

Tentative Agenda

State Conservation Commission

Wednesday, April 20, 2022

815 a.m. Central Time

Matthew Training Center

523 E. Capitol Ave, Foss Building

Pierre, South Dakota 57501

605.773.3623

This meeting will be held in-person in Pierre at the above address and virtually via Microsoft Teams. To access the meeting by computer, please [Click here to join the meeting](#) To access via phone, please dial +1 605-679-7263, 369737663# as the conference id/access code. We ask that participants mute their microphones or phones when they are not speaking.

<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• Revolving Loan Applications	Jordan Turgeon
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grant Program/Updates/Changes/Amendments/Report/Reversions	Jordan Turgeon
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2022 Spring Grant Round Review	RCF/Conservation Districts
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2022 Spring Grant Selections	Commission
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Revolving Loan Program Rules	Bill Smith
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Soil Conservation Award Review and Selections	Alex Roeber
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NACD Tech. Assistance Priority Grants	Angela Ehlers
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SDACD Committee Assignments	Commission
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Division Report (if time permits)	Bill Smith
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advisory Board Member Reports: (SD School & Public Lands, Game Fish & Parks, NRCS, SDSU Extension Service, SDSU Experiment Station) **Other Partners	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 6.

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 public hearing (not including the day of the public hearing as per SDCL 1-26-4.6. All commenters are required to state their name and address (city) BEFORE being allowed to speak.

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DRAFT MINUTES FROM JANAURY-Tab 1

State Conservation Commission Minutes
January 25, 2022
Northern State University Campus – Aberdeen, SD
Library Room #1117

Call to Order: Chairman Doug Hansen called the meeting to order at 1:16 PM CT.

Chairman Hansen welcomed Dean Odden to the State Conservation Commission.

Roll Call of Members:

Members Present in Person: Doug Hansen and Bruce Haines

Members Present on the Conference Call:

Mike Konechne, Gene Williams, Tom Glover, Dusty Rodiek, Charlie Moe, and Dean Odden.

Members Absent:

Bill Coburn

Others present in person:

Kim Paxton (DANR), Alex Roeber (DANR), Brenda Sievers (DANR), Judy Skoglung (Brown-Marshall Conservation District), Lindsey Simon (South Brown Conservation District Manager), David Dutenhoffer (District Tech), Duane Schneider (South Dakota Association of Conservation Districts), Allen Ryckman (South Brown Conservation District), Robert Braun (James River Water Development District), Davie Bartel (James River Water Development District), Dana Dennert (Brown-Marshall Conservation District), Roy Mikkonen (Brown-Marshall Conservation District), Lynn Ruenz (Brown-Marshall Conservation District), Randy Wiedebush (South Brown Conservation District), Leo Thompson (South Brown Conservation District), and Laurie Rindels (NRCS).

Others present Via Teleconference:

Angela Ehlers (SDACD) and Bill Smith (DANR).

Conflict of Interest Disclosure: Chairman Hansen asked the Commission members if they had any conflicts of interest to disclose at this time.

Election of Chair:

Chairman Hansen turned over the gavel to Bill Smith to open the floor for nominations for Chairman.

Motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to nominate Doug Hansen to serve as the chairman. Roll call vote: Mike Konechne-aye, Gene Williams-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Doug Hansen-abstained, Charlie Moe-aye, Bruce Haines-aye. Dean Odden-aye, Bill Coburn-absent. **Motion carried**

Election of Vice Chair:

Motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to nominate Gene Williams as Vice Chairman. Roll call vote: Mike Konechne-aye, Gene Williams-abstained, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Bill Coburn-absent. **Motion carried**

Approval of the November 10 Minutes:

Motion was made by Dusty Rodiek and seconded to approve the November 10 minutes as submitted. Roll call vote: Mike Konechne-aye, Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Bill Coburn-absent. **Motion carried**

Corrections and or additions to the minutes: None

Upcoming travel: Alex Roeber gave an update for upcoming travel.

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

Correspondence: None

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

Revolving Loan Application: None

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

Grant Extensions Request:

A one-year extension request was received from the Fall River Conservation District Grant #2021-CSW-026 Thinning for a for a Healthy Forest.

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

Brown-Marshall and South Brown Hearing:

Motion was made by Bruce Haines and seconded to approve the merger resolutions as presented during the Brown-Marshall and South Brown hearing. Roll call vote: Mike Konechne-aye, Gene Williams-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Bruce Haines-aye. Dean Odden-absent, Bill Coburn-absent. **Motion carried**

Spring Grant Round Date: The Spring Grant Round date will be held in Pierre on April 21. April 20 is the alternate date if April 21 doesn't work.

Division Report: Alex Roeber updated the Commission on division activities.

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

Open Forum and Public Comment: None

New Business: The State Conservation Commission will need to provide a judge for upcoming speech contest set for April 23, 2022. Gene Williams volunteered to be a judge and Doug Hansen will be the backup if Gene is not able to attend.

Next Meeting location and place: The next commission meeting will be held in Pierre on April 20 or 21.

Ending Remarks: None

Meeting Adjourned at: 1:53 PM CDT meeting was adjourned.

Public Hearing Minutes
South Brown & Brown-Marshall Conservation District Merger
January 25, 2022
Northern State University Campus
Library Room #1117
1200 South Jay Street, Aberdeen, SD

Call to Order: Chairman Doug Hansen called to order the public hearing at 1:00 pm CT.

Chairman Hansen transferred the gavel over to Catherine Williamson with Hearing Examiners via Teleconference to lead the hearing.

Roll Call of Members:

Members Present in Person: Doug Hansen & Bruce Haines

Members Present via Conference Call:

Dean Odden, Mike Konechne, Gene Williams, Tom Glover, Doug Hansen, Dusty Rodiek, Charlie Moe

Members Absent:

Bill Coburn

Others present in person:

Kim Paxton (DANR), Alex Roeber (DANR), Brenda Sievers (DANR), Judy Skoglung (Brown-Marshall Conservation District), Lindsey Simon (South Brown Conservation District Manager), David Dutenhoffer (District Tech), Duane Schneider (South Dakota Association of Conservation Districts), Allen Ryckman (South Brown Conservation District), Robert Braun (James River Water Development District), Dave Bartel (James River Water Development District), Dana Dennert (Brown-Marshall Conservation District), Roy Mikkonen (Brown-Marshall Conservation District), Lynn Ruenz (Brown-Marshall Conservation District), Randy Wiedebush (South Brown Conservation District), Leo Thompson (South Brown Conservation District), and Laurie Rindels (NRCS)

Others present Via Teleconference:

Angela Ehlers (SDACD), Catherine Williamson (South Dakota Office of Hearing Examiners), and Bill Smith (DANR)

Opening Statement: Alex Roeber (DANR) gave a statement regarding the purpose for today's hearing.

Proponent Testimony

Allen Ryckman (South Brown Conservation District) commented that the merger makes the Brown-Marshall and South Brown more efficient within in the conservation districts.

Dana Dennert (Brown-Marshall Conservation District)-staffing with the merger makes this more efficient.

Angela Ehlers (SDACD) – SDACD supports the merger and is available to help with any questions.

Duane Schneider and Angela Ehlers - both commented that the SDACD will provide assistance to the Districts in getting appropriate information out to the public prior to the election and encouraging people to vote in favor of the merger.

Opponent Testimony

No opposition testimony was presented.

Closing Comments/Questions

Allen Rykman (South Brown Conservation District) asked what happened if this goes to a public vote and they vote it out?

Alex Roeber The resolution would be killed. The process would then need to be restarted with the local districts passing a resolution or gain enough signatures on a petition supporting the merger.

Doug Hansen - conservation districts will need to lead the local effort of making the public aware and voice approval for the merger. DANR will be responsible for working with the Secretary of State Office to file the question on the ballot for the next general election.

Public hearing closed at 1:15 PM CT.

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Tab 2- Upcoming Travel

Upcoming Travel & Meetings

April 2022

- Conservation Speech Contest (Gene Williams will judge) – April 23 – State Capitol, Pierre (8:30 AM Central).
- Arbor Day Creative Writing Presentation – April 26 – Wessington Springs.
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May 2022

- Arbor Day Creative Writing Presentation – May 4 – Doland.
- Game, Fish and Parks Commission Meeting – May 5-6 – Custer State Park/Zoom.
- South Dakota Association of Conservation District Board Meeting – May 5 – Wheat Building, Pierre.
- Northern Plains NACD Region Conference Call – May 5 (noon Central).
- Arbor Day Creative Writing Presentation – May 6 – Plankinton.
- National Conservation Planning Partnership Working Conference and Training Sessions – May 9-13 – Minneapolis, MN.
- State Technical Committee - May 18 – Teams.
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June 2022

- Game, Fish and Parks Commission Meeting – June 2-3 – Aberdeen/Zoom.
- NACD Northern Plains Region Meeting – June 6-8 – Fargo, ND.
- Hills Area Meeting – June 14 - Outdoor Campus West, Rapid City (2:00 PM Mountain).

- Northwest Area Meeting – June 15 – Grand River Electric Community Room, Bison (10 AM Mountain).
- South James-Missouri Area Meeting – June 16 – Czecker’s Sports Bar and Grill, Yankton (11:30 AM Central).
- Vermillion-Big Sioux Area Meeting – June 21 – Montrose American Legion, Montrose (9:30 AM Central).
- North Missouri Area Meeting – June 21 – Legion Hall, Lebanon (5:30 PM Central).
- Coteau Area Meeting – June 22 – Fort Sisseton State Park (9:00 AM Central).
- Governor’s Ag Summit – June 22-23 – SDSU Campus, Brookings.
- Prairie Area Meeting – June 23 – Turner Community Center, Murdo (10:30 Central).
- SDACDE Leadership Training Conference – June 27-28 – Ramkota, Pierre.
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July 2022

- Game, Fish and Parks Commission Meeting – July 7-8 – Spearfish/Zoom.
- NACD Summer Meeting, July 15-20 – San Juan Puerto Rico.
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A cleaner environment, naturally.

SDACD board of directors:
Duane Schneider, Trevor Williams, Phil Wilson,
Dean Odden, Drew Anderson, Danny Limmer,
Matt Eichacker, T.J. Gabriel, Larry Wagner

March 29, 2022

South Dakota's conservation districts will hold their annual area meetings in June, 2022. This document includes information on each meeting and the agenda for these meetings. We invite you to participate and look forward to seeing you there.

NACD Northern Plains Regional Meeting June 6-8 at Fargo, ND (informational)

Hills

Area director election

Tuesday, June 14 beginning at 2:00 pm (MT) at Rapid City Walt Taylor building on the Central States Fairgrounds. No meal.

Northwest area

Area director election

Wednesday, June 15 beginning at 10:00 am MT at Grand River Electric Community Room, 801 Coleman Ave in Bison, SD. Doughnuts will be available.

South James-Missouri

Area director election

Thursday, June 16, beginning at 11:30 am with lunch at Czecker's Sports Bar & Grill, 407 Walnut Street in Yankton. Meal: pulled pork sandwich bar, coleslaw, fruit tray, dessert, beverage for \$15 (including tip). Each person or conservation district is responsible for paying Yankton CD for their meals. Please provide meal count by June 9 to Sarah (yanktoncd@sdconservation.net).

Vermillion-Big Sioux area

Tuesday, June 21 beginning at 9:30 am CT at Montrose American Legion, 201 W Main St in Montrose. Planned meal will be french dip and sides for \$15, including tip. Each person or conservation district is responsible for paying McCook CD for their meals. Please provide meal count by June 14 to Stephanie (mccookcd@sdconservation.net).

North Missouri

Tuesday, June 21 beginning at 5:30 pm (CT) at Lebanon American Legion in Lebanon, SD. Meal arrangement information will be forthcoming.

Coteau

Area director election

Wednesday, June 22 beginning at 9:00 am CT at Fort Sisseton State Park south barracks in Marshall County (north of Webster). Registration begins at 8:50 am. Snack will be available.

Prairie

Area director election (1 year)

Thursday, June 23 beginning at 9:30 am MT/10:30 am CT at Turner Community Center in Murdo, SD. Snack will be available.

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2022 South Dakota Association of Conservation Districts area meetings will follow this order:

Speeches of state speech contest area finalists (video)

Training: Progress of Conservation Implementation Strategy and conservation districts impact

Plan for review of SDCL chapter 38-8 (CD law)

Activities necessary as result of 2022 SD legislation

Riparian Buffer Initiative & meet your DANR area forester

NACD Mercer Health Plan

Additional topics may be added, dependent on evolving issues

Updates (written report in addition to verbal update)

USDA-NRCS

SD DANR

USDI-FWS, Partners for Fish and Wildlife

SD-GF&P

Written reports with question/answer opportunity available:

Annual statewide conservation district reports

SD Soil Health Coalition

SDACD President's report

SDACD highlights & legislative session recap

NACD director's report

SDACD & NACD membership current

SDACDE (employees assn) report

SDACD FY 2023 budget

SDACD committee reports

Envirothon report

SD Grassland Coalition

SD Ag Land Trust report

Convene business meeting

Minutes of 2021 meeting

Area Endowment honoree selection

Honorees may be an individual or organization the area wishes to honor with the President's Club or Governor's Award within the Endowment Fund. President's Club requires \$1,000 in donations, Governor's Award is \$2,000. The local district of the honoree coordinates the fund raising effort.

Area treasurer or speech contest report (as applicable)

Area director & committees elections

Area director elections: Hills, Northwest, South James-Missouri, Coteau (all 2 years); Prairie (1 year)

3-year terms for all members of Natural Resources Stewardship

Unexpired terms that may be open: Public Relations(2 yr), District Capacity (1 yr)

SDACD policy resolution proposals

SDACD by-law change proposals

2022 SDACD convention - host area (So James-Missouri @ Oacoma) 2023- North Missouri @ Aberdeen

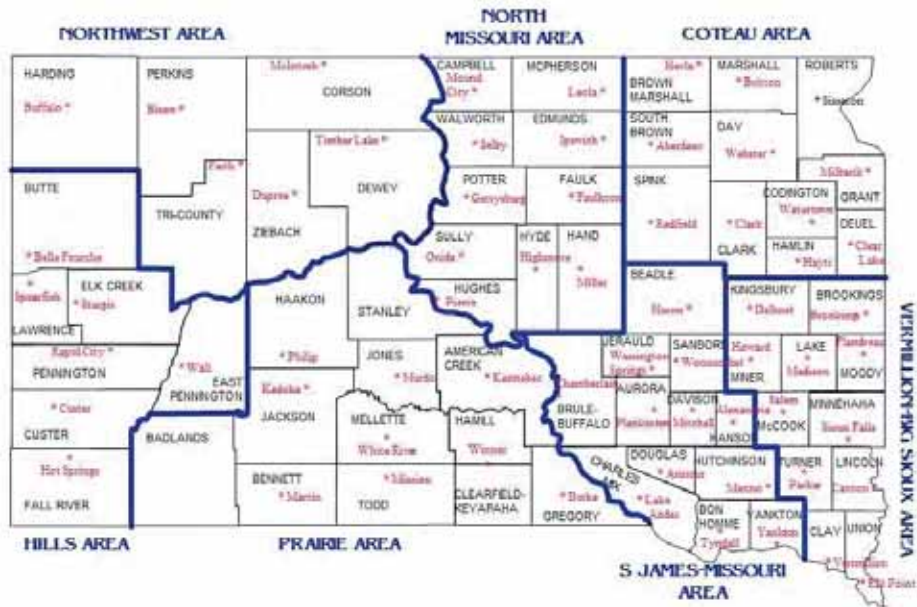
2024 - Northwest @ Watertown

Other issues the area wishes to address

Set date of 2023 area meeting

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
5	6 NACD Northern Plains - Fargo ND	7	8	9	10	11	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
12	13	14 Hills Rapid	15 NW Bison	16 SJM Yankton	17	18	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
19	20 Holiday	21 VBS Montrose NoMo Lebanon	22 Coteau Ft Sisseton	23 Prairie Murdo	24	25	18	19 Holiday	20	21	22	23	24
26	27	28	29	30 JUNE 2022			25	26	27	28	29	30 JUNE 2023	

Committees:	natural resources stewardship	district capacity	public relations
Northwest:	NRS: vacant	DC: vacant	PR: vacant
Hills:	NRS: Ellen Reddick	DC: Eldon Helms	PR: Cliff Conry
Vermillion-Big Sioux:	NRS: Gordon Heber	DC: Darrell DeBoer	PR: Rick Kerr
North Missouri:	NRS: Art Beringer	DC: vacant	PR: Glenna Clement
South James-Missouri:	NRS: Rod Clarambeau	DC: Mike Konechne	PR: Mark Snedeker
Prairie:	NRS: vacant	DC: Donita Denke	PR: vacant
Coteau:	NRS: Calvin Thompson	DC: Dorene Lemme	PR: vacant



SD Conservation Districts and SDACD Areas

National Conservation Planning Partnership Working Conference and Training Sessions
FY – 2022 May 9-13, 2022
Minneapolis, MN

Goal or Meeting Objective: To provide resources and information for state conservation partnership leaders and attending field staff conservation planners to strengthen conservation planning in every state and territory. (Conservation Planning for the NCPP includes implementation of plans using all available programs as appropriate) Each group of state/territory attendees will be able to return home with a core group that can serve as a cadre and a catalyst in their respective states. Continuing education credits will be offered for certified conservation planners.

Addressing Key Natural Resources Priorities: Urban Agriculture; Diversity, Inclusion, Equity & Racial Justice; Climate Mitigation/Adaptation

Monday – Travel to conference (individual organizations, committees, teams, etc. may make arrangements to convene Monday if desired)

7 PM - Monday evening - voluntary social gathering

Tuesday 8:00 AM – Keynote presentation – The rationale for the reinvigoration of conservation planning in the US and US Territories

Leadership

Change and Change Management

Infrastructure Watershed Planning Opportunities

12 Noon – Lunch provided

1:00 PM –

Funding, Relationships, and Accountability

Conservation Planner Designations Levels - Discussion, analysis, and Feedback on changes

Leadership for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

5:00 pm – Adjourn for the day

Wednesday, 8 AM – Reports from Four State/Area Partnerships on their Action Plans

Local Work Groups/State Technical Committees

Professionalization for Conservation Planning

12:00 Noon – Lunch provided

1:00 PM

**Conservation Planning Activities (CPA); Design and Implementation Activities (DIA);
Conservation Evaluation and Monitoring Activities (CEMA)**

Communication for NCPP

Job Approval Authority – Changes in the recent past and relationship to planning and certification policy

5:00 PM – Adjourn

Thursday, 8 am – Social Skills for Conservation Planning

Economics for Conservation Planning

12:00 Noon - Lunch

Conservation Desktop, CART, and Special Environmental Concerns workflow

Status of: Conservation Planning Registries, National Training actions underway

Comments/Charge from Partner Leaders (or representatives):

...National Association of Resource Conservation & Development Councils

...National Association of Conservation Districts

...National Association of State Conservation Agencies

...National Conservation District Employees Association

...Natural Resources Conservation Service

5:00 PM – Conclude meeting

Friday – Travel home

Attendees: State, National, and Regional leaders from all five partner organizations plus about 250 local conservation planners, with an estimated 400-450 attendees in total.

What You Need to Know...

- Registration starts 8:30 am June 14th at the Mikelson Community Center. Student display set-up will take place at the same time.
- Meals Provided: June 14th: Lunch, Supper
June 15th: Breakfast, Lunch
- June 14th is the practice day in the field. Students will be in the field from morning till supper time. Except the New Rangers, they will come in at 3 pm to do plant presses.
- Student talks will start at 7:00 pm June 14th, location TBD. Everyone welcome to come listen.
- June 15th is the contest day. The students will be in the field from morning till lunch. After lunch there will be an awards presentation starting around 1:30 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.
- **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 accommodation for meals, transportation, etc. should contact Valerie Feddersen, Jones County Conservation District at 605-530-2020



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**There are blocks of rooms at the
Best Western: 605-669-2441
Range Country: 605-669-2425
Super 8: 605-669-2437
For Any Reservations mention Jones County
Conservation District or Rangeland/Soil
Days event.**

Other accommodations:
Iversen Inn: 605-669-2452
Sioux Motel: 605-669-2422
American Inn and RV: 605-669-2461
Sweet Spot America: 605-259-3939



For information on continuing education credits, please contact Jessalyn Bachler, SDSU Range Field Specialist (605)374-4177 or jessalyn.bachler@sdsu.edu



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The International SRM 2023 convention will be in Boise ID, date to be announced at a later time.**

South Dakota

17th Annual Soil Days

& 38th Annual Rangeland Days



June 14 & 15, 2022

Murdo, SD

Hosted by:

**Jones County Conservation District
Natural Resources Conservation Service**

SDSU Extension

**Pre-registration is due by
June 3, 2022**

Rangeland & Soil Days

Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Contact _____

Check which area you will be participating:

Soils: _____

Rangeland:

New Ranger 8-10yrs _____

Wrangler 11-13yrs _____

Scout 14-18yrs _____

Go Getter 14-18yrs _____

Divisions are determined by age as of January 1st

Ranch Hand Adults/ Advisor: _____

Student Talks/Student Displays:

Will you be presenting a talk? Or Display?

____ Yes ____ No

____ Yes ____ No

Registration Starts 8:30 AM CST June 14th at the Mickelson Community Center,

304 E 4th Street.

\$30 Registration Fee, Meals Included

Please pre-register all individuals. Coaches/FFA Advisors/4H leaders will designate Go Getter judging teams and Soil teams on June 2nd. Teams will be designated during the final registration June 14th at 8:30 AM CST.

Mail checks to:

**Jones County Conservation District
P.O. Box 298 Murdo, SD 57559
with a \$30.00 registration fee.**

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** year of age groups and expertise.

Students will learn how to determine soil texture, depth, erosion, slope, and stoniness. 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 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, everyone 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 press 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.

Awards Presentation at the Mickelson Community Center following activities on June 15th at 1:30pm.

Competition & Awards

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 2023 International Society for Range Management meeting in Boise, ID.

Range & Soils— Teams may consist of 3 or 4 members from the county 4-H program or FFA Chapter. The top Go-Getter Range team & the top Soils team in 4-H will represent South Dakota at the National Land & Range Judging Contest held in May 2023. Travel scholarships are provided by the South Dakota Soil Health Coalition and the South Dakota Grassland Coalition. (All team members must be current 4-H members and will not graduate before May 2023)

LEADERSHIP TRAINING CONFERENCE – AGENDA
JUNE 27-28, 2022 @ RAMKOTA IN PIERRE, SD

SDACDE Vision Statement:

To promote the professional development of its members, creating leaders with the skills and knowledge to deliver our conservation message.

Monday, June 27

8am – 10am	SDACDE Executive Board Meeting
10am – 10:30am	WELCOME and REGISTRATION
10:30am – 12pm	Dr. John Ball
12pm – 1pm	Working Lunch with NRCS
1pm – 2:30pm	Programs (NRCS, GFP, USWFS, DU, NWTf, Dept of Ag, PF, etc)
2:30pm – 3pm	Break
3pm – 4:30pm	SDACDE Employee Meeting
5:30PM	Evening Social/Picnic

*Note – for the social and catered meal at the Pierre City Amphitheatre, BYOB coolers are allowed and please bring a chair, we will have an activity and you may do the Nature Walk if you wish. All Partners are invited to attend and socialize.

Tuesday, June 28

7:00am – 8:00am	Breakfast
8:00am – 9:30am	Ask an Expert! 4 to 5 Tables will be set up on various topics. You can pick and choose your table(s). Subjects: Supervisor Training & Elections; School Activities & Community Outreach; W-2 online filing & Quarterly Reports; Tree Planting from the planning to CPA-6 to handling, to planting; Financial & Annual Reports
9:30am – 11:00am	Outreach with Caitlin Uthe & Angela Ehlers
11:00am – 11:15am	Break
11:15am – 12:15pm	Chemical Carryover, Paul Johnson “Understanding Labels, what chemicals to watch out for, the new world of chemical drift & liability”
12:15pm – 1:15pm	Lunch & Closing Remarks
2:00pm	Private Capital tour after lunch

NACD 2022 Summer Meeting

B Breakout Sessions
 G General
N NACD Board
L NGLI
P Partners
T Tours

JULY 15 • FRIDAY

G **Welcome Reception** Las Olas Terrace
PINNED
 5:00pm – 7:00pm

JULY 16 • SATURDAY

9:00am – 12:00pm N **Board of Directors Meeting** San Geronimo B

9:00am – 5:00pm L **NGLI Meeting** Executive Board Room

2:00pm – 4:00pm N **Committee Meetings** TBA

4:00pm – 5:00pm N **Farm Bill Task Force Meeting** Flamingo AB

JULY 17 • SUNDAY

9:00am – 12:00pm N **Board of Directors Meeting** San Geronimo B

9:00am – 5:00pm L **NGLI Meeting** Executive Board Room

2:00pm – 3:30pm N **Region Meetings** TBA

4:00pm – 5:00pm **Partnership Roundtables** San Geronimo B

6:00pm – 8:00pm G **Southeast Dinner** San Geronimo ABC

JULY 18 • MONDAY

G **Conservation Breakfast** San Geronimo ABC
PINNED
 7:30am – 8:30am

G **Conservation Forum** San Geronimo ABC
PINNED
 8:30am – 10:15am

10:30am – 11:45am B **Breakout Sessions (TBD)** TBA

G **Hall of Fame Lunch** San Geronimo ABC
PINNED
 12:00pm – 2:00pm

2:15pm – 4:30pm B **Breakout Sessions (TBD)** TBA

2:15pm – 5:00pm P **NCF Board of Trustees Meeting** Executive Board Room

JULY 19 • TUESDAY

G **Conservation Breakfast** San Geronimo ABC
PINNED
 7:30am – 8:30am

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JONES COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
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 605-530-2020
 jonescd@sdconservation.net

March 17, 2022

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

RE: Shelterbelt Establishment Grant #2020-CSW-018

Dear Commissioners,

Jones County Conservation District and American Creek Conservation District would like to request an 18-month extension to allow for the completion of projects.

Several elements have caused us setbacks. 1) COVID-19 with office closers. Communication more difficult and increasing difficulty to get plans put together. 2) Personnel turnover with NRCS and within the conservation district. Each time there is a change in personal it takes time to get the kinks worked out and for everybody to get back on track with projects. 3) Drought...makes everyone a little gun shy to be eager to plant trees after just going through a drought year.

With that the chart below shows where we are at on projects for this grant.

Producer	Project	Estimated Grant Funds	Status of Project
Anderson	Shelterbelt Establishment	\$1369.52	Owner working in Alaska and we are working with him when he is back in the area.
Baker	Shelterbelt Renovation	\$7667.55	Producer needs to tear out trees. May plant trees to the South of the existing shelterbelt. Working with Nathan Kafer, and he is in agreement as long as the landowner gets the ground worked up.
Rounds	Shelterbelt Establishment	\$9200.00	Atrazine applied will hold up planting until 2023
Brost	Shelterbelt Establishment	\$1554.80	Have worked with the producer for a couple of years on this project. Initial soils report was not conducive for tree planting. Producer questioned the soils report so in November 2021 Kent Cooley did a soil investigation. Kent's report revealed that trees could be planted if a drip system was installed and species of trees are limited. Producer agreed to install the drip system but has yet to make a firm commitment. Nathan Kafer has been in the know for this process.
Allocated Funds		\$19791.87	
Grant Funds		\$12891.43	(\$6900.44)

Thank you for your time and consideration for this request.

Sincerely,

Valerie Feddersen
 District Manager
 Jones County Conservation District



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March 17, 2022

Conservation Commission
 SD Department of Agriculture
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RE: Dry Creek Fire Recovery Grant-2021-CSW-030

Dear Commissioners,

Jones County Conservation District would like to request an 18-month extension to allow for the completion of projects. We would also like to request the inclusion of an additional fire that happened on Feb 18, 2022. No practices will change on the inclusion of another fire that resulted in the loss of trees, fence and water tank.

Several elements have caused us setbacks. 1) COVID-19 with office closers. Communication is more difficult and increasing difficulty to get plans put together. 2) Personnel turnover with NRCS and within the conservation district. Each time there is a change in personal it takes time to get the kinks worked out and for everybody to get back on track with projects. 3) Drought...makes everyone a little gun shy to be eager to plant trees after just going through a drought year. 4) main focus for the producers was getting fence tore out and rebuilt for cows and water established again, then they can focus on replacing trees.

With that the chart below shows where we are at on projects for this grant.

Producer	Project	Estimated Grant Funds	Status of Project
Okaton Partners	Shelterbelt Replacement-Dry Creek	\$11962.18	Producer trying to find someone to tear out trees.
Roghair	Shelterbelt Replacement-Dry Creek	\$280.00	Producer had one row of trees greatly affected and is willing to handplant into fabric. Pictures taken for Nathan for approval along with soils map.
Iversen	Shelterbelt Replacement-Dry Creek	\$1618.02	Planning to tear trees out this summer and replant in 2023
Hansen	Shelterbelt Replacement-Break Drum Fire	\$13272.85	Working to see what/if insurance will cover. Then plans to tear out and replant hopefully in 2023.
Kinsley	Fence and Tire Tank-Break Drum Fire	\$8130.00	Working to see what/if insurance will cover. Then remove and replace fence and tire tank
Allocated Funds		\$20000.00	
Grant Funds		\$35263.05	(\$15263.05)

Thank you for your time and consideration for this request.

Sincerely,

Valerie Feddersen
 District Manager
 Jones County Conservation District

Mellette County Conservation District

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Resource Conservation & Forestry
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March 18, 2022

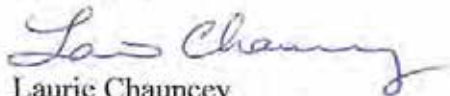
Dear Members of the Conservation Commission,

The Mellette County Conservation District would like to request a 6-month extension on 2021 Multi-Practice Grant (Grant #2021-CSW-018).

The district plans to use the remaining funds prior to the grant expiration date of 06/30/22. However, with Covid 19, contractor shortages, drought conditions, and the higher cost of materials projects have been taking longer than normal to complete.

This extension request, if approved, would provide producers with a little more time to get their projects completed this year and would allow us to use up the remaining funds in this grant.

Thank you,



Laurie Chauncey
District Manager
Mellette County Conservation District

Historical Report Tab

Grant Status Report - Tab 7

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Brule-Buffalo Conservation District
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Chamberlain, SD 57325
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Brule-Buffalo Conservation District Project
Commission Grant 2019-CSW-004 Summary
Completed December 31, 2021

The Brule-Buffalo Conservation District completed the project to assist landowners to develop grazing management systems. Landowners improved range conditions, provided better water quality, and reduced the soil loss by wind and water.

Producers that participated in the project is attached.

The commitment of the Landowners shows good stewardship and the preservation of conservation.

Those involved with this grant were Brule-Buffalo CD, USFWS and 14 Counties of Landowners.

NORTHWEST AREA NATURAL RESOURCE SPECIALIST 2020-CSW-025 FINAL REPORT

This is the final report for the South Dakota Conservation Commission grant 2020-CWS-025. The grant has enabled the Northwest Area Conservation Districts with providing 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.

2020-CSW-025 Tree Planting Grant

- In 2020 assisted 4 producers plan shelterbelts on their land with approximately 1,041 rod rows of trees, 167 rod rows of shrubs, 14,189 feet of fabric and 2,528 feet of fence
- In 2021 assisted 3 producers plan shelterbelts on their land with approximately 1,048 rod rows of trees, 185 rod rows of shrubs, 20,342 feet of fabric and 5452 feet of fence

This grant has provided the Northwest Area producers with the ability to plant shelterbelts to protect livestock and against erosion and hopefully can continue with it in the future.

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

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Davison Conservation District
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605-996-1564 Ext. 3

December 30, 2021

South Dakota Conservation Commission
c/o Alex Roeber
Department of Agriculture and Natural Resource
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 2021-CSW-009 that was for tree and shrub planting and fabric. The following items are what has been accomplished with the funds that the district received from the commission grant.

3.6 acres of trees planted

6,638 LF of fabric laid in these shelterbelts

2.0 acres of farmstead windbreaks

0.8 acres of renovation windbreaks

0.8 acres of field windbreaks

A total of 4 landowners utilized the funds from this grant. 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

CHARLES MIX CONSERVATION DISTRICT

FINAL REPORT

COST SHARE GRANT # 2020-CSW-005

The Charles Mix Conservation District would like to submit the final report on the Shelterbelt Cost Share Grant #2020-CSW-005. This grant was provided to assist producers with a method to acquire financial assistance to help plant trees. The new shelterbelts for our producers will give them Livestock and farmstead protection, also helped with shelterbelt renovation and improve wildlife habitats.

The Charles Mix Conservation District provided administrative costs involved with the grant along with technical assistance to producers. Grant participants provided 50% of cost with tree planting and with or without fabric installment.

Producers were very accommodating and were thrilled when the final project was finished. We worked with 10 producers though out the county and planted 28.93 acres.

Charles Mix Conservation District considers this project very beneficial to producers in helping improve their livestock protection and energy costs but also improving erosion control, wildlife habitat, and water quality for everyone

Sincerely,



Dawn Schulte, Business Manager

Charles Mix Conservation District

CHARLES MIX CONSERVATION DISTRICT

FINAL REPORT

COST SHARE GRANT #2020-CSW-004

BRUSH MANAGEMENT

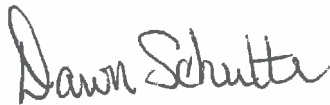
The Charles Mix Conservation District would like to submit the final report on Brush Management Cost Share Grant#2020-CSW-004. This grant was provided for our producers for assistance with control of invasive plant species (mainly cedar). The control of invasive plant species in pastures gave more grazing land for cattle and wildlife.

The Charles Mix Conservation District provided administrative costs involved with the grant along with technical assistance to producers. Grant participants provided 50% of cost for shredding.

With providing service to ~~over 17~~¹⁸ producers we have over 385 hours of shredding we provided to Charles Mix, Bon Homme, and Gregory county producers. Many producers were very overwhelmed as how much shredding we were able to do in a short time and how big of a difference it made for grazing. Several producers wished they could have us do more hours with funding. Some did have us do more shredding because it did such a big impact on their ground.

Charles Mix Conservation District considers this project very beneficial to our producers, since we have so much invasive plant species (mainly cedars) due to the river hills in our area. We want to Thank the Commission for this grant and our producers appreciate the assistance.

Sincerely,



Dawn Schulte, Business Manager

Charles Mix Conservation District



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2/3/2022

Project Summary: Wildlife Habitat Grant 2020-CSW-038

Minnehaha Conservation District would like to thank the State Commission for the 2020-21 Wildlife Habitat Grant.

Receiving this grant allowed producers to participate in a program that is welcomed and needed to establish native grass for wildlife and the environment.

The Wildlife Habitat program was well received; 7 landowner/producers participated in 2020 & 10 producers in 2021 for a total of 17, covering 132.5 acres of native grass & Forbes. This met and exceeded our expectations.

Having the grant funds allowed us to offer this program through the District and offered landowners/producers a great opportunity to establish Native habitat.

The native grasses that were established are: Big Blue Stem, Little Blue Stem, Side Oats, Blue Gramma, Wheat Grasses, Switch Grass and Indian Grass, along with forbs.

This was a popular program and we look forward to the next grant program.

Thanks,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Parker".

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CHARLES MIX CONSERVATION DISTRICT

FINAL REPORT

COST SHARE GRANT #2021-CSW-006

BRUSH MANAGEMENT

The Charles Mix Conservation District would like to submit the final report on Brush Management Cost Share Grant#2021-CSW-006. This grant was provided for our producers for assistance with control of invasive plant species (mainly cedar). The control of invasive plant species in pastures gave more grazing land for cattle and wildlife.

The Charles Mix Conservation District provided administrative costs involved with the grant along with technical assistance to producers. Grant participants provided 50% of cost for shredding.

With providing service to over 6 producers we have over 144.5 hours of shredding we provided to Charles Mix, Bon Homme, and Gregory county producers. Many producers were very overwhelmed as how much shredding we were able to do in a short time and how big of a difference it made for grazing. Several producers wished they could have us do more hours with funding. Some did have us do more shredding because it did such a big impact on their ground. This grant we did a lot of shredding in the Southern part of the county. When we started with one producer the neighbors seen what a big difference it was and had us shred for them.

Charles Mix Conservation District considers this project very beneficial to our producers, since we have so much invasive plant species (mainly cedars) due to the river hills in our area. We want to Thank the Commission for this grant and our producers appreciate the assistance.

Sincerely,



Dawn Schulte, Business Manager

Charles Mix Conservation District



MARSHALL COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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December 7, 2021

FINAL REPORT---MULTI-PURPOSE, MULTI-COUNTY GRANT 2019-CSW-023a

The Multi-County, Multi-Purpose grant has been very successful. We have been working hard to meet the conservation needs of the county producers' projects which did not qualify with other NRCS federally funded programs, such as EQIP, CRP, or CSP. The grant funds were very successful by completing the following:

- 8 Tree establishments, fabric applications and renovations
 - 21 Dugout cleanouts
 - 3 Solar/tank/ pipeline projects
- TOTAL= 32 projects completed**

The four counties involved each benefited from this grant. Day County had 6 projects, Brown-Marshall completed 8, South Brown had 4, and Marshall County completed 14 projects. The technical assistance funds were moved to dugout cleanouts due to the drought conditions in the counties. Multiple applications for the need to clean out existing dugouts to provide livestock water was in high demand. Solar systems with tanks were encouraged to each producer to help prevent water quality/quantity issues in the future.

COVID-19 paused our Soil Health Workshop that was planned to involve all 4 counties' producers. We are hoping that this coming winter we will be able to host a workshop. Technical Assistance monies were also transferred to the dugout cleanout category due to the extreme needs of producers applying for assistance. We still have 19 applications approved on file for cost share help with livestock watering needs. The new grant with the same project categories will help cover these producer's practices.

We appreciate your willingness to help us meet our producer's conservation needs. Good quality water for livestock always remains a need, as we also strive to help protect our wetlands. The daunting task of shelterbelt renovations, with the EAB and 75-year-old belts, will be a huge funding need in the future.

Thank you for your financial assistance with projects in Day, Brown-Marshall, South-Brown, and Marshall County. The projects you have helped to fund will have lasting conservation impact for years to come.

Respectfully submitted,

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

*Jean Fagerland, Marshall County Conservation District Manager
Josh Wagner, Day County District Manager
Lindsey Simon, South Brown District Manager
Judy Skoglund, Brown-Marshall District Manager*

Hanson County Conservation District

Final Report

Cost Share Grant #2021-CSW-028

Brush Management

Hanson County Conservation District would like to submit the final report on Brush Management Cost Share Grant #2021-CSW-028. This grant was provided for our producers to assist with the control of invasive plant species (mainly Cedar trees). The control of invasive plant species improves grazing for pastures and wildlife.

The Hanson County Conservation District provided administrative costs involved with the grant along with technical assistance to producers. Grant participants provided 50% of the cost for shredding.

Service was provided to 5 producers with 113 hours of shredding being completed. Several more producers signed up but dry weather conditions prevented work from being done. The concern was that the dry conditions presented a fire hazard. Producers who were not able to have the work done are hopeful to accomplish this management practice in the future. For those that were able to have the shredding done, it was very well received and producers are pleased with the results. The brush management program has shown great results!

Hanson County Conservation District considers the brush management practice to be a huge benefit for producers. Management of the invasive species in pastures and river hill areas will have a long lasting impact on the acres where it is implemented. We are thankful to the commission for this grant opportunity and our producers appreciate the assistance.

Sincerely,

Brian Andersen

District Manager

Hanson County Conservation District

FINAL REPORT

November 4, 2021

JACKSON COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

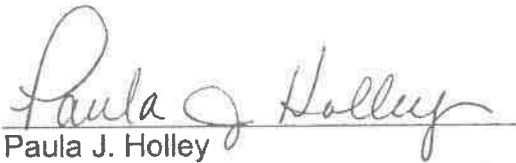
Grant #2021-CSW-013

Shelterbelt Establishment

Jackson County Conservation District was awarded a grant of \$833 in the fall of 2020 for the purpose of establishing a new shelterbelt for 1 landowner in Jackson County.

Through this grant awarded by the State Conservation Commission we were able to assist one landowner in the planting of a new site consisting of 2,846ft of trees. These improvements will allow for much better protection of their livestock.

Jackson County Conservