
District Funds:	
Landowner Cash:	\$ 45,000.00
Local In-kind:	\$ 5,000.00
Other Funds:	

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

Description of Grant Application:

The Hand County Shelterbelt Enhancement Project, if funded, will support natural resource management efforts for agricultural producers throughout Hand County, South Dakota. The project will assist participating landowners with the establishment and improvement of shelterbelts to reduce wind erosion, protect cropland and livestock, and enhance wildlife habitat. The proposed funding source for cost-share eligible items is the Coordinated Natural Resources Conservation Grant, which will provide approximately 50 percent of eligible project costs. Participating landowners will provide the remaining share along with in-kind contributions for site preparation and labor.

Through this project, approximately 30,000 linear feet of trees and shrubs will be planted at an estimated cost of \$0.60 per linear foot. In addition, approximately 30,000 linear feet of fabric weed barrier and installation will be completed at an estimated cost of \$0.90 per linear foot. Site preparation will include approximately 20 acres of preparation and an estimated 80 hours of landowner labor. Project administration and coordination will be provided by the Hand County Conservation District to ensure proper implementation and completion of the project.

If selected for funding, RC&F suggests that:

- The Conservation Commission will not reimburse any costs that exceed the most up to date 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:

[Empty box for DANR comments]

GF&P:

[Empty box for GF&P comments]

Other current grants:	Project	Start date	End Date	Original Award	Balance	Extensions
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
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
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GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Applicant Information

Organization: Hand County Conservation District Mailing Address: 118 E 2ND ST
Telephone: (605) 853-2410 City: Miller State: SD Zip: 57362
Tax Status: Government

Project Contact

Project Officer: Jake Stewart Telephone: (605) 204-0972
Fax: N/A Email: handcd@sdconservation.net

Project Information

Project Name: Hand County Shelter-belt Enhancement Project
Start Date: 07/01/2026 End Date: 06/30/2028
Legal description: County: Hand
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: 50000.00 Partner contributions (total): 50000.00 Total project cost: 100000
Please provide a brief, descriptive summary of the project:

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

Applicant Signature [Signature] Title Secretary Date 3/19/2026

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	5750	
2.	Travel		
3.	Contractual Services	92000	
4.	Supplies		
5.	Equipment (list major equipment)		
6.	Consultation Services	2250	
Total Project Costs		100000	This total must equal <u>100000</u>

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	18000	18000			36000
3. Fabric, Weed, & Installation	27000	27000			54000
4. Administration	5000		750		5750
5. Technical Assistance			2250		2250
6. _____					0
7. _____					0
8. _____					0
Totals	50000	45000	5000	0	100000
This total must equal					100000

C. Project Partners

Partners	Amount Cash	Amount In-Kind	Total
1. SD DANR	50000	0	50000
2. Hand County CD	0	3000	3000
3. Landowners	45000	2000	47000
4. _____			0
5. _____			0
6. _____			0
7. _____			0
8. _____			0
Totals	95000	5000	100000
This total must equal			100000

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

**HAND COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
118 EAST SECOND STREET
MILLER, SD 57362-1407
Approved Minutes January 13th, 2026**

SUPERVISORS:

Dennis Simons - Chairman
Matt Cavenee – Vice Chair

Clint Haigh
Dean Odden
Bob Speck

OFFICE PERSONNEL:

Jake Stewart - District Manager
Tierney Alpizar – Secretary

NRCS PERSONNEL:

Acting DC – Eric Rasmussen
Katie Deneke

Hand County Conservation District Supervisors met on Tuesday, January 13, 2026. Chairman Dennis Simons called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Those present were Bob Speck, Supervisor; Dennis Simons, Chairman; Dean Odden, Supervisor; Matthew Cavenee, Vice Chairman; Jake Stewart, District Manager; Tierney Alpizar, Secretary; Andrew Boersma, Advisor; and Katelin Deneke, NRCS Rangeland Management Specialist. Absent were Clint Haigh, Supervisor, and Eric Rasmussen, NRCS.

MOTION to approve the agenda with option to add items as needed by Mathew Cavenee, second by Bob Speck. Motion carried.

MOTION to approve the minutes with corrections by Dean Odden, second by Matthew Cavenee. Motion carried.

MOTION to approve the bills and financial reports by Bob Speck, second by Dean Odden. Motion carried.

MOTION to approve the official action of the board to sponsor the Hand County Conservation District's grant application for the Hand County Shelter-belt Enhancement Project by Dean Odden, second by Bob Speck. Motion carried.

NRCS:

Katelin Deneke shared an update on current NRCS programs and timelines. The application deadline for EQIP and CSP is January 15, 2025, with rankings expected 45 to 60 days later. There are currently about 29 EQIP applications and approximately five CSP contracts. Staff are waiting on final decisions for several applications related to tree practices and will provide updates once those are completed. Limited information is available at this time regarding the Regenerative Agriculture program; however, it is expected to be a nationwide program using about 25% of EQIP and CSP funding and will focus on a whole-farm approach to conservation. There are no updates on hiring at this time, as the hiring freeze remains in place, with only a small number of state conservation positions posted and no timeline for when the freeze may be lifted.

OLD BUSINESS:

Finances – At the December 2025 board meeting, the Board approved a correction to the business checking and savings accounts. A transfer of \$15,000 from the business checking account to the business savings account was approved to prepare for the upcoming annual pickup payment. Tierney Alpizar completed the transfer as approved. The checking account balance remains in good standing.

Purchases – Jake Stewart purchased approved tree fabric through a bulk purchase coordinated by Hyde County Conservation District due to the significantly reduced cost. The Board approved a down payment of \$7,725.00 toward the bulk fabric purchase. The remaining balance will be paid to Hyde County Conservation District through monthly installments of \$5,000.00 over the next six months.

**HAND COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
118 EAST SECOND STREET
MILLER, SD 57362-1407**

NEW BUSINESS:

Finances – Tierney Alpizar reported that several updates are needed within the current QuickBooks accounts due to inaccuracies. These include the general bank account not balancing correctly and depreciation not being properly reflected in asset accounts.

QuickBooks – The Board discussed the current QuickBooks Desktop system and the potential transition to QuickBooks Online, including the pros and cons of each. It was noted that direct deposit for employees is no longer supported in QuickBooks Desktop, as this feature has been discontinued and the product is being phased out, with only limited functionality remaining.

Audit Companies – Tierney Alpizar shared that the Conservation District is currently filing its own year-end taxes. She recommended that an annual audit be conducted as a standard financial practice. The Board agreed and directed Tierney Alpizar to research pricing for QuickBooks Online and options for audit firms.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Jake Stewart discussed the General Applicators License and Ash Tree Disease Treatment Certification requirements. Tierney Alpizar will need to obtain a Commercial General Applicators License with a Category 4 endorsement to complete the Ash Tree Disease Treatment Certification. The Board agreed this is appropriate and approved the use of the business credit card to cover the associated testing expenses.

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 10th, at 1 pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:54 PM

Minutes taken by Tierney Alpizar

Hand County Shelterbelt Enhancement Project 2026

Project Component	Grant Contribution	Landowner Match	In-Kind Contribution	Total Cost
Tree & Shrub Planting - \$0.60/LF (30,000 LF)	\$9,000	\$9,000	0	\$18,000
Fabric Weed Control - \$0.64/LF (30,000 LF)	\$13,500	\$13,500	0	\$27,000
Site Preparation - \$50/acre (20 acres)	0	0	\$1,000	\$1,000
Site Preparation Labor - \$25/hr (80 hours)	0	0	\$2,000	\$2,000
Administration - \$15/hr (200 hours)	\$27,500	750	\$28,250	\$28,250
	\$50,000	\$23,250	31250	\$76,250

Total Project Summary

Commission Grant Request: \$50,000

Landowner Match: \$22,500

Landowner In-Kind Contribution: \$3,750

Total Estimated Project Value: \$76,250

State Conservation Commission

April 2026

Conservation District: Hutchinson

Project Name: Awareness, Education & Outreach

Start Date: 07/01/2026

End Date: 12/31/2027

Total Project Amount:	\$ 6,000.00
Commisson Funds:	\$ 3,000.00
District Funds:	\$ 3,000.00
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:

No grant Description Attached

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DANR:

GF&P:

	Project	Start date	End Date	Original Award	Balance	Extensions
Other current grants:						
HCD Shelterbelt Grant	2026-CSW-017	01/01/2026	12/31/2026	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 11,000.00	
Approved:			Denied:			

Reason for denial:



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RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY DIVISION

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GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Applicant Information

Organization: Hutchinson Conservation District Mailing Address: 459 East HWY 18
Telephone: (605) 387-5539 City: Menno State: SD Zip: 57045
Tax Status: Government

Project Contact

Project Officer: Bryan Kludt Telephone: (605) 387-5539
Fax: _____ Email: hutchcd@gwtc.net

Project Information

Project Name: Awareness, Education & Outreach Grant
Start Date: 07/01/2026 End Date: 12/31/2027
Legal description: County: Hutchinson
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: \$ 3,000.00 Partner contributions (total): \$ 3,000.00 Total project cost: \$6,000.00
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 Title District Manager Date 03/06/2026
A copy of the state required W-9 form must be attached to this application.

SD EForm - 0549 V5 **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	400	
2.	Travel		
3.	Contractual Services		
4.	Supplies	5600	
5.	Equipment (list major equipment)		
6.	Consultation Services		
Total Project Costs		6000	This total must equal <u>6000</u>

B. Activity Budget

Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
1. Public Awareness	2600	3000			5600
2. Administration	400				400
3. _____					0
4. _____					0
5. _____					0
6. _____					0
7. _____					0
8. _____					0
Totals	3000	3000	0	0	6000
This total must equal					6000

C. Project Partners

Partners	Amount Cash	Amount In-Kind	Total
1. RC&F	3000		3000
2. Hutchinson CD		3000	3000
3. _____			0
4. _____			0
5. _____			0
6. _____			0
7. _____			0
8. _____			0
Totals	3000	3000	6000
This total must equal			6000

Project Partners

Project partners may include, but are not limited to, Hutchinson County, the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), South Dakota State University Extension, the James River Water Development District (JRWDD), South Dakota Game, Fish & Parks (SD GFP), local youth organizations, and other community groups.

Project Description and Need

The Conservation Awareness, Education, and Outreach Grant will focus on connecting the public and agricultural producers with conservation through targeted education and outreach efforts. This project will increase public understanding of the role local conservation districts play and the services they provide to landowners, producers, and communities.

By engaging farmers, families, students, and community members, this project will encourage greater community involvement and promote shared responsibility for conservation. The Hutchinson Conservation District will work with local partners to deliver educational programs and outreach activities that strengthen connections between conservation organizations and the communities they serve.

One of the key educational efforts supported through this project will be Arbor Day presentations for local 5th grade students across the county. During this event, students will learn about the importance of trees, conservation, and natural resource stewardship. Each student will receive a tree to take home along with educational materials to encourage continued learning and involvement in conservation. Presentations will also be provided by partner organizations including the State Forester, South Dakota Game, Fish & Parks, NRCS, and pollinator education specialists.

Additional educational opportunities will include greenhouse tours and hands-on learning experiences for local students. During these visits, students will get an opportunity to learn about plants and conservation by participating in planting activities.

Final Products

Community-based outreach and awareness activities may include, but are not limited to:

- Arbor Day presentations and conservation activities for local 5th grade students
- Greenhouse educational presentations and tours for local students
- County-wide newsletters and educational mailings
- Conservation speech contests for local schools
- Arbor Day essay and poster contests for youth

Partner Justification

This grant will support the district's efforts to increase outreach, education, and public awareness of conservation practices and programs available to landowners and producers. The primary audiences for this project include youth, landowners, agricultural producers, and community members. By reaching these groups through schools, community events, and partner collaborations, the Hutchinson Conservation District will continue to promote conservation awareness and responsible stewardship of natural resources throughout the county.

Through the Arbor Day program, approximately 100 fifth grade students across Hutchinson County will participate in conservation education and receive a tree to plant at home along with educational materials. Greenhouse tours and classroom outreach will provide additional hands-on learning opportunities focused on plant growth and soil health.

Community outreach efforts such as newsletters, contests, educational displays, and participation in local events will help increase awareness of conservation programs and services available through the Hutchinson Conservation District and partner organizations. These efforts will strengthen community partnerships and promote long-term conservation awareness throughout the county.

HUTCHINSON CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MINUTES
3/5/2026

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chr-Bob Rennolet, Wayne Bietz, Mark Schaeffer, Gerald Nusz

PERSONNEL: Dist. Mgr-Bryan Kludt, Dist. Sec-Paula Munkvold

ABSENT: V.Chr. Bruce Handel

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Bob Rennolet at 6:09 P.M. on March 5th.

OLD BUSINESS: No business discussed except New Business

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) State Conservation Commission Grant – we have an application for the Spring Grant Round. Authorization was already given by the board in 2025 allowing the District Manager Bryan Kludt to sign grant papers.

Motion by Jerry Nusz seconded by Mark Schaeffer to apply for the State Conservation Commission Grant. All members voting yes, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 6:11 P.M.

Submitted by: Paula Munkvold, recorder

Conservation District Hyde

Project Name: Hyde/Faulk Enhancement Project Phase 4

Start Date 07/01/2026

End Date 06/30/2028

Total Project Amount:	\$ 96,000.00
Commisson Funds:	\$ 48,000.00
District Funds:	\$ 1,000.00
Landowner Cash:	\$ 47,000.00
Local In-kind:	
Other Funds:	

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

Description of Grant Application:

The proposed Hyde/Faulk Enhancement Project, if funded, will be the fourth such project. It 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, it is estimated, 60,000 linear feet of trees and shrubs established at an average of \$.60 per linear foot for planting and 60,000 linear feet of fabric weed barrier and installation at \$.90 per linear foot will be completed

If selected for funding, RC&F suggests that:

- The Conservation Commission will not reimburse any costs that exceed themost up to date 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:

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GF&P:

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	Project	Start date	End Date	Original Award	Balance	Extensions
Other current grants:						
Hyde/Faulk Enhacements Project 3	2024-CSW-027	07/01/2024	06/30/2026	\$ 28,273.50	\$ 17,009.91	
Approved:	[Box]		Denied:	[Box]		

Reason for denial:

[Empty box for Reason for denial]



SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY DIVISION

523 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501
Phone: 605.773.3623
danr.sd.gov

GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Applicant Information

Organization: Hyde County Conservation District Mailing Address: PO Box 484
Telephone: (605)852-2221 ex.111 City: Highmore State: SD Zip: 57345
Tax Status: Government

Project Contact

Project Officer: Rachell Fletcher Telephone: (605)222-6977
Fax: _____ Email: hydecocd@gmail.com

Project Information

Project Name: Hyde/Faulk Enhancement Project Phase 4
Start Date: 07/01/2026 End Date: 06/30/2028
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: 48000 Partner contributions (total): 48000 Total project cost: 96000
Please provide a brief, descriptive summary of the project:

The proposed Hyde/Faulk Enhancement Project, if funded, will be the fourth such project. It 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, it is estimated, 60,000 linear feet of trees and shrubs established at an average of \$.60 per linear foot for planting and 60,000 linear feet of fabric weed barrier and installation at \$.90 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 Rachell Fletcher Title District Manager Date 03/12/2026

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		
2.	Travel		
3.	Contractual Services	96000	
4.	Supplies		
5.	Equipment (list major equipment)		
6.	Consultation Services		
Total Project Costs		96000	This total must equal <u>96000</u>

B. Activity Budget

	Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
1.	Site Prep/Landowner Labor			2250.00		2250
2.	Tree & Shrub Planting	18000	18000			36000
3.	Fabric Weed Barrier & Installation	27000	27000			54000
4.	Administration	3000		750		3750
5.						0
6.						0
7.						0
8.						0
Totals		48000	45000	3000	0	96000
This total must equal						96000

C. Project Partners

	Partners	Amount Cash	Amount In-Kind	Total
1.	DANR	48000		48000
2.	Hyde County CD		500	500
3.	Faulk County CD		500	500
4.	Landowner	45000	2000	47000
5.				0
6.				0
7.				0
8.				0
Totals		93000	3000	96000
This total must equal				96000

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



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

Ph: (605) 852-2221 ext. 111
email: hydecocd@gmail.com

March 12, 2026

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 three 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 111 or 605-222-6977.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rachell Fletcher".

Rachell Fletcher, District Manager
Hyde County Conservation District

Enclose: Grant application
Project narrative
Completed W-9

PROJECT NARRATIVE:

D. Project Description and Need

This proposed Hyde/Faulk Conservation District Enhancement project will benefit the natural resource management of approximately 10 or more farmers and ranchers in Hyde and Faulk Counties, along with providing off site benefits to neighbors and other citizens in these producers' watersheds. The shelterbelts cost-shared will be multi-purpose, providing natural resource benefits to 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 Program = 50%. The participating landowner will provide 50% of eligible costs and in-kind services. In total, an estimated, 60,000 linear feet of trees and shrubs and 60,000 linear feet of fabric weed barrier and installation, that are not eligible thru CCRP programs or similar conservation programs, will be completed.

Project Need:

Many landowners, farmers, and ranchers in Hyde and Faulk Counties do not qualify for financial assistance for shelterbelt plantings from federal and state cost-share programs, because their needed shelterbelts are:

1. Located in an area that is currently grassland or pastureland (not eligible for continuous CRP).
2. Located in an area that is cropland; however, it does not have the needed cropping history (not eligible for continuous CRP).
3. Their planned shelterbelt has natural resource benefits such as erosion control, wildlife habitat, and water quality improvement; however, it does not meet the size, location, requirements or ranking needed for cost-share (not eligible for EQIP).

The demand for shelterbelts by farmers and ranchers involves tree plantings not eligible under other existing programs, and the proposed multi-purpose shelterbelts provide benefits to wildlife, livestock, water quality, energy savings, and assistance to beginning farmers and ranchers. Producers who participate in the proposed project will be required to prepare their shelterbelt site the summer and fall before tree planting and seek approval for cost-share prior to site preparation. This needed lead time for site preparation fits a multi-year project and has delayed eligible plantings under the initial grant as part of the demand for this proposed project.

The shelterbelts to be planted in Hyde and Faulk Counties through this proposed project are needed to conserve the county's natural resources, as they are an important conservation practice used by landowners to:

- Protect and/or improve the waters to provide needed water quality and quantity. Shelterbelt plantings support clean water for people, fish, and wildlife by filtering out and/or absorbing sediments, nutrients, and chemical or bacterial contaminants.
- Protect or improve soil productivity and quality. Shelterbelts protect soils from wind and water erosion.
- Improve wildlife habitat for game and non-game species. Shelterbelts are significant areas for resident as well as migratory birds for food, nesting and cover, and provide important habitat for game species - such as deer and upland game birds.
- The shelterbelts to be planted under this proposed project are also very significant from an economic and social aspect to both counties, as they are important to the overall economic success of the county's crop and livestock producers. The sustainability of livestock producers and the grasslands they manage are significantly impacted by the use of shelterbelts to reduce feed costs and calf death losses, improve overall herd health, and implement planned grazing systems on grasslands. Shelterbelts also provide farmers and ranchers economic opportunities

through diversification of their operations for recreation uses (aesthetics and wildlife habitat), and through reduced energy use and increased land values.

Project Goal: The proposed project's goal is to provide technical and financial assistance to landowners in Hyde and Faulk Counties, completing at least 30 acres of trees on acres that are not eligible thru CCRP program or similar conservation programs. This would improve the county's natural resources, the sustainability of farm and ranch operations, and greatly reduce energy cost and use of fossil fuels.

Project Objective: Reduce erosion, improve water quality, increase wildlife habitat, energy saving, and increase the profitability of farm and ranch operations in both counties by providing technical and financial assistance to approximately 10 landowners. The Conservation Districts have determined that a 50% cost-share to landowners for the cost of trees, planting, and weed control is the needed incentive to complete the project. All other shelterbelt establishment costs will be provided in-kind by the landowner, or technical assistance provider, and include: site preparation, producer labor and equipment, site design, replacement trees for death loss, follow-up, and fencing as needed. The District's proposed sources of funds to cost-share eligible items meet the direction from the 2026 Conservation Commission Cost-share Docket. The shelterbelts where cost-share assistance is provided will include field windbreaks, livestock shelterbelts, riparian area plantings, farmstead/livestock shelterbelts, and wildlife plantings.

The Districts will set natural resource priorities and policy for this proposed cost-share assistance to landowners for windbreak and shelterbelt establishment. The Conservation District will continue to provide the landowner with information and assistance on applications for cost-share assistance from existing state and federal programs prior to consideration for cost-share under this proposal. The Conservation District will make the final decision on shelterbelts cost-shared based on the written priorities and policies, they establish and are as follows:

- #1 Priority: Shelterbelts that improve or protect water quality in lakes, streams, and aquifers.
- #2 Priority: Shelterbelts that improve or protect soil productivity.
- #3 Priority: Shelterbelts that improve or protect grassland resources as part of a landowner's overall plan to improve or maintain good grassland management.
- #4 Priority: Shelterbelts that establish needed wildlife habitat.
- #5 Priority: Shelterbelts that improve aesthetics, sequester carbon, conserve energy for landowners who make a significant part of their income from farming and ranching, and the reduction of fossil fuel consumption.

List of Project Activities:

- Activity 1:** Establishing program eligibility guidelines, program priorities, and make final approval of requests for program assistance (in-kind).
- Activity 2:** Information and education campaign to market shelterbelt benefits and this proposed shelterbelt program, through their newsletter, press releases, and on-farm contacts (in-kind).
- Activity 3:** Coordinating and/or providing technical assistance to landowners for shelterbelt design (in-kind). The Districts have a close working relationship with state and federal agencies that currently provide technical and financial assistance to landowners for shelterbelt plantings, and will be able to coordinate assistance to avoid cost-shares where existing assistance is already available.
- Activity 4:** Contracting with landowners for trees, planting, and weed control for three years. Weed control is required; however, landowners choose methods and service providers.
- Activity 5:** Follow-up with landowners a minimum of one time per year for the first three years, and once in fourth and fifth year after shelterbelt planting, to ensure proper management as stated in the Conservation District/Landowner maintenance agreement. Weed control will be required for

three years, and the landowner will replace trees that fail to establish.

Activity 6: Project financial records will be maintained and documentation filed on the design, cost, planting (species, size, etc), and follow-up records on performance of each shelterbelt receiving cost-share.

E. Final Products:

The completion of this project's Goal, Objective, and Activities will provide the following products: thirty acres of trees on ground that is not eligible thru CCRP or similar conservation programs will be established in Hyde and Faulk Counties, benefiting the natural resources of the county and the economic stability of approximately ten agricultural landowners. Most of the landowners helped would not plant these shelterbelts without the proposed financial and technical assistance provided through the grant.

F. Partner Justification:

The Hyde County Conservation District will be the lead project sponsor, with both counties providing in-kind contributions to this project. Project marketing, program establishment, guidelines, priorities and shelterbelt design and shelterbelt maintenance will be provided to the project as an in-kind match. Hyde and Faulk County Conservation Districts will share responsibilities for all phases of project implementation, follow-up and administration. Shelterbelt planning and maintenance requirements will be based on the Natural Resources Conservation Service Technical Guide for shelterbelt plantings. Landowners receiving financial assistance will enter into a five year agreement with the Hyde/Faulk Conservation Districts, identifying landowner shelterbelt maintenance requirements, The project will provide assistance to landowners in Hyde and Faulk Counties who are involved in farming and/or ranching.

Landowners partnering with the Conservation Districts on this proposed project will provide at least 50% cash match of the cost of establishing these practices.

South Dakota Conservation Commission Coordinated Natural Resource Conservation Grant is proposed to provide 50% cost-share to landowners.

The Conservation Districts will work with existing sources of financial and technical assistance for new shelterbelt establishment, and these program's lead agencies include:

1. South Dakota Department of Agriculture – Technical Assistance from the area forester.
2. Natural Resources Conservation Service and Farm Service Agency – Technical and Financial assistance.

G. Project Success (Measurement)

The success of this proposed project will be measured by:

- Natural resource benefits by acres of water bodies and/or miles of watercourse with improved water quality.
- Natural resource benefits by acres of cropland, grassland, and wildlife habitat benefited.
- The number of landowners and acres of shelterbelts planted.
- Social and economic benefits to landowners, such as carbon sequestration, energy savings, and economic benefits to livestock and grazing enterprises.

Hyde / Faulk Enhancement Project

2027-2028 Budget

Tree and Shrub Planting - \$.60 per linear foot (LF) – 60,000 LF

Commission Grant (50%)	\$ 18,000.00	
Landowner (50%)	<u>18,000.00</u>	
Total	\$ 36,000.00	

Fabric Weed Control - \$.90 per linear foot (LF) – 60,000 LF

Commission Grant (50%)	\$ 27,000.00	
Landowner (50%)	<u>27,000.00</u>	
Total	\$ 54,000.00	

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

Landowner (100%)	\$ 1,000.00	in-kind donation
Total	\$ 1,000.00	in-kind

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

Landowner (100%)	\$ 1,250.00	in-kind donation
Total	\$ 1,250.00	in-kind

Administration - \$15.00 per hour – estimated 250 hours

Commission Grant	\$ 3,000.00	
Hyde/Faulk Counties	<u>750.00</u>	in-kind donation
Total	\$ 3,750.00	

**Hyde County Conservation District
District Supervisors Meeting**

Hyde County Conservation District Tree Shed Office, Highmore, SD
March 11, 2026 ~1:00pm

SUPERVISORS PRESENT

Dorn Barnes, Chairperson
Dickson Bast, Vice Chairperson
Justin Carroll, Supervisor
Tonja Jessen, Supervisor
Matthew Bawdon, Supervisor
Laura Anderson, Advisor

OTHERS PRESENT

Rachell Fletcher, District Manager
Eric Rasmussen, RUC (by phone)
Shea Husted, Soil Conservationist
Lindsey Husted, Tribal Liaison

ABSENT

Eric Rasmussen, RUC

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 1:07 pm by Chairperson Barnes.

MINUTES: Bast made a motion to accept the February 2026 minutes. Bawdon second and carried.

TREASURERS REPORT: Jessen made a motion to pay the BSN invoice before the end of March to receive the 2% discount. Bast second and carried. Bast made a motion to accept the Treasurers report. Carroll second and carried.

NRCS REPORT: Husted reported 36 EQIP and 22 CSP Classic applications. The new RPP (Regenerative Pilot Program) will be using 25% of state allocation for CSP and EQIP. Rasmussen phoned in to the meeting to ask the supervisors to attend the SDCD/NRCS Work Session meeting March 24th in Huron, SD. Bast, Barnes, Jessen, and Anderson will be attending and Fletcher will RSVP for them.

DISTRICT REPORT: Fletcher reported that the 2026 Info Show will be held March 23rd. A partner's meeting for the Info Show was held March 10th. Ads will be run at Venture, DRG News, and the Highmore Herald for the event. The SDPAA Governmental General Liability Anniversary Rating for 2026 was turned in by Fletcher before the March 24th deadline. Arbor Day is April 24th and Nathan Kafer will be giving the annual talk to the 5th grade class in Highmore and Fletcher will be handing out trees. Fletcher presented the list of handplant and machine plant trees.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Not needed at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE: Fletcher presented the NACD annual meeting report and the 2026 legislative issues of interest to conservation districts.

OLD BUSINESS: Jessen reported that she will remind the welder to complete the fabric roll holder within the next month. Fletcher reported that she will be advertising the old building beside the tree fabric shed for removal by September 30th.

NEW BUSINESS: Fletcher reported the new JD No Till drill will be delivered mid-April according to Matt Englund of Grossenburg Implement. Our sale tax exemption is being processed by John Deere. Matt stated that adding a non reset acre meter will cost approximately \$500.00. Bast made a motion to have them install the non reset meter as well as leaving the existing meter on it. Carroll second and carried. The board would like Fletcher to reach out to Werdel to see if she is comfortable changing the oil on the tractors. If not, one of the board members will make the appointment with Titan to service the tractors. The deadline for the two district scholarships is Marh 31st. The phase 4 2-year grant with Faulk County was discussed, a motion was made by Jessen to proceed forward with a tree planting grant for both counties, Bawdon second and carried.

No further business was reported. Motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Next meeting will be Wednesday 04/08/2026 at 1:00pm at the district tree shed.

Rachell Fletcher
District Manager

FAULK CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Wednesday, March 11, 2026, 1 PM
Ag Service Center, Faulkton

Present: Supervisors: Peggy Melius, Steve Schilder, Grady Heitmann, Matt Schulte and Doug Clement. **Advisors:** Gene Toennies. **District Personnel:** Kristine Meyer. **NRCS Personnel:** Brad Bierman and Eric Rasmussen. **Absent:** Jaden Melius, Glenna Clement, Mike Demery Bruce Roseland, Allen Hadrick, and Jake Stephenson. **Visitors:** Eric Rasmussen-RUC, and Chris Goldade-Soil Health Coalition.

For the purpose of continuity, these minutes are not necessarily in chronological order.

Meeting called to order by president Heitmann at 1:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Schulte to approve the agenda. Seconded by D. Clement and all carried.

MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORT: D. Clement motioned, to approve the February minutes and two special meeting minutes. Seconded by Melius and all carried. Financial statements were reviewed. Schulte motioned to accept the February financial statement. Seconded by D. Clement and all carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Tree Plantings 2026-In February, it was reported that the district had roughly 20 acres of trees for seven producers in Faulk County and that we agreed to plant trees and lay fabric for Sully County Conservation District. We have recently finalized a tree planting in Edmunds County and one in Hand County. Sully County has reported that two out of the four potential producers have committed to hiring Faulk CD.
2. Stump Grinder-Discussion was held. D. Clement made a motion to pass on the stump grinder at this time. Seconded by Schulte and all carried.
3. Leadership Conference-Leadership Conference will be held on June 25 & 26th at the Arrowwood Cedar Shores Resort in Oacoma, SD. Early bird registration has been changed to March 28. Supervisors, advisors, employees, and others are able to attend. Meyer read part of the agenda.
4. Supervisor Elections-Meyer read which supervisor terms were expiring. Petitions can be taken out now and must be filed no later than July 1, 2026. Petitions can be picked up at the Auditors office at the Court House.
5. Arbor Day-Fifty essays/poems have been submitted between the 5th and 6th grade and are currently getting judged. Prizes are as follows: 1st=\$30.00, 2nd=\$25.00 and 3rd=\$20.00. A date needs to be set yet for the presentations. Chris Goldade from the Soil Health Coalition will be giving the presentations and explained to the board what he will be presenting.

Chris Goldade, Soil Health Coalition, explained some of the programs he works with and hand outs will be available at the NRCS building.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Renew Hyde/Faulk Tree Grant-Meyer asked the board if they would approve continuing our collaborative tree grant between Hyde and Faulk Conservation Districts. If approved by the conservation commission this grant would start this fall. Melius made a motion to proceed with the Hyde/Faulk tree grant. Seconded by Schulte and all carried.
2. SD Wildlife Federation Conservation Camp-S. Dak. Wildlife Federation Youth Conservation Camp will be held June 7th-June 13th at Camp Bob Marshall in the Black Hills. Girls and boys between 9th and 12th grade can attend. Discussion was held. Schulte made a motion to continue \$400 scholarship to be split between applicants to go to Bob Marshall camp. Seconded by Melius and all carried.
3. SDCD-NRCS Locally Led Training-Eric Rasumussen, Resource Unit Conservationist, talked to the board about revitalizing the Locally Led process. A meeting will be held on March 24th from 9:30 am to 3 pm at

- the Huron Event Center. Would like at least one board member to participate along with Conservation District secretary Meyer. Heitmann volunteered to attend.
4. Bank Account Signatures-With board member Reuer's resignation, the district will need to add a new authorized signer to the district's bank accounts. Heitmann volunteered as the new president to fill this position. It was the consensus of the board to approve to this change. Meyer will bring the necessary documentation to the bank.
 5. Cameras-Meyer asked the board to consider installing some cameras at the tree shed. Discussion was held. Meyer is to bring more information to the next board meeting.

Advisor Toennies mentioned that he has asked Jim Hanley to make some conservation district decals for various pieces equipment and for a sign at the tree shed.

SECRETARY REPORT: by Kris Meyer, District Secretary No Report.

MANAGER'S REPORT: by Jaden Melius, District Manager No Report.

NRCS REPORT: given by Brad Bierman, District Conservationist

1. CRP-Continuous CRP and General sign up 65 and 66-Opened on 2/12/2026. First batching date is March 20 to see how close acres are to maximum. 27 million acres allowed by farm bill, currently are 26.3 million acres.
2. EQIP-FY2025 activities getting certified and paid. Currently working on FY2026 applications. Taking FY2027 applications.
 1. CSP-Currently working on FY2026 applications.
 2. ECP-No new updates for this program.
 3. GRP/WRP/ACEP-
 4. Misc.-

UPCOMING EVENTS: Locally Led Training in Huron on March 24, 2026.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

REVIEW MAIL: Thank you's from SDSU Foundation for the SDSU Ag Day t-shirt sponsorship were looked at by board members.

President Heitmann declared the meeting was adjourned at 2:16 pm.

Next meeting: **Wednesday, April 8, 2026 at 1:00 PM**

Tentative meeting date: Wednesday, May 13, 2026 at 1 PM

State Conservation Commission

April 2026

Conservation District: Jackson

Project Name: Dam Repair

Start Date: 07/01/2026

End Date: 12/31/2027

Total Project Amount:	\$ 32,000.00
Commisson Funds:	\$ 16,000.00
District Funds:	\$ 16,000.00
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:

The Jackson County Dam repair and cleanout grant initiative will assist Jackson County producers in cleaning out and digging deeper small dams that have silted in to hold more water in pastures that currently have no other source of water available to livestock. Due to the high cost often associated with installing pipline and tanks, many landowners and operators will be unable to install practices needed to address these concerns unless alternative funding is available. We currently have 2 producers that have approximately 10 surface acres of dams that need cleaning.

If selected for funding, RC&F suggests that:

- 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:

Other current grants:	Project	Start date	End Date	Original Award	Balance	Extensions
Cover Crop Initiative	2025-CSW-029	07/01/2025	12/31/2026	\$ 20,000.00	\$17,247.80	
	Approved:		Denied:			

Reason for denial:



SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY DIVISION

523 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501
Phone: 605.773.3623
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GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Applicant Information

Organization: Jackson County Conservation District Mailing Address: PO Box 457
Telephone: 605-837-2166 City: Kadoka State: SD Zip: 57543
Tax Status: Government

Project Contact

Project Officer: Paula Holley Telephone: 605-837-2166x3
Fax: _____ Email: paula.holley@sd.nacdnet.net

Project Information

Project Name: Dam repair and cleanout
Start Date: 07/01/2026 End Date: 12/31/2027
Legal description: County: Jackson
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: 16000 Partner contributions (total): 16000 Total project cost: 32000
Please provide a brief, descriptive summary of the project:

The Jackson County Dam repair and cleanout grant initiative will assist Jackson County producers in cleaning out and digging deeper small dams that have silted in to hold more water in pastures that currently have no other source of water available to livestock. Due to the high cost often associated with installing pipeline and tanks, many landowners and operators will be unable to install practices needed to address these concerns unless alternative funding is available.

We currently have 2 producers that have approximately 10 surface acres of dams that need cleaning.

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 Paula J. Holley Title District Manager Date 2/23/2026

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	2000	
2.	Travel		
3.	Contractual Services	30000	
4.	Supplies		
5.	Equipment (list major equipment)		
6.	Consultation Services		
Total Project Costs		32000	This total must equal <u>32000</u>

B. Activity Budget

	Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
1.	dam construction or repair	15000	15000			30000
2.	Administrative	1000	1000			2000
3.						0
4.						0
5.						0
6.						0
7.						0
8.						0
Totals		16000	16000	0	0	32000
This total must equal						<u>32000</u>

C. Project Partners

	Partners	Amount Cash	Amount In-Kind	Total
1.	Landowner	16000		16000
2.	RC&F	16000		16000
3.				0
4.				0
5.				0
6.				0
7.				0
8.				0
Totals		32000	0	32000
This total must equal				<u>32000</u>

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

Applicant: Jackson County Conservation District

Project Name: Dam repair and cleanout Initiative

D. Project Partners

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

The NRCS will partner with the conservation district to provide technical assistance for the success in implementing cover crops on lower performing acres.

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

The following goals are being targeted through this proposal:

- Goal 2.3: Repair, renovate, replace or build 500 ponds and dams for livestock water and wildlife.
- Goal 2.4: Establish and maintain practices that protect source water quality.
- Goal 1.1: Reduce sediment delivery to waterbodies by 50,000 tons

E. Project Description and Need

Explain who will be the primary beneficiaries of this project.

Then primary beneficiaries of this project will be landowners, operators, livestock and wildlife where these dams will maintain more water for longer periods of time. By providing technical and financial assistance to the landowners and operators, producers will be more willing to clean out and maintain their dams. Livestock grazing and wildlife habitat improvement will be an important benefit.

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

The Jackson County Conservation District will be responsible for the implementation, maintenance, and follow-up of the project. Local NRCS employees will provide technical assistance as needed. The agreement between the Conservation District and producer will define responsibilities of each partner.

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

This project will be located throughout Jackson County where individual producers identify problematic dams to enroll.

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

This project is geared towards assisting producers in repairing, renovating or replacing dams for erosion control, livestock water and wildlife. Producers also consider having a secondary plan for

watering the livestock should there be any disruption to the primary watering system. By cleaning them out and making them deeper the producer can extend the longevity of storage capacity and improve water availability. When they contact NRCS and program deadlines have closed, this grant would allow producers to utilize what they already have available with better water quality that benefits wildlife too. Small dams are primary habitat for migrating birds and small animals without the dangers of water tank drowning. Cleaning of these dams often accompanies upstream erosion control and restores sediment storage function which in turn prevents nutrient-laden sediment from spreading downstream.

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

To help producers achieve these goals, producers will work with conservation districts to map problematic spots, not to exceed 10 surface acres. By limiting it to 10 surface acres the producer is only able to enroll in a manageable cost-effective project. By starting small, the repair can bridge the gap until the producer can work with NRCS programs to get pipeline and rural water run to areas wherever possible.

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

This project is a local effort to help producers that already have dams on their land that have not had maintenance done on them for many years. NRCS looks more for producers to use rural water for their livestock watering needs, so they are not offering any assistance in repair or maintenance of existing dams. Our partners either do not have funds available for dams or the dams are not in a favorable location to allot funds too.

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

By creating small short-term projects, producers will be more apt to maintain them on their own. The goal is for producers to see the benefits and continue to use conservation practices in the future without cost assistance. The Conservation District will maintain a working relationship with producers to encourage continuous stewardship practices.

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

While no permits should be needed, participants will work with partners to meet all permit requirements on a site-specific basis.

F. Products

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

Erosion control: Cleaning often accompanies upstream erosion control and restores sediment storage function. In addition, cleaning the dam restores the sediment capture function preventing nutrient-laden sediment from spreading downstream.

Livestock water: Cleaning the dams will improve access to clean drinking water and reducing disease risk. Cleaning also restores storage capacity and improves water availability.

Wildlife habitat: Deeper cleaner water improves habitat quality.

Identify how you will measure the success of the project.

The success of the project will be measured by the number of acres planted to cover crops that meet the guidelines listed in cover crop technical note #16 to determine stand success.

This project is designed to help a minimum of 1-2 producers restore small dam structures on a total of 10 surface acres in Jackson County.

G. Partner Justification

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

The Conservation Districts have been dedicated to promoting and helping producers utilize conservation practices within their counties. The County Conservation District supervisors, advisors, and managers work with NRCS to retain technical expertise as needed in order to better assist landowners and operators.

Conservation Plan Map

Client(s): [REDACTED]
Location: 28-2S-22E
Jackson County, South Dakota

NRCS
KADOKA SERVICE CENTER
JACKSON COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT



Prepared with assistance from USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service

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NRCS
KADOKA SERVICE CENTER
JACKSON COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT



Microsoft Vantor

Prepared with assistance from USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service



Conservation Plan Map

Client(s): [REDACTED]
Location: 22-3S-22E
Jackson County, South Dakota

NRCS
KADOKA SERVICE CENTER
JACKSON COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT



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February 23, 2026

SD Conservation Commission
SD Department of Agriculture
Resource Conservation & Forestry
523 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501

Re: Dam Repair and Cleanout Grant

Dear Conservation Commissioners,,

Jackson County Conservation District is submitting a grant application for dam repair and cleanout. We have interest from multiple landowners to clean out existing dams to address silting in causing dams to be very shallow and dry up quickly.

This project is a great way for producers to work with the Conservation District to implement conservation and preservation of existing dams to impact water quality for livestock and wildlife. Through the locally led initiative producers are better able to find a solution that is practical to their operation.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this grant.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paula J. Holley".

Paula J Holley

District Manager, Jackson County Conservation District

**JACKSON COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
SPECIAL BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MEETING**

Feb 20, 2026

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Keith Bonenberger (phone), Thad Stout (phone), and Colby Porch (phone).

PERSONNEL PRESENT: Paula Holley

CALLED TO ORDER: 5:31 pm **BY:** Bonenberger

(all motions unanimous unless otherwise stated)

Motion to approve the agenda: **motion** made by **Porch. Seconded** by **Stout.** (motion carried)

NEW BUSINESS:

Grant applications:

- Holley would like to submit a grant application dam construction & repair; she currently has 2 producers interested in these practices. **Motion** made by **Stout** to apply for dam construction and repair. **Seconded** by **Porch.** (motion carried)
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Holley, Paula - FPAC-NRCS, SD

From: Bruce Toay <btoay@ducks.org>
Sent: Thursday, January 29, 2026 8:00 AM
To: Holley, Paula - FPAC-NRCS, SD
Subject: RE: DU programs around Kadoka
Attachments: RCPP 1 pager_5-16-25_pdf.pdf

Good morning, Holley.

We do have some west river programs, primarily related to grass seeding with our RCPP project (see attached).

Since we don't have any staff in that area, these are primarily delivered by GFP or PFW local staff. In Jackson County that would be:

- Ben Pucket (GFP) – 605-786-8144
- Joe Nichols (PFW) – 605-651-6050

Unfortunately, we generally do not have funds available for dams, which is a frequent request in that geography.

Let me know if you have any other questions.

Thanks!
Bruce

From: Holley, Paula - FPAC-NRCS, SD <Paula.Holley@sd.nacdnet.net>
Sent: Wednesday, January 28, 2026 12:49 PM
To: Bruce Toay <btoay@ducks.org>
Subject: DU programs around Kadoka

You don't often get email from paula.holley@sd.nacdnet.net. [Learn why this is important](#)

CAUTION: - This email originated outside of Ducks Unlimited.

Bruce,

I have a landowner that was wondering about any programs DU is offering around this area.

Thank you.

Paula Holley
Jackson County Conservation District

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State Conservation Commission

April 2026

Conservation District: Jackson

Project Name: Conservation Education & Awareness

Start Date: 07/01/2026

End Date: 12/31/2026

Total Project Amount:	\$ 4,200.00
Commisson Funds:	\$ 2,100.00
District Funds:	\$ 2,100.00
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:

Jackson County Conservation District works diligently to educate and inform the public of the importance of 'good conservation' in out county. We Feel we have a very close connection with the residents of Jackson County because of the education in the schools and the participation in community activities. Through this grant we plan to do education activities ranging from teaching the resources available in our backyard to planting trees that will have an impact in the future. Community activities are always important-we are a rural community so community involvement is an awesome place to promote conservation. Connection with the students allows us to also have a connection with the adults. Now, as our younger generation is taking over, conservation is a priority.

If selected for funding, RC&F suggests that:

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- 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:

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GF&P:

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Other current grants:	Project	Start date	End Date	Original Award	Balance	Extensions
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	Approved:	[]	Denied:	[]		

Reason for denial:

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Applicant Information

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Telephone: 605-837-2166x3 City: Kadoka State: SD Zip: 57543

Tax Status: Government

Project Contact

Project Officer: Paula Holley Telephone: 605-837-2166x3

Fax: _____ Email: paula.holley@sd.nacdnet.net

Project Information

Project Name: Conservation Education & Awareness for Jackson County

Start Date: 07/01/2026 End Date: 12/31/2026

Legal description: County: Jackson

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: 2100 Partner contributions (total): 2100 Total project cost: 4200

Please provide a brief, descriptive summary of the project:

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

Applicant Signature Paula Holley Title District Manager Date 2/24/2026

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	600	
4.	Supplies	3400	
5.	Equipment (list major equipment)		
6.	Consultation Services		
Total Project Costs		4200	This total must equal <u>4200</u>

B. Activity Budget

Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
1. supplies	1700	1700			3400
2. contract services	300	300			600
3. admin	100	100			200
4. _____					0
5. _____					0
6. _____					0
7. _____					0
8. _____					3140
Totals	2100	2100	0	0	4200
					This total must equal <u>4200</u>

C. Project Partners

Partners	Amount Cash	Amount In-Kind	Total
1. RCF Grant	2100		2100
2. Jackson County Conservation District	2100		2100
3. _____			0
4. _____			0
5. _____			0
6. _____			0
7. _____			0
8. _____			0
Totals	4200	0	4200
			This total must equal <u>4200</u>

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

Conservation Education & Awareness – Jackson County Conservation District

Our plans through this grant: Others may be added as the need or opportunity arises.

1. 4-H Achievement Days – Sponsor Conservation Awards for Achievement Days and Rodeo.
2. SDSU Ag Day- Sponsor and award for their ag day.
3. Jackson County Courthouse Christmas tree display.
4. 5th Grade – Arbor Day Essay and Poster Contest- Each student will receive the state tree of SD ‘Black Hills Spruce’ to take home and plant plus a cinch sack with t-shirt and other promotional items.
5. 5th Grade – Celebration of Arbor Day – We will talk about the importance of Arbor Day. The students will be reminded of proper tree planting techniques as we plant a 1-3 gallon tree (at the chosen location) donated by the conservation district.
6. 7th Grade- Youth Range Day- we spend the day out at the Williams Ranch on the edge of the Badlands. The purpose of the event is to gain a better understanding of and appreciation of our range resources and their importance on a local and national level.
7. High School – We will promote participation in the Conservation Speech Contest by providing local prize money.
8. High School – We will promote participation in the Conservation Wildlife Camp. We provide scholarship money to attend the camp.
9. Seniors– Planting a Class Tree – Class of 2026. A class tree to be planted at the Highschool Football Field.

THIS GRANT PROVIDES THE OPPORTUNITY TO ALWAYS ADD NEW ACTIVITIES TO PROMOTE CONSERVATION IN OUR COUNTY! WE FEEL IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO CONTINUALLY PROMOTE CONSERVATION.

Project Description - CONSERVATION EDUCATION AND AWARENESS FOR JACKSON COUNTY

▪ **Project Partners**

Jackson County Conservation District will administer the grant. Teachers at Kadoka Elementary and High School, 4-H Members and Clubs, SDSU, NRCS, and Badlands National Park will all be partners. We are open to ideas for Conservation Education, more partners may join our team.

▪ **Goals Of Coordinated Plan met by this Project**

Soil - Workshops and education in the schools - we are always discussing the importance of healthy soil. Youth Range day covers a station on soils where the 7th graders can see a bored sample of soil and get their hands dirty. The kids also attend the range station where they learn about the naturally occurring plants on our native grasslands and how to keep them healthy.

Air - Air quality - an important goal to everyone. 5th graders - promote Arbor Day and why it has been so important in the nation. Each student receives a 'Black Hills Spruce'. They learn planting techniques and learn how planting trees helps improve air quality.

Wildlife - Enhance and/or establish wildlife habitats. The Conservation District, with the financial assistance of this grant, promotes the planting of shelterbelts. We are offering scholarship money to any student wanting to participate in Conservation Wildlife Camp. Also, our annual Youth Range Day has a wildlife and paleontology station with park rangers teaching the 7th graders about the natural wildlife species currently living in our area and the species that used to inhabit our area.

Public Awareness - We easily accomplish this goal by every activity through this grant. We also want to keep our brand out in the public eye as a reminder with things like the tree at the courthouse, t-shirts, backpacks and other promo items given out to the public.

Forestry - Actively and sustainably manage our state's privately owned forests. 5th graders participate in the Arbor Day Essay and Poster Contest. All community activities always involve residents asking about tree programs. As a conservation district, we have actively written multiple state and national tree grants and volunteered, with the help of the FFA students, to plant and care for over 70 12' trees all over the community to include the park, baseball field, high school and the new county highway shop.

**** WE FEEL THROUGH THIS GRANT WE CAN HELP ACHIEVE 5 OF THE GOALS FOR THE SD COORDINATED PLAN OF NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION ***

▪ **Primary Beneficiaries of this Project**

The primary beneficiaries are everyone that resides, visits, or drives through Jackson County. The direct beneficiaries are attendees of our workshops and education activities throughout Jackson County. Conservation education will be dealing with the entire community, including adults, students, and children.

▪ **Responsible for Implementation, Maintenance and Follow-up**

The Jackson County Conservation District will be responsible for all aspects of this grant.

- **Project Location**

All public awareness and conservation education will be held in Jackson County.

- **Specific Environmental, Natural Resource, Ecological, and Educational needs this project will address**

The main purpose of this grant is to involve as many citizens of Jackson County, and surrounding counties, to the huge benefits of 'good conservation'.

- **Provisions to Ensure Long-Term Management and Protection of the Project**

The long-term management is to make sure that the Jackson Conservation District keeps Conservation Education & Awareness as one of their top priorities.

- **Federal, State, or Local Permits Required**

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

- **Final Products**

With the reduction of county funding given to many of the conservation districts; our districts are losing the ability to participate in outreach or promotional activities. The South Dakota Conservation Districts need to have a vision which includes successful Conservation Districts. The benefits the local Conservation Districts provide to the public is unlimited. Residents of South Dakota want Healthy Soil - they just need guidance in finding out how they can make that happen. The ultimate goal is to make Conservation Districts more visible to the public as an avenue in Good Conservation. As the public learns more about Conservation opportunities, the public will embrace Good Conservation!

Note to South Dakota Conservation Commission – Jackson County Conservation District is responsible for the operation and success of this grant. The Jackson County Conservation District is under the direct supervision of the South Dakota Conservation District Employees Association concerning the activities and success of each involvement. It takes total participation from the Conservation Districts as well as the Conservation District Employees. We are always open to new opportunities to promote 'Good Conservation' and 'Healthy Soil'.
PLEASE ALWAYS FEEL FREE TO CONTACT THE JACKSON COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT OR THE SOUTH DAKOTA CONSERVATION DISTRICT EMPLOYEES FOR RECOMMENDATIONS OR IDEAS TO PROMOTE SOUTH DAKOTA CONSERVATION!

**JACKSON COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
SPECIAL BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MEETING**

Feb 20, 2026

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Keith Bonenberger (phone), Thad Stout (phone), and Colby Porch (phone).

PERSONNEL PRESENT: Paula Holley

CALLED TO ORDER: 5:31 pm **BY:** Bonenberger

(all motions unanimous unless otherwise stated)

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State Conservation Commission

April 2026

Conservation District: Lincoln

Project Name: Windbreak Renovation Summer 2026

Start Date: 07/01/2026

End Date: 12/31/2026

Total Project Amount:	\$	31,110.00
Commisson Funds:	\$	12,444.00
District Funds:		
Landowner Cash:	\$	18,666.00
Local In-kind:		
Other Funds:		

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

Description of Grant Application:

Lincoln Conservation District, in partnership with State DANR Foresters & Lincoln County NRCS, will assist landowners to manage implementation of tree removal to prepare Tree Windbreak Renovation sites. This project will provide cost share to help with the costs according to the Conservation Commission approved practice costs. These sites plan to Plant trees in Spring 2027

If selected for funding, RC&F suggests that:

- The Conservation Commission will not reimburse any costs that exceed the most upto date 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.
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- 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:

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GF&P:

[Empty box for GF&P comments]

	Project	Start date	End Date	Original Award	Balance	Extensions
Other current grants:						
Windbreak Renovation Spring	2026-CSW-021	01/01/2026	06/30/2026	\$ 2,750.00	\$ 2,750.00	
Approved:	[Box]		Denied:	[Box]		

Reason for denial:

[Empty box for Reason for denial]



SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY DIVISION

523 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501
Phone: 605.773.3623
danr.sd.gov

GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Applicant Information

Organization: Lincoln Conservation District Mailing Address: 801 East 5th Street
Telephone: (605) 987-2624 City: Canton State: S.D. Zip: 57013
Tax Status: Government, Local

Project Contact

Project Officer: Jeremy Saugstad Telephone: (605) 987-2624
Fax: _____ Email: LincolnCD@SDConservation.net

Project Information

Project Name: Windbreak Renovation Summer 2026
Start Date: 07/01/2026 End Date: 12/31/2026
Legal description: County: Lincoln
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: \$ 12,444.00 Partner contributions (total): \$ 18,666.00 Total project cost: \$31,110.00
Please provide a brief, descriptive summary of the project:

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

Applicant Signature David L. Selby Title Supervisor Date 03/13/2026

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

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BUDGET SHEET

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

A. Operating Budget

1.	Salary/Benefits		
2.	Travel		
3.	Contractual Services	\$ 31,110.00	
4.	Supplies		
5.	Equipment (list major equipment)		
6.	Consultation Services		
Total Project Costs		\$31,110.00	This total must equal <u> \$31,110.00</u>

B. Activity Budget

	Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
1.	Shelterbelt Reno, Tree & Root Removal	11,917.60	17,876.40			\$29,794.00
2.	Shelterbelt Reno, Tree Removal (above gnd)	526.40	789.60			\$1,316.00
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Totals		\$12,444.00	\$18,666.00			\$31,110.00
This total must equal						<u> \$31,110.00</u>

C. Project Partners

	Partners	Amount Cash	Amount In-Kind	Total
1.	Commission Grant	12,444.00		\$12,444.00
2.	Landowners	18,666.00		\$18,666.00
3.				
4.				
5.				
6.				
7.				
8.				
Totals		\$31,110.00		\$31,110.00
This total must equal				<u> \$31,110.00</u>

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

Windbreak Renovation Summer 2026 Narrative -Lincoln Conservation District Mar-2026

- Conservation District - The district will be responsible for the project management, provide information for implementation, and / or provide service to implement, and evaluation of the project. The district provided an estimate to, & plans to supply & plant the grass & trees, supply & install the fabric, and the tree protectors.
- Conservation Commission Grant - This grant may cover up to 40% of the cost of the tree & root removal, as site preparation to plant trees & shrubs in spring of 2027.
- Natural Resource Conservation Service - The NRCS Tech Guide will be followed when designing a shelterbelt & area required. Local NRCS staff will provide guidance.
- Landowner - The landowner is ultimately responsible for site management. Landowners will prepared the tree sites. Under the proposed plan the landowner will supply at least 60% of the total budget for tree removal at their site.

E. Project Descriptions

Beneficiaries of Renovation Project

- o The project's primary goal is to renovate storm damaged shelterbelts in Southern Lincoln County. Funding will ensure local farmers and livestock producers receive the protection needed for their farmsteads, and feedlots. Shelterbelt renovations will provide reduced wind and soil erosion, along with energy consumption.
- o Lincoln County Landowners - this project would supply cost-share for renovation of existing shelterbelts area.
- o Surrounding areas - will benefit through improved water quality and air quality, reduction in soil erosion, and an improved landscape.
- o Lincoln County - economic benefits through improved efficiency of livestock, reduction in energy costs, visual screens, and improved land value.
- o Due to storm damage and the number of ash trees, shelterbelt decline will result in hazards to each farmstead around shelterbelts, renovations will address this hazard.
- Implementation, Maintenance, & Follow-up
 - o Lincoln County Conservation District will implement this project. The Conservation District along with assistance from state foresters, and NRCS planners will determine features of the renovation. Renovation plans will be drawn up with the producer for Removal of trees/shrubs & roots.
 - o Lincoln Conservation District will follow up with, and work with producers on tree sites.
- Location of Project
 - o Southern Lincoln County, Nearby towns include Centerville, Beresford, Fairview, and Hudson, South Dakota.

- Environmental, Natural Resource, Ecological, Education, and Social Impact
- The landowners of Southern Lincoln County are very much aware of the damage caused by summer storms in 2025. Restoring shelterbelts to function and provide conservation benefits to the landscape are very important. With the presents of emerald ash borers in the county, this project will remove infected ash trees that are dying or will die in years to come. Pories of Lincoln Conservation District include water quality, soil erosion, and air quality. This project helps address these priorities, and plan for future generations.
- Environmental and Natural Resources – Renovation of Shelterbelts will provide landowners planning assistance to address resource concerns well beyond the shelterbelts on their operations, getting technical assistance from state and federal planners starts conversations that can lead to better conservation across the farm. The Shelterbelt renovations will provide improved energy efficiency, water quality, and wind and soil erosion for landowners, and the County.

F. Final Products.

Social Impact – Provide opportunities for seasonal work in the spring working with tree crew to establish shelterbelts, potentially creating new interest in conservation work. Increase esthetics in the County and provide a sense of community for participants after challenging storms have left their farmsteads altered, and many not knowing how to go about addressing their wind protection needs. Provide Boots-on-the-ground approach to work directly with rural members of Lincoln County, on their locations.

Economic Impact - The economic impact of a shelterbelt is hard to quantify. Energy saving can be significant, and on large scall feedlot can have huge economic benefits to their operations. Money saved on livestock efficiency's potentially is money that can be invested back into local communities. With frequent winds, shelterbelts are a must in Southeast South Dakota to protect property and livestock.

- Success of this project will be measured by the number of producers who successfully renovate shelterbelts sites. These acres will later be planted and will stand to protect these farmsteads from prevailing winds for many years.
- This Commission Grant would provide the district with the ability to work with and reach new customers, and provide education for our customer base. This helps build recognition and reputation, for a strong working partnership in our rural setting.
- Renovated shelterbelts will replenish the landscape with their beauty, and restore the functions & benefits they provide to our landowners & wildlife.

Thank you for your consideration,
Jeremy S.

Lincoln Conservation District

Office: 801 E. 5th St. Suite 2-South, Canton, S.D. 57013

Office: (605) 987-2624

Practice Totals	Max Cost Per Unit \$	Unit of Measure	Estimated Units	Max Total Cost of Units \$	Cost Share %	Amount \$ Requested for Grant	Landowner Cost \$
<u>Windbreak Renovation Tree Removal</u>							
Dead Tree Removal Above Ground	\$2,800.00		0.47	\$1,316.00	40	\$526.40	\$789.60
Dead Tree Removal Include Roots	\$6,100.00	Acre	4.88	\$29,794.00	40	\$11,917.60	\$17,876.40
<u>Critical Area Grass Seeding & ground Prep</u>							
with Native Grass Mix	\$120.00	Acre	0.00	\$0.00	50	\$0.00	\$0.00
with Tame Grass				\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
				\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
Windbreak Renovation Total				\$31,110.00		\$12,444.00	\$18,666.00
						40%	60%

Grant Request Rounded Down to under 40% **\$31,110.00** **\$12,444.00** **\$18,666.00**
 40% 60%

LINCOLN CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING Minutes
17 Feb 2026, start **4 p.m.** at: 801 E. 5th St. Suite 2, Canton, SD

Option to join by call in at: 607-374-1189, access code 946-062#, (if you let us know)

Present: Dave G., Eric P., Neil B., Kory K., J.S.

Called in:

Called Meeting to Order.

- I. Public comment period: none
- II. Review Minutes of previous meeting. Dave motion Eric 2nd all Approved.
- III. District Supervisor's Reports: Dave attended ARS meeting in Brookings.
- IV. NRCS Report – Kory: CRP opened last Thurs., apps due Mar. 20. EQIP workin on it & CSP changes pending. Did site visits with/wo Amber from state for over dozen renovation grants. Regenerative ag program opened. Many acres potential for trees in 2027.
- V. District Manager's Report – Operations
 - District Staff – 4 adults and 1 teen so far
 - Equipment – Tires for pickup.
 - Tree Plant Jobs – 1,157 at 6 sites.
 - Pickup Orders – 1,604 on 40 orders
 - Drill Jobs – 4 and 2-3 rental
 - Other –
 - Administration, Financial Report: A/R, A/P, cash flow, budget to actual.
 - Reviewed bills, & financial reports, Dave motioned Eric 2nd, All approved.
 - Checks to sign: 3
- VI. Old Business: Discuss Any Resource concerns.
New Business: Need Bookkeeper. Reviewed Annual Report docs & Approved. SDPAA agreement updated & signed. All approved to submit application to State for Summer Renovation grant. Next meeting review Annual Budget.
- VII. Executive Session:
- VIII. Time & Date for Next Board Meeting – Third Tuesday: 4:00 p.m. 17-Mar-2026
- IX. Adjourned 4:50.

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 Canton, SD 57013

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Lincoln Conservation District Manager: Jeremy S.

District Conservationist: Kezar, Kory - NRCS, (218) 686-2206 kory.kezar@usda.gov

State Conservation Commission

April 2026

Conservation District: Mellette

Project Name: 2026 MC Multi-Practice Grant

Start Date: 07/01/2026

End Date: 06/30/2027

Total Project Amount:	\$ 181,600.00
Comission Funds:	\$ 70,000.00
District Funds:	\$ 500.00
Landowner Cash:	\$ 111,100.00
Local In-kind:	
Other Funds:	

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

Description of Grant Application:

The 2026 MC Multi-Practice Grant would assist producers in the conservation of our natural resources by providing cost share opportunities. Please see the attached project narrative and budget sheet that outlines, in detail, the goals of this proposed project.

The practices proposed in this project are

- Pipelines/Tanks
- Fencing
- Trees/fabric/hand plants
- Alt. Energy Pumps/ Rural Water Hookups
- Wells/Seeding
- Fabricated Windbreaks
- Shelter belt Renovations
- Administration

If selected for funding, RC&F suggests that:

- The Conservation Commission will not reimburse any costs that exceed the most up to date 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:

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GF&P:

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	Project	Start date	End Date	Original Award	Balance	Extensions
Other current grants:						
2024 MC Multi-Practice Grant	2024-CSW-013	01/01/2024	06/30/2026	\$ 60,000.00		
2025 MC Multi-Practice Grant	2026-CSW-022	01/01/2026	06/30/2027	\$ 40,000.00	\$40,000.00	

Approved: [Empty box]

Denied: [Empty box]

Reason for denial:

[Empty box for reason for denial]



SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY DIVISION

523 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501
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GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Applicant Information

Organization: Mellette County Conservation District Mailing Address: PO Box 1
Telephone: (605) 259-2352 City: White River State: SD Zip: 57579
Tax Status: Exempt-Government Entity

Project Contact

Project Officer: Julie Kelly Telephone: (605) 259-3252
Fax: _____ Email: toddcood@outlook.com

Project Information

Project Name: 2026 MC Multi-Practice Grant
Start Date: 01/01/2026 End Date: 06/30/2027
Legal description: County: Mellette/Todd
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: \$ 70,000.00 Partner contributions (total): \$ 111,600.00 Total project cost: \$181,600.00
Please provide a brief, descriptive summary of the project:

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Wells/Seeding
Fabricated Windbreaks
Shelter belt Renovations
Administration

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 Julie Kelly Title District Manager Date 03/13/2026

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

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BUDGET SHEET

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

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3.	Contractual Services	\$ 111,600.00	
4.	Supplies		
5.	Equipment (list major equipment)		
6.	Consultation Services		
Total Project Costs		\$118,600.00	This total must equal \$181,600.00

B. Activity Budget

Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
1. Pipeline/Tanks	13,000.00	15,600.00			\$28,600.00
2. Fencing	11,000.00	37,000.00			\$48,000.00
3. Tree planting/fabric/handplants	18,000.00	18,500.00			\$36,500.00
4. Alt pump/ Hookups	3,000.00	9,000.00			\$12,000.00
5. Wells/ Seeding	2,000.00	6,000.00			\$8,000.00
6. Dugout/ Dams	3,000.00	9,000.00			\$12,000.00
7. Fabricated Windbreaks	13,000.00	16,000.00			\$29,000.00
8. Admin	7,000.00		500.00		\$7,500.00
Totals	\$70,000.00	\$111,100.00	\$500.00		\$181,600.00
This total must equal					\$181,600.00

C. Project Partners

Partners	Amount Cash	Amount In-Kind	Total
1. DANR	70,000.00		\$70,000.00
2. MCCD/TCCD		500.00	\$500.00
3. MC/TC producers	111,100.00		\$111,100.00
4. _____			
5. _____			
6. _____			
7. _____			
8. _____			
Totals	\$181,100.00	\$500.00	\$181,600.00
This total must equal			\$181,600.00

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

Project Descriptions and Need

Primary Beneficiaries

The primary beneficiaries of this project will be Mellette and Todd County agricultural landowners/operators and any future generations.

Who will be responsible for the implementation, maintenance and follow-up stages of this project

The Mellette and Todd County Conservation District will be responsible to providing leadership, technical and educational assistants to producers to help them utilized and manage their natural resources. The planning assistance will be carried out by the Districts, NRCS and the local forester. The producer will be responsible for the implementation and maintenance of the conservation practices installed. Producers need to ensure that the practice functions as intended for the designated life span of the practice and thereafter. The conservation districts will complete the construction check making sure specifications and standard were followed. Administrative duties will be handled by the Mellette/Todd County Conservation District.

Indicate where the project will be located

The projects will be located within the boundaries of Mellette and Todd Counties. There may be some projects that are installed in the Lewis and Clark Watershed Implementations Project area. Other watershed that may benefit from the installed practices include Cottonwood Creek, Pine Creek, Niobrara, Little White River, Porcupine Creek and White River.

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

Mellette/Todd County producers who want to ensure the long-term use of their natural resources in an economically, socially, and environmentally sustainable manner will be able to use this funding opportunity to do just that.

All conservation practices installed through this grant will address natural resource concerns.

- *Pipelines /Tanks:* Pipelines will allow adequate water supply to distribute grazing more evenly across rangelands. Strategically placing of tanks will allow clean water to be more readily available allowing livestock to graze more uniformly maximizing forage utilization.
- *Fencing:* Fencing will help manage livestock movement in a well-planned grazing management system. When properly rotated through a grazing management system it will address the natural resource concern of overgrazing and will allow the proper rest and recovery time of the native plants. This rest and recovery will over time increase

native plant production and increase the biology in the soil creating healthier rangeland and better water infiltration.

- *Tree plantings/fabric:* Planting trees to form a shelterbelt will provide shelter, food, and protection for birds, wildlife and livestock. Laying fabric in a shelterbelt planting will help with erosion and weed control and increase water retention allowing for a better environment for the tree's survival.
- *Alternative Energy Pumps/Rural Water Hookups:* Using an alternative energy pump can give producers more flexibility in rotating cattle to remote areas. Rural water hookups are essential for getting pipelines and tanks on the land. In some places additional hookups are needed to get additional pipe lines and tanks to those areas.
- *Wells/Seedings:* Wells usually provide a stable, consistent water source at times creeks, ponds, and dams are dry or are and unreliable. Reseeding disturbed soil back to grassland will reduce soil erosion and improve the health of the soil by controlling erosion and weed suppression.
- *Dugouts/Dams:* Dugouts, dams and ponds being constructed, repaired, or cleaned out will benefit natural resources by improving range condition and wildlife habitat, reducing riparian area pressure, providing better water quality and reducing soil and nutrient runoff.
- *Fabricated Windbreaks:* Metal fabricated windbreaks will stop wind erosion and will help with water control by eliminating excess water runoff.
- *Shelterbelt Renovations/Handplants:* Renovating current shelterbelt becomes necessary as the shelterbelt ages or deteriorates. If possible, renovation should start early enough to allow new plants to become effective before windbreak protection declines. Handplanting would be needed to as the sites would not be able to use equipment like regular tree plantings.

On the ground restoration activities to achieve the project objectives and why needed

Contracts will be signed with producers to meet requirements based on the NRCS State Technical Guide. Staff will conduct sited visits with landowners and producers to evaluate the feasibility of implementing the conservation practices. Site preparation will be completed by the landowner.

A larger regional and /or local watershed effort

There are several watersheds located in the area where the project will be completed. The Lewis and Clark Watershed Implementation project may partner with practices that are located in the project area and help contribute to the success of their goals and objectives.

Long Term Management

The Producers agree to perform necessary upkeep and repairs to ensure the conservation practices remain effective and intact throughout the full Natural Resources Service (NRS) lifespan of the practice. They also are aware that if they do not abide by the terms of the agreement, they may be required to pay back the cost share received from this program.

Permits

Federal, State, Tribal, or local permits that may be required to complete this project will be the responsibility of the producers. The Conservation District will advise the producer of the authorizations that are needed for completion of the projects. Consideration for cultural resources and environmental impacts will be considered when planning the practices.

Final Products

Conservation practices installed through this project will help preserve our natural resources for years to come. Some of the concerns that will be address are: wildlife shelter, water quality, rangeland management, nutrients in ground or surface water, inadequate livestock water, wind and soil erosion, and invasive plant species.

Through the 2026 Multi-Practice Grant, the district aims to support a range of conservation and infrastructure initiatives, including: Assist with planting and laying protective fabric to establish shelterbelts. Bury several miles of pipelines, install water tanks, and support rural water hook-ups. Replant grasses on disturbed ground to promote soil health and prevent erosion. Install metal-fabricated windbreaks to reduce wind erosion and manage water runoff. Provide assistance for constructing wells and dams/dugouts to increase water supply and install alternative energy sources to power water pumps and distribute the enhanced water supply efficiently.

Through the 2026 Multi-Practice Grant the district's goals are to assist with planting and laying fabric for shelterbelts, bury several miles of pipelines, install tanks, and assist with rural water hook-ups. Plant grasses back into disturbed ground, and install metal fabricated windbreak to protect from wind erosion and control water runoff. Also provide assistance to increase water availability with wells and dam/dugouts and distribute this extra water supply by installing alternative energy source to power the pumps.

Success of the Project

Success of this project will be measured by the number practices that were put in place and the number of producers that were provided technical assistance to successfully implement these conservation practices. The environmental benefits are hard to measure but are also included in the success of the project.

Partner Justification

Project Partners Include: Mellette County Conservation District
Todd County Conservation District
NRCS
Owners, operators and producers

The Mellette County Conservation District will be the organization in charge of making sure the grant functions as intended. Mellette & Todd Counties have continually improved over the years, thanks in part to the Commission Grant Funds being available for producers interested in installing conservation practices. The district has had past experience in being responsible for administering grants, if they are awarded. The NRCS staff and the Service Forester are available to provide technical assistance.

Mellette County Conservation District
Board of Supervisors Meeting
USDA Service Center- White River, SD
Monday March 9, 2026
Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Clint Rasmusson at 7:07pm and declared a quorum was present.

Members Present– Roll Call

Mellette County board members present were: Bret Strain, Martin Bruce, and Clinton Rasmusson Chase Fairbanks.

Absent members included Cliff Bryan and Brett Galbraith.

Others present Julie Kelly

- Martin Bruce moved to approve the agenda. Chase Fairbanks seconded it. Motion carried.
- Martin Bruce moved to approve the Jan 15, 2026 meeting mins. Chase Fairbanks seconded it. Motion Carried.
- Chase Fairbanks moved to approve the treasurers report. Martin Bruce seconded it. Motion carried.
- Chase Fairbanks moved to approve the Accounts Receivable report. Martin Bruce seconded it. Motion carried.

NRCS Report – Nick Peterson

- – 51 applications
 - MC- 9 High
 - TC- 9 High

Other Reports:

Old Business:

- Todd County paid for or wage reimbursement and milage for the 2nd half of 2025
- SDRS –In system and filed for Feb
- Drill Training March 18, 2026 11 am - Make flyers and send out text to producers
- Dustin Schmidt – paperwork submitted for payment from grant
- 2026 Multi-Purpose Grant Due Friday March 13, 2026.
Martin Bruce motioned to approve the Grant. Chase Fairbanks seconded. Motion carried.

New Business:

- Camp Bob Marshall - email the school with info
- Speech contest going for Prairie area will be held in Todd Co on Tuesday the 10th @ 6:30
- The meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm

Mellette County Conservation District set their next meeting for April 16, 2026 7:00 p.m.

Clinton Rasmusson, President

Julie Kelly, District Manager

State Conservation Commission

April 2026

Conservation District: Roberts

Project Name: 2026 Outreach

Start Date: 07/01/2026

End Date: 06/30/2027

Total Project Amount:	\$ 20,000.00
Commisson Funds:	\$ 10,000.00
District Funds:	\$ 10,000.00
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:

Roberts Conservation District is applying for this grant to help fund our outreach plans for 2026. We are requesting this financial assistance to aid in our seasonal workshops, such as tree pruning, pollinator talks and boosting social media promotions. The district, and subsequently our community, also would benefit from this grant as it would allow us to purchase and create educational materials to spread knowledge and news updates about issues specific to our area, such as loss of grassland prairie and prairie pothole habitat, as well as plants, trees and materials to both showcase and donate for these outreach projects. This year we also plan to focus on the importance of native/pollinator plantings, emerging Ash Borer education, and tree health. We have planned a few events, which includes but are not limited to; booth material and attendance to the State Fair and other events, Arbor Day education for 4th grade school children in the surrounding towns of Sisseton, Wilmot, Rosholt, and Tiospa Zina, FFA land and range judging, and pruning and tree health workshops. Roberts Conservation District does not receive county, state or federal funding for outreach and not only would the district benefit from this grant, but so would the entire community of Roberts County, both producers and those passionate about conservation.

If selected for funding, RC&F suggests that:

- 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.
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DANR:

GF&P:

	Project	Start date	End Date	Original Award	Balance	Extensions
Other current grants:	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Approved: []

Denied: []

Reason for denial:



SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY DIVISION

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Phone: 605.773.3623
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GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Applicant Information

Organization: Roberts Conservation District Mailing Address: 2018 Hwy 10
Telephone: 605-698-3923 City: Sisseton State: SD Zip: 57262
Tax Status: Exempt

Project Contact

Project Officer: Maggie Hanson Telephone: 605-698-3923
Fax: _____ Email: robertsd@sdconservation.net

Project Information

Project Name: 2026 Outreach
Start Date: 4/1/2026 End Date: 4/1/2027
Legal description: County: Roberts
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): 10000 Total project cost: 20000
Please provide a brief, descriptive summary of the project:

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

Applicant Signature Maggie Hanson Title District Manager Date 03.16.2026

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	7680	
2.	Travel	2901.5	
3.	Contractual Services		
4.	Supplies	9418.5	
5.	Equipment (list major equipment)		
6.	Consultation Services		
Total Project Costs		20000	This total must equal <u>20000</u>

B. Activity Budget

Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
1. Salary			4401.5		4401.5
2. Travel	2901.5				2901.5
3. Supplies	5598.5		2799.25	2799.25	11197
4. Administration	1500				1500
5. _____					0
6. _____					0
7. _____					0
8. _____					0
Totals	10000	0	7200.75	2799.25	20000
This total must equal					<u>20000</u>

C. Project Partners

Partners	Amount Cash	Amount In-Kind	Total
1. DANR	10000		10000
2. Roberts CD		10000	10000
3. FFA			0
4. _____			0
5. _____			0
6. _____			0
7. _____			0
8. _____			0
Totals	10000	10000	20000
This total must equal			<u>20000</u>

Project Partners

1. DANR: \$10000 grant
2. Roberts County: \$10000 in-kind

Hosting or Participating Partners

3. FFA: Hosts events such as land and range judging
4. Sisseton Oyate Tribe: Hosts events like plant walks, educational workshops, school field days
5. SD residents and producers: Buying tree/shrubs, spreading word, attending workshops

Project Description:

Roberts Conservation District continues the tradition of promoting and providing conservation education, awareness and outreach to communities in our area. This project encompasses our passion for spreading knowledge and conservation practices to multiple generations and demographics across the county. Being centric to the declining grassland prairie ecosystems, as well as the prairie pothole region, this project leans heavily into, not only the educational and environmental aspects of conserving our prairies, but also the cultural and historical aspects. Many of our planned outreach, such as our workshops and seminars, support all four of these key aspects of this project. Roberts Conservation Districts employees will be responsible for all stages of this project, ranging from implementation to post-project follow-up.

Project Needs

1. Arbor Day: The District will travel to four schools in the area, speak to 4th grade students, and give them Arbor Day educational guides and trees.
 - a. Appx. 140 conservation grade trees
 - b. Travel
2. Seasonal Workshops: The District will put on workshops that will cover the importance of practicing conservation at home for beginners.
 - a. Pollinator plants
 - b. Pruning/tree health
 - c. Bird/bat house building
 - d. Rain garden/Raised beds
 - e. Travel
3. Various Outreach Booth Events such as State Fair, Watertown Farm Show, Soil Health, Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate

- a. Booth and supplies
 - b. Travel
 - c. Educational Materials
 - d. Registration
 - e. Hand out materials such as pens, koozies, etc.
4. FFA Land and Range Judging: The District will be attending and volunteering as group leaders as high school FFA judge land and range.
 - a. Travel
5. Educational Newsletter
 - a. Printing cost and postage

Final Products:

We believe this project will have long-term benefits by continuing to get children, teens, and adults as knowledgeable and passionate about on the ground conservation as the districts are. We anticipate that showing our community that conservation can be small everyday changes, as well as large lifestyle changes, can be an easy, enjoyable and effortless way to give back to nature. Our success will be measured not only in turnout for the initial outreach events but also in recurrent attendance over the years.

Partner Justification:

Roberts Conservation District prides itself on our passion for conservation, soil health, public outreach, and youth education. We strive to not only assist landowners and ranchers but our residents in cities as well. We work closely with our local FSA, NRCS, PA, Soil Health Coalition, GF&P, and residents both rural and urban.

State Conservation Commission

April 2026

Conservation District: Stanley

Project Name: Stanley County Tree Planting

Start Date: 07/01/2026

End Date: 06/30/2027

Total Project Amount:	\$ 76,532.00
Comission Funds:	\$ 26,333.00
District Funds:	\$ 250.00
Landowner Cash:	\$ 49,949.00
Local In-kind:	
Other Funds:	

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

Description of Grant Application:

The Stanley County Conservation District is applying for financial aid to assist landowners for tree planting and fabric installation. These tree plantings will include livestock shelter belts, field windbreaks, riparian buffers and wildlife habitats, as well as to add new seedling to existing decaying shelter belts. They will provide benefits by reducing the wind thus reducing soil erosion, protecting the livestock from adverse weather, improving water quality through out the planting of riparian buffers and increasing wildlife habitat. This project will provide cost share for tree planting, fabric installation, and site preparation for approximately 4 acres of trees. The landowners will do all the ground work prior to September 2026, with the trees to be planted spring of 2027. The project will be completed in 12 months, with a final report to follow. All tree plans will be approved by the State Forester. The 202 5 Conservation Commission docket will be followed for all cost percentages and guidelines.

If selected for funding, RC&F suggests that:

- The Conservation Commission will not reimburse any costs that exceed the most up to date 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:

[Empty box for DANR input]

GF&P:

[Empty box for GF&P input]

	Project	Start date	End Date	Original Award	Balance	Extensions
Other current grants:						
Stanley County Tree Planting	2025-CSW-034	07/01/2025	06/30/2026	\$ 26,333.00	\$26,333.00	
Approved:	[Empty box]		Denied:	[Empty box]		

Reason for denial:

[Empty box for 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: 605.773.3487 sdda.sd.gov

SD Ag & Natural Resources Resource Cons. & Forestry

FEB 17 2026

GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Applicant Information

Organization: Stanley County Conservation Mailing Address: PO Box 393
Telephone: 605-220-1840 City: Fort Pierre State: SD Zip: 57532
Tax Status: government

Project Contact

Project Officer: MaryBeth Fravel Telephone: 6052201840
Fax: Email: stanleycountycd@gmail.com

Project Information

Project Name: Stanley County Tree Planting
Start Date: 7/1/2026 End Date: 6/30/2027
Legal description: County Stanley
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: 26333 Partner contributions (total): 50199 Total project cost: 76532
Please provide a brief, descriptive summary of the project:

The Stanley County Conservation District is applying for financial aid to assist landowners for tree planting and fabric installation. These tree plantings will include livestock shelter belts, field windbreaks, riparian buffers and wildlife habitats, as well as to add new seedling to existing decaying shelter belts. They will provide benefits by reducing the wind thus reducing soil erosion, protecting the livestock from adverse weather, improving water quality through out the planting of riparian buffers and increasing wildlife habitat. This project will provide cost share for tree planting, fabric installation, and site preparation for approximately 4 acres of trees. The landowners will do all the ground work prior to September 2026, with the trees to be planted spring of 2027. The project will be completed in 12 months, with a final report to follow. All tree plans will be approved by the State Forester. The 2025 Conservation Commission docket will be followed for all cost percentages and guidelines.

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

Applicant Signature MaryBeth Fravel Title Office Manager Date 2/13/26

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		
2.	Travel		
3.	Contractual Services	33792	
4.	Supplies	42240.00	
5.	Equipment (list major equipment)		
6.	Consultation Services	500	
Total Project Costs		76532	This total must equal 76532

B. Activity Budget

Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
1. <u>tree planting</u>	10243	23549			33792
2. <u>fabric application</u>	15840	26400			42240
3. <u>preparation</u>		250			250
4. <u>technical assistance</u>	250				250
5. _____					0
6. _____					0
7. _____					0
8. _____					0
Totals	26333	50199	0	0	76532
This total must equal					76532

C. Project Partners

Partners	Amount Cash	Amount In-Kind	Total
1. <u>RC & F</u>	26333		26333
2. <u>Landowners</u>	50199		50199
3. _____			0
4. _____			0
5. _____			0
6. _____			0
7. _____			0
8. _____			0
Totals	76532	0	76532
This total must equal			76532

Project Narrative:

The Stanley County Conservation District will provide cost share to as many producers as possible for the purpose of planting trees and shrubs and installing fabric.

This will benefit the area to reduce soil erosion, improve water quality and air quality.

Shelterbelts provide economic benefits thru improved snow accumulation on roads, decreased soil erosion to fields and protection for cattle and farmsteads.

The district will evaluate the producer applications and develop tree plans.

The producer will care for the trees following NRCS guidelines and the district will monitor the planting for survival rates.

The environmental impact of shelterbelts will increase wildlife habitat, improve the aesthetics of farmsteads, help retain snow for moisture, and protect livestock.

We would like to help the producers who don't qualify for the other cost share options with a little financial assistance and educate them on the benefits of planting trees and shrubs.

Stanley County Conservation District

February 10 2026

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 8 am by chairman Mitch Norman, with supervisors Rick Hall, AJ Stoesser, and Don Sandal, also Kerry Kelly NRCS and MaryBeth Fravel.

Don read the minutes of the January meeting: motion by AJ seconded by Rick to approve.

MaryBeth gave the treasurer's report and explained all the dues that were on the report. Motion by Rick second by AJ to approve and pay the bills. Also motion to pay the Big Sioux Nursery \$13048.75 and get the discount.

Old Business:

Hughes Co and agreed to share the cooler again this year at a cost of \$2500. We discussed the drilling and the lower revenues.

New Business:

The Hwy 83 living snow is all ready to go and the DOT is doing the water system and fencing after the trees are planted.

Our request for a grant extension was denied by the SD Conservation Commission and we were told we could reapply. Motion by AJ second by Don to apply again.

Field Report: Kerry said they will be getting training on the new programs soon and will know where the Regenerative money will be allotted in the coming weeks. Many applications are waiting for funding.

Next meeting will be a week later on March 18 at 1:00 pm

Adjourned at 8:50

Respectfully submitted MaryBeth Fravel

Applicant	City	District	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
			Grass Waterways	Terraces	Crop Rotations	Residue	No Till	Grassland Management	Livestock Management	Forest Management	Cover Crops
B & K Ranch	Martin	Bennett			X	X	X	X	X		X
Penny & Paul Svenkeson	Custer	Custer							X	X	
Julie Oswald, OFLP Properties	Custer	Custer								X	
Shad & Jenna Finn	Philiip	Haakon						X	X		X
Jason & Vonda Hamill	Philip	Haakon			X	X	X		X		
Wacey & Jamie Kirkpatrick	Philip	Haakon			X	X	X	X	X		X
Loryn Gehm	De Smet	Kingsbury			X	X	X	X	X		X
Richard Abrahamson	De Smet	Kingsbury			X	X	X		X		
Emil Larsen	De Smet	Kingsbury								X	
KPE Ogren Joint Venture	Britton	Marshall	X		X	X	X	X	X		X

A - Grassed waterways are installed and maintained properly

B - Terraces are installed and maintained properly

C - Proper crop rotations are utilized

D - Sufficient crop residues are left to enhance soil stability

E - No-till is utilized in crop production

F - Grasslands are managed for sustainable productivity

G - Livestock are managed to limit soil and nutrient runoff

H - Forest lands are managed according to a forest stewardship plan

I - Cover crops and other soil health practices are implemented

SOUTH DAKOTA NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION AWARD

NOMINATION FORM

AWARD WINNING NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION FARM/RANCH

Name of Nominee: B & K Ranch – Karmell Sharp and Brad Cvach

Mailing Address: 28101 244th Ave.

City, State, Zip: Norris, SD 57560

Conservation District: Bennett County Conservation District

Nomination submitted by: Bennett County Conservation District

Mailing Address: 706 W Bennett Ave. Suite 2

City, State, Zip Martin, SD 57551

Telephone: (605)685-1243

(Nominator's information intended only for use by the selection committee in case further clarification is needed pertaining to the nomination.)

Which of the following criteria/practices are used by the nominee? (Check all that apply)

- Grassed waterways are installed and maintained properly
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- Proper crop rotations are utilized.
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Based on the above checked items, explain why you feel this nominee is deserving of the award. Use no more than one additional sheet if necessary. Please submit two to eight photographs no larger than 5 X 7, with a brief caption (50 words or less) for each. Digital photos are acceptable.

The Bennett County Conservation District nominates B & K Ranch – Karmell Sharp and Brad Cvach for the 2026 SD Natural Resource Conservation Award. This is a 4th generation ranch and Karmell and Brad’s stewardship of the land demonstrates their ethics and continuing care for the land. They have implemented many conservation practices, both on their own and using available programs. Practices utilized include cross-fencing, fabricated livestock structures and water developments. Sufficient crop residue is left following harvest to protect the soil. They plan to seed existing cropland fields back to a mixture of tame grasses and alfalfa for haying and/or grazing. The old woven wire fences have been removed and replaced with wildlife friendly fences. Cross-fencing has also been installed to protect the riparian area from livestock. Rotational grazing is utilized so cattle graze greater grass varieties in shorter time spans, allowing those grasses time to regrow when the cattle move on to other pastures.

Karmell and Brad are extremely conscientious of the land resources they manage and are constantly seeking new ways to take care of and improve their land.

The Bennett County Conservation District Board of Supervisors feel they are very deserving of this award.



Figure 1 Cropland field planted to oats.



Figure 2 Wildlife friendly cross-fence



Figure 3 A variety of native grasses provide excellent grazing.



Figure 4 Native rangeland



Figure 5 Native rangeland



Figure 6 Native rangeland and woody draws provide excellent wildlife habitat.



Figure 7 Fabricated Livestock Protection



Figure 8 Solar water development



CUSTER COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

25363 US Hwy 385

Custer, SD 57730

Phone: 605-673-5680

custercd@sdconservation.net

March 23, 2026

South Dakota Conservation Commission
SD Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources
Resource Conservation and Forestry Division
523 East Capitol Ave.
Pierre, SD 57501

RE: SD Natural Resources Conservation Award

Dear Commissioners,

The Custer County Conservation District would like to submit a nomination for Julie Oswald and the Oswald Family Limited Partnership (OFLP) Properties for the South Dakota Natural Resources Conservation Award.

Thank you for your consideration.

On behalf of the Custer County Conservation District
Sincerely,

Mike Baldwin
District Manager, Custer County Conservation District

Enclosed:
Nomination form
Narrative
Photographs

Board of Supervisors: Dave Thom, Custer (Chair); Oonagh Wood, Pringle (Treasurer); Tamarah Caster, Elk Mountain; Paul Nettinga, Pleasant Valley (Vice Chair); Greg Neugebauer, Hermosa. **Advisors:** Stuart Adrian, Hayward; Gladwin Paulsen, rural Custer.

APPENDIX A

SOUTH DAKOTA NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION AWARD

NOMINATION FORM

AWARD WINNING NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION FARM/RANCH

Name of Nominee: Julie Oswald, OFLP Properties, LLC

Mailing Address: PO Box 144

City, State, Zip: Custer, SD 57730

Conservation District: Custer County Conservation District

Nomination submitted by: Mike Baldwin on behalf of Custer County Conservation District

Mailing Address: 25363 US Hwy 385

City, State, Zip: Custer, SD 57730

Telephone: 605-673-5680

(Nominator's information intended only for use by the selection committee in case further clarification is needed pertaining to the nomination.)

Which of the following criteria/practices are used by the nominee? (Check all that apply)

- Grassed waterways are installed and maintained properly
- Terraces are installed and maintained properly
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- Sufficient crop residues are left to enhance soil stability
- No till is utilized in crop production
- Grasslands are managed for sustainable productivity
- Livestock are managed to limit soil and nutrient runoff (feedlot and riparian buffers)
- Forest lands are managed according to a forest stewardship plan

Based on the above checked items, explain why you feel this nominee is deserving of the award. Use no more than one additional sheet if necessary. Please submit two to eight photographs no larger than 5 X 7, with a brief caption (50 words or less) for each. Digital photos are acceptable.

- see attached narrative

SOUTH DAKOTA NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION AWARD – Oswald narrative

The Custer County Conservation District is honored to nominate Julie Oswald and the Oswald Family Limited Partnership (OFLP) Properties for the South Dakota Natural Resources Conservation Award in recognition of their long-standing, hands-on commitment to responsible forest stewardship and sustainable land management.

Julie and OFLP have demonstrated exceptional dedication to the care and improvement of their forestlands for more than three decades. Their work began early and with great determination. During the last mountain pine beetle outbreak in the Black Hills, they undertook the enormous task of removing thousands of bug-killed or bug-infested trees. This labor-intensive effort not only mitigated hazardous fuel loads but also helped restore forest health at a time when bark beetle impacts were widespread across the region. Their commitment to stewardship continued to grow. In 2014, they became certified as Tree Farmers by the South Dakota Family Forests Association (SDFAA), embracing nationally recognized standards for sustainable forestry. In 2016, they were honored as the South Dakota Tree Farmer of the Year by SDFAA.

Beyond beetle-killed tree removal, OFLP has engaged in extensive non-commercial thinning, improving stand structure, reducing competition, enhancing wildlife habitat, and reducing wildfire risk. Their efforts consistently support long-term forest resilience rather than short-term gain. Demonstrating continued leadership in forest management, OFLP completed a new Forest Stewardship Plan in 2025. This updated plan reflects a deep understanding of forest dynamics and a proactive approach to managing for health, productivity, and ecological diversity.

Throughout their years of work, OFLP has shown unwavering dedication, perseverance, and personal investment in natural resource conservation. Their achievements exemplify the highest standards of private land stewardship and serve as an inspiring model for other landowners. For these reasons, we enthusiastically nominate Julie and OFLP for the South Dakota Natural Resources Conservation Award.



Photo 1: Julie Oswald (front right) speaking about forestry management on OFLP property during a land-owner workshop hosted by Custer Conservation District.



Photo 2: Oswald family property treated approximately 6-8 years prior to photo.



Photo 3: Oswald property: older, large stand of ponderosa pine.



Photo 4: Oswald family property: area previously treated, now a two-storied stand of pine.



Photo 5: Oswald family property: area treated approximately 5 years prior to photo.



Photo 6: Oswald property: stand of quaking aspen.



Photo 7: View of Oswald property looking north towards Buckhorn Mountain.



CUSTER COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

25363 US Hwy 385

Custer, SD 57730

Phone: 605-673-5680

custercd@sdconservation.net

March 11, 2026

South Dakota Conservation Commission
SD Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources
Resource Conservation and Forestry Division
523 East Capitol Ave.
Pierre, SD 57501

RE: SD Natural Resources Conservation Award

Dear Commissioners,

The Custer County Conservation District would like to submit a nomination for Penny and Paul Svenkeson for the South Dakota Natural Resources Conservation Award.

Thank you for your consideration.

On behalf of the Custer County Conservation District
Sincerely,

Mike Baldwin
District Manager, Custer County Conservation District

Enclosed:
Nomination form
Narrative
Photographs

Board of Supervisors: Dave Thom, Custer (Chair); Oonagh Wood, Pringle (Treasurer); Tamarah Caster, Elk Mountain; Paul Nettinga, Pleasant Valley (Vice Chair); Greg Neugebauer, Hermosa. **Advisors:** Stuart Adrian, Hayward; Gladwin Paulsen, rural Custer.

APPENDIX A

SOUTH DAKOTA NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION AWARD

NOMINATION FORM

AWARD WINNING NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION FARM/RANCH

Name of Nominee: Penny & Paul Svenkeson

Mailing Address: 27201 Valley Rd

City, State, Zip: Hot Springs, SD 57747

Conservation District: Custer County Conservation District

Nomination submitted by: Mike Baldwin on behalf of Custer County Conservation District

Mailing Address: 25363 US Hwy 385

City, State, Zip: Custer, SD 57730

Telephone: 605-673-5680

(Nominator's information intended only for use by the selection committee in case further clarification is needed pertaining to the nomination.)

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- see attached

SOUTH DAKOTA NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION AWARD – Svenkeson narrative

The Custer County Conservation District is pleased to nominate Penny and Paul Svenkeson for the South Dakota Natural Resources Conservation Award in recognition of their outstanding dedication to sustainable land stewardship, forest health, wildlife, and responsible livestock management.

Penny and Paul embody the principles of conservation through both daily practice and long-term commitment. They manage a small herd of cattle with care, ensuring that grazing is balanced to support not only livestock production but also the long-term health of the land. Their management philosophy prioritizes both livestock and wildlife, maintaining healthy forage while also enhancing habitat diversity and promoting ecological resilience.

In addition to rangeland stewardship, the Svenkesons have taken an active role in improving forest conditions on their property. They have engaged in forest thinning efforts (partially funded through two cost-share grants provided by the conservation district [via the SD Conservation Commission]), reducing fuel loads, improving stand vigor, and supporting overall forest health and sustainability. In 2020, they were certified as Tree Farmers by the South Dakota Family Forests Association, committing their land to sustainable forest management practices. The following year, in 2021, they advanced these efforts by developing a Forest Stewardship Plan, a long-term plan to guide management decisions that support soil health, wildlife habitat, forest regeneration, and watershed protection. Their work demonstrates an understanding that healthy forests require active management, and they have embraced that responsibility wholeheartedly.

Beyond managing their own land responsibly, Penny and Paul actively strengthen stewardship across the broader community. They have successfully encouraged neighboring landowners to participate in forest management, sharing knowledge, promoting best practices, and demonstrating how proactive care benefits the entire landscape. Their leadership helps build a stronger, more resilient natural resource community.

Their exemplary dedication was also recognized through Penny's inclusion in a recent video¹ on resilient forest management. The video highlights their forest management efforts for livestock and wildlife and shares their story as a model for others.

Through thoughtful livestock management, proactive forest stewardship, and community leadership, Penny and Paul demonstrate the highest standards of natural resource conservation. Their work represents the values that this award is intended to honor. For these reasons, we wholeheartedly nominate Penny and Paul Svenkeson for the South Dakota Natural Resources Conservation Award.

¹ Custer County Conservation District: Forest Thinning for a Resilient Future.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oChOMzz6vww> at 5:27 mark.



Photo 1: Recently thinned area on Svenkeson property. Thinning project partially funded with SD Conservation Commission grant.



Photo 2: Recently thinned hillside on Svenkeson property. Thinning project partially funded with SD Conservation Commission grant.



Photo 3: Recently thinned area on Svenkeson property. Thinning project partially funded with SD Conservation Commission grant.



Photo 4: A few of Svenkeson's livestock on their property.

SOUTH DAKOTA NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION AWARD

NOMINATION FORM

AWARD WINNING NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION FARM/RANCH

Name of Nominee: Shad & Jenna Finn

Mailing Address: 25065 Capa Road

City, State, Zip: Midland, SD 57552

Conservation District: Haakon County

Nomination submitted by: Haakon County Conservation District & NRCS

Mailing Address: PO Box 130

City, State, Zip: Philip, SD 57567

Telephone: 605-859-2186

(Nominator's information intended only for use by the selection committee in case further clarification is needed pertaining to the nomination.)

Which of the following criteria/practices are used by the nominee? (Check all that apply)

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Based on the above checked items, explain why you feel this nominee is deserving of the award. Use no more than one additional sheet if necessary. Please submit two to eight photographs no larger than 5 X 7, with a brief caption (50 words or less) for each. Digital photos are acceptable.

Shad and Jenna Finn are 4th generation ranchers raising cattle along the Bad River in eastern Haakon County. They have spent the last 20 years improving fields to reduce erosion and provide habitat for wildlife. They practice no-till cover cropping and with all their hard work improving grass species they have seen improvements in soil health, more forage and less invasive grasses.

Shad and Jenna have hosted local tours and willingly offer their ranch as an example to others who are considering the same path of renovating land for grazing.



SOUTH DAKOTA NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION AWARD

NOMINATION FORM

AWARD WINNING NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION FARM/RANCH

Name of Nominee: Jason & Vonda Hamill

Mailing Address: 22836 King School Road

City, State, Zip: Milesville, SD 57553-3010

Conservation District: Haakon County

Nomination submitted by: Haakon County Conservation District & NRCS

Mailing Address: PO Box 130

City, State, Zip Philip, SD 57567

Telephone: 605-859-2186

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Jason and Vonda Hamill

Jason was raised in Milesville and spent his summers with his grandparents, Leona and Russ Hamill, on the original Hamill homestead, settled by Aaron Hamill. Jason continues to farm the Hamill homestead, as well as a few other tracts of cropland in Milesville. Jason and Vonda Hamill came to Haakon County full time in 1991, after attending MSU where Jason was an animal science/range management major and Vonda earned an elementary education degree. They made their home on the former Harrold Herreid place in northern Haakon County and began a cow/calf operation along with farming both at that location and at Milesville. They raise wheat, corn, sunflowers and millet using minimal tillage practices. They run a black angus and Hereford based cattle herd. Jason and Vonda have two sons, Nick, and Carson who have grown up and come back with their families to help with the farming operation.

Jason's love of wildlife prompted him to start spading in trees by hand along many of the draws on his property 35 years ago, which led him to investigate the opportunities offered by the CRP tree programs. The results of which have allowed them to plant approximately 35 acres of trees, mostly along draws that were normally too wet for farming. Use of the tree mesh allowed the survival of trees where they would have normally been choked out by natural undergrowth and eliminates the usually necessary tilling between the rows. The benefit to wildlife has been substantial and a source of true enjoyment for the family.

SOUTH DAKOTA NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION AWARD

NOMINATION FORM

AWARD WINNING NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION FARM/RANCH

Name of Nominee: Wacey & Jamie Kirkpatrick

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Conservation District: Haakon County

Nomination submitted by: Haakon County Conservation District & NRCS

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Telephone: 605-859-2186

(Nominator's information intended only for use by the selection committee in case further clarification is needed pertaining to the nomination.)

Which of the following criteria/practices are used by the nominee? (Check all that apply)

- Grassed waterways are installed and maintained properly
- Terraces are installed and maintained properly
- Proper crop rotations are utilized.
- Sufficient crop residues are left to enhance soil stability
- No till is utilized in crop production
- Grasslands are managed for sustainable productivity
- Livestock are managed to limit soil and nutrient runoff
- Forest lands are managed according to a forest stewardship plan
- Cover crops and other soil health practices are implemented

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Wacey & Jamie Kirkpatrick are 3rd generation ranchers raising their two children Roadie and Reata on the ranch they own and operate in Northeastern Haakon County near the Cheyenne River. Their ranch is mostly rangeland with some crop land. They raise yearlings, Buffalo and sheep on the property utilizing rotational grazing to manage the livestock as well as maintain good grass cover.

The Rangeland is all native range and is managed very well with great care.

Wacey has also incorporated cover crops in the system to help maintain soil health.



Starting to graze the cool season cover crop in late June.



SOUTH DAKOTA NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION AWARD

NOMINATION FORM

AWARD WINNING NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION FARM/RANCH

Name of Nominee: Loryn Gehm
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Conservation District: Kingsburg

Nomination submitted by: Robert Lee
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Telephone: 605 203 0908

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- Grasslands are managed for sustainable productivity
- Livestock are managed to limit soil and nutrient runoff (feedlot and riparian buffers)
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Uses Equip to Enhance Soil Quality
has used conservation practices for many years

A key component of Gehm's operation is rotational grazing. By moving livestock between pasture areas, he allows grasses time to recover, resulting in healthier plant growth, improved forage production, and reduced soil erosion.

Gehm also utilizes no-till farming practices on his cropland. This method minimizes soil disturbance, helping to preserve soil structure, reduce erosion, and retain moisture.

In addition, grassland management plays an important role in his conservation approach. Loren has used the conservation grant to replant water ways and plant nonproductive land into native grasses.

To further enhance soil health, Gehm incorporates cover crops into his crop rotation. Loren was one of the first producers in Kingsbury County to utilize funding from Kingsbury Conservation 8 years ago and still uses the practice now.

Overall, Loren Gehm's farming practices demonstrate a holistic approach to conservation. By integrating rotational grazing, no-till farming, grassland stewardship, and cover crops, he is actively enhancing soil health and ensuring the long-term sustainability of his land. His efforts reflect a growing movement among producers to balance agricultural productivity with responsible environmental management.

In the next 3 years Loren is changing 300 acres of crop ground into grassland.

SOUTH DAKOTA NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION AWARD

NOMINATION FORM

AWARD WINNING NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION FARM/RANCH

Name of Nominee: Richard Abrahamson
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Rick has used multiple conservation practices over the years to optimise soil productivity

Richard Abrahamson is a strong advocate for conservation-minded farming, using a variety of practices that protect the land while maintaining a productive operation. His approach focuses on improving soil health, reducing erosion, and ensuring the long-term sustainability of his farm.

One of the key practices Abrahamson uses is cross fencing. By dividing pastures into smaller sections, he is able to better manage livestock grazing. This rotational approach allows grass to recover, promotes healthier plant growth, and improves overall pasture condition while reducing overgrazing.

Abrahamson also utilizes no-till farming on his cropland. This method minimizes soil disturbance by planting directly into crop residue rather than plowing the field. No-till practices help reduce erosion, retain soil moisture, and build organic matter, all of which contribute to healthier and more productive soils.

Planting trees is another important part of his conservation efforts. Trees serve as windbreaks, reduce soil erosion, and provide valuable habitat for wildlife. They also help improve water quality and protect the land from harsh weather conditions.

In addition, Abrahamson incorporates cover crops into his farming system. Cover crops help keep the soil covered year-round, preventing erosion and improving soil structure. They also enhance soil nutrients and promote biodiversity, which are key principles of conservation agriculture.

SOUTH DAKOTA NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION AWARD
NOMINATION FORM
AWARD WINNING NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION FARM/RANCH

Name of Nominee: Emil Larsen
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Conservation District: Kingsbury

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Emil Larson is a strong advocate for conservation-minded farming, using a variety of practices that protect the land while maintaining a productive operation. His approach focuses on improving soil health, reducing erosion, and ensuring the long-term sustainability of his farm.

One of the key practices Larson uses is cross fencing. By dividing pastures into smaller sections, he is able to better manage livestock grazing. This rotational approach allows grass to recover, promotes healthier plant growth, and improves overall pasture condition while reducing overgrazing.

Larson also utilizes no-till farming on his cropland. This method minimizes soil disturbance by planting directly into crop residue rather than plowing the field. No-till practices help reduce erosion, retain soil moisture, and build organic matter, all of which contribute to healthier and more productive soils.

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KPE Ogren Joint Venture is a nominee deserving of the South Dakota Natural Resource Conservation Award for their commitment to the land that is beginning the fifth generation of farming their family's homestead. They have a strong work ethic as they steward their crops and cattle. KPE Ogren Joint Venture consists of Keith and Patty Ogren, their son Evan and his wife Savannah who are home helping to continue the family operation. The multi-generational farm includes about 1568 acres of cropland (owned and rented) and 1236 acres of rangeland. They run a herd of around 200 cows with replacements of 45 head.

The grassed waterways were installed through the conservation district in the 1960s and are still maintained today. The farm's location is on the western edge of the Coteau Hills. The fields that have the breaks and creeks that run off from the hills are stabilized by using grass waterways and grassed riparian areas to prevent erosion. The use of larger equipment today is a challenge to maintain the width of these grassed waterways, but Ogren's have seen the benefits of holding the soil in place, so they are diligent about protecting these acres.

The use of crop rotations has been beneficial on the loamy soils that KPE farm. The use of small grains also gives them the straw needed for their cattle operation and the opportunity to use cover crops for grazing and soil health. No till is utilized in their cropping operation which lowers their crop inputs by not going over each field multiple times and increasing their organic matter. Keeping crop residue is key to holding the soil in place as well. The operation has also seeded salt tolerant alfalfa to several fields that have marginal soils. The alfalfa is a cash crop and used for feed for their livestock. KPE Ogren operation is working with the SDSU extension program of "Every Acre Counts" to maximize the profits by targeting unnecessary inputs.

Keith, Patty and Evan are working with NRCS and the conservation district to improve their livestock management. They are seeking a contract with NRCS to cross fence the rangeland to manage the grass to increase their native plants and suppress weeds using rotational grazing of their cow/ calf herd. They work with the Conservation District to receive cover crop seed and the use of the no-till grass drill to seed the fields adjacent to the pastures to further extend grazing while giving the rangeland rest earlier in the fall. EQIP has been used to put livestock water in place so that the cattle are not in the lots by the farm but out on the fields adjacent to spread the manure on the cropped areas. EQIP was also used to place rural water systems in pastures to provide better water quality and to keep the herd out of creek bottom running through the rangeland.

Several acres of trees have been planted by the Marshall County Conservation District on KPE's operation. Tree plantings were planted and are being used for winter protection for the cattle. Tree plantings have also been put in place that provide wind breaks during calving season. KPE have annually replaced trees in the aging shelterbelts that surround the farmstead. The existing shelterbelts were planted by the MCCD in the past and Ogren's continue to keep them healthy with replacements. Keith's father, Ehlert Ogren, was on the MCCD board in the 1960s.

The Marshall County Conservation District board would like to nominate KPE Ogren Joint Venture for the SD Natural Resource Conservation Award for their commitment as a farm family to continue this generational farm by maintaining and striving to use good conservation practices that will sustain this South Dakota farm into the next generation.



KPE Ogren Joint Venture consists of Keith and Patty Ogren,
their son Evan and his wife Savannah, who have two daughters.



KPE Ogren Joint Venture manages 200 cow/ calf pairs in their operation. The rangeland is located on the west ridge of the Coteau Hills. They have worked with NRCS to install rural water livestock water so that the cattle do not drink from the creeks or wetlands. The water quality and quantity are very healthy for their herd. They have also improved the existing well that has been in place for this farm from the first generation. Fencing into smaller paddocks to improve and manage the grass stands is their current project. The benefits of rotational grazing will give them the opportunity to increase their herd size to compensate by adding Evan's family into the farm operation.

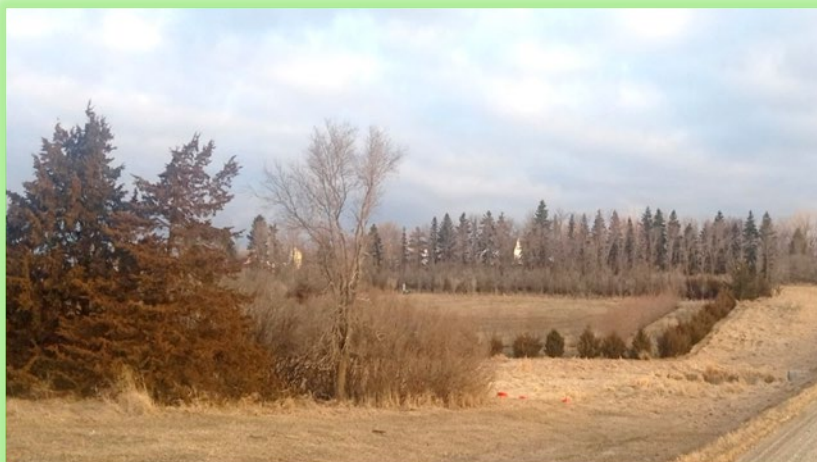
KPE Ogren have several grassed waterways that help protect from gully erosion in their fields. Pictured below is a grassed waterway that is working to hold the soil in place this spring with runoff from the Coteau hills. These grass waterways will be hayed or grazed in the fall.



The Marshall County Conservation District has planted several acres of trees on their farm to protect the farmstead, livestock, and cropland.

They are excellent stewards of replanting trees and shrubs in the aging shelterbelts that were planted in the sixties.

KPE Ogren are making plans to plant more trees in the future.





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Dear Commissioners,

The Custer County Conservation District is requesting the following changes to the docket rates for livestock pipelines and tanks.

Grazing Management:

Pipeline:

- Pipeline: Plastic above ground..... \$2.00 / L.f.
- HDPE (below ground) \$5.00 / L.f.
- PVC – up to 1 ¼” (below ground) \$4.60 / L.f.
- PVC –1 ½” to 2” (below ground) \$5.00 / L.f.
- PVC – 3” (below ground) \$5.50 / L.f.

Tanks:

- Standard tank installation w/base..... \$2.50 / Gal.

In addition, we are providing a review of payment rates for all conservation practices currently available on the docket. The review determined the last year each practice’s cost-share payment rate was adjusted, and when possible, compared the current rate to rates of similar practices funded through other cost-share programs (NRCS-EQIP and SD Game, Fish & Parks-Private Lands Habitat Program). This review revealed that the majority of practices (~75%) have not undergone a price adjustment in a decade or more, and roughly 30 percent have not changed in 18 or more years. Moreover, comparisons to other cost-share programs illustrate that there are significant differences in payment amounts, and these differences are more pronounced for practices that have not had a price adjustment in recent years.

As a result of this effort, we respectfully urge the Commission to review current payment rates for all conservation practices, particularly those that have remained unchanged for several years. The current system of updating the docket works well for practices frequently used by the Conservation Districts; however, it does not adequately address those that are used less often.

We also ask the Commission to consider adopting a new policy for annual updates to the docket. While cost recommendations from Conservation District employees should continue to be a key consideration, we also encourage the Commission to consider other annual adjustments. Possible options include:

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- Applying an annual inflation-based adjustment using the Consumer Price Index or another index suitable to the Commission.
- Aligning payment rates with those of other cost-share programs.

We understand that making significant changes may not be feasible during the November Commission meeting, but we hope changes can be made in the near future. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Mike Baldwin,
District Manager, Custer County Conservation District

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Conservation Commission Docket: Practice Cost Review (2006-2025).

Note: 2006 was oldest docket available

Practice	Unit	Unit Cost (Specified Max.)	Maximum payment to landowner	Equivalent NRCS EQIP payment (FY25)	Equivalent GF&P maximum payment (2025)	Year of last docket change (Note: missing 2010 & 2014 dockets)	Years since docket change	Avg. # years since docket change by Practice Category
Grass Seeding: (with seedbed prep & operation)								
Seed:			(30% / 50%)					
- Tame	Ac.	\$50.00	\$15.00 / \$25.00	\$69.14		2015	11	13.0
- Native grass mix	Ac.	\$120.00	\$36.00 / \$60.00	\$151.07		2015	11	
- Native grass/Native Forbs Mix	Ac.	\$245.00	\$73.50 / \$122.50		\$125.00	2015	11	
Mulching:	Ac.	\$300.00	\$90.00 / \$150.00	\$396.02		2007	19	
Grazing Management:								
Pipeline: Plastic above ground	L.f.	\$1.80	\$0.54 / \$0.90	\$2.51	\$1.00	2015	11	13.8
HDPE (below ground)	L.f.	\$2.00	\$0.60 / \$1.00			2008	18	
PVC - up to 1 1/4"	L.f.	\$2.70	\$0.81 / \$1.35	\$3.15	\$2.50	2012	14	
PVC - 1 1/2" to 2" (below ground)	L.f.	\$ 3.10 / \$ 3.60	\$0.93 / \$1.80			2013	13	
PVC - 3" (below ground)	L.f.	\$4.10	\$1.23 / \$2.05	\$3.80		2013	13	
Tanks:								
- Freeze-proof with base	Gal.	\$2.15	\$0.65 / \$1.08			2007	19	11.9
- Steel rim w/flex. bottom	Gal.	\$0.69	\$0.21 / \$0.35			2015	11	
- Standard tank installation w/base	Gal.	\$1.60	\$0.48 / \$0.80	\$1.87	\$1.50	2015	11	
- Fountain type water tanks	Ea.	case-by-case		\$2,375.22				
Pasture pumps (nose pumps)	Ea.	\$670.00	\$201 / \$335			2011	15	
Alternative energy pumps	Ea.	case-by-case		\$5,927.76 (solar)	\$5,000 (solar)			
Rural water hookups	Ea.	\$3,500.00	\$1050 / \$1750	\$4,264.91	\$3,750.00	2018	8	
Dugout construction	Ea.	\$3,500.00	\$1050 / \$1750			2013	13	
Dam construction or repair	Surf Ac.	\$3,000.00	\$900 / \$1500			2013	13	
Wells- Steel or copper/plastic	L.f.	\$ 36.00 / \$ 38.00	\$10.80 / \$19.00	\$53.89		2015 / 2020	11 / 6	
Fencing:								
- Electric	L.f.	\$0.63	\$0.19 / \$0.32	\$1.09	\$0.50	2013	13	15.8
- Barbed wire	L.f.	\$1.06	\$0.32 / \$0.53	\$2.26	\$0.85 - \$0.95	2015	11	
- Specialized protective fence	L.f.	\$ 0.15 additional				≤ 2006	20	
- Temporary fence	L.f.	\$0.10	\$0.03 / \$0.05	\$0.22		2007	19	
Seeding (see grass seeding rates)								
Brush Control:								
Mechanical	Hr.	\$175.00 not to exceed 30 hrs/landowner	\$87.50			2024	2	2

Color Key

1-5 yrs
6-10 yrs
11-15 yrs
15-20 yrs

Note: 2025 counted as year 1

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Tree Planting:								
Site prep. (tilled/non-tilled areas)	Ac.	\$ 25.00 tilled / \$ 50.00 non-tilled	\$ 10 / \$ 20	\$465.51 / \$120.05- chem only		2015	11	8.4
Shrubs & planting	L.f.	\$0.54	\$0.27			2025	1	
Trees & planting	L.f.	\$0.52	\$0.26			2025	1	
Handplants (bareroot/container)	Ea.	\$ 2.00 / \$ 3.75				2017 / ≤ 2006	9 / 20	
Weed & pest control:								
- Fabric weed barrier & install	L.f.	\$0.85	\$0.43	\$16.76-54.43 / \$10.23-283.32		2025	1	4
- Fabric squares and staple	Ea.	\$4.50	\$2.25			2025	1	
- Chemical/Mechanical	Ac.	\$ 50 / \$ 200	\$ 20 / \$ 80			2008	18	
- 5' Tree protectors (with stake)	Ea.	\$11.25	\$5.63			2025	1	
- 4' Tree protectors (with stake)	Ea.	\$8.00	\$4.00			2025	1	
- Tree protector installation	Ea.	\$1.70	\$0.85			2024	2	
Soil Health:								
Cover Crop (inc. seedbed prep. & operation)	Ac.	\$28.16 not to exceed 160 Ac. per land operator (first time user) and for one time per land unit	\$14.08	\$33.92-\$52.27		2025	1	1
General Water Quality:								
Abandoned well sealing	Ea.	\$500.00	\$150.00			2011	15	15
Shelterbelt renovation:								
Sod control, chem. & mechanical	Ac.	\$200.00	\$80.00			2011	15	14.3
With dead tree removal (above grd.)	Ac.	\$2,800.00	\$1,120.00			2013	13	
With dead tree removal (incl. roots)	Ac.	\$6,100.00	\$1,525.00			2011	15	
Fabricated Windbreak:								
	L.f.	\$16.62	(40% / 50%) \$6.65 / \$8.31	\$34.08		2019	7	7
Earthwork & Erosion Control:								
w/dragline	Cu. Yd.	\$2.00	\$1.00			2011	15	14.5
Excavation	Cu. Yd.	\$1.78	\$0.89			2011	15	
Excavation	Hr.	\$175.00	\$87.50			2013	13	
Class S Earthfill	Cu. Yd.	\$2.08	\$1.04			2011	15	

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Earthwork & Erosion Control Continued:								
Diversions/water retention/water spreading (for erosion control)								
- 0-2% slope .27 cu.yd./ft	L.f.	\$0.60	\$0.30	\$3.37		2007	19	17.0
- 2-4% slope .34 cu.yd./ft	L.f.	\$0.97	\$0.49			2007	19	
- 4-6% slope .44 cu.yd./ft	L.f.	\$1.42	\$0.71			2007	19	
Terracing	L.f.	\$2.10	\$1.05	\$1.27-\$3.83	2013	13		
Waterway (<25 ft/>25 ft)	L.f.	\$ 2.10 / \$ 2.90	\$1.05 / \$1.45		2011	15		
Grade/Shoreline Stabilization:								
Rock riprap	Cu. Yd.	\$50.00	\$20.00 / \$25.00	\$122.93		≤ 2006	20	19.6
Rock filled wire baskets	Cu. Yd.	\$200.00	\$80.00 / \$100.00			2007	19	
Livestock crossing (rock & gravel)	Sq. Ft.	\$2.50	\$1.00 / \$1.25	\$7.37		2007	19	
Straw bales	Ea.	\$1.50	\$0.60 / \$0.75			≤ 2006	20	
Willow planting	Ea.	\$0.20	\$0.08 / \$0.10			≤ 2006	20	
Animal Nutrient Systems:								
Engineering	Ea.	\$15,000.00	\$7,500.00			≤ 2006	20	19.5
Construction (see earthwork)								
Monosloped/hoop barn waste sys.	Animal Unit	\$100.00	\$50.00			2007	19	
Technical Assistance:								
I & E		case-by-case	case-by-case					
Forest Stand Improvement:								
Thinning	Ac.	\$1,500.00	\$750.00	\$286.55-\$493.87		2024	2	5.5
Slash Disposal	Ac.	\$300.00	\$150.00	\$109.54-\$271.18		2024	2	
Mechanical Root Stimulation	Hr.	\$175.00	\$87.50			2016	10	
Wildlife Exclusion Fencing	L.f.	\$1.80	\$0.90			2018	8	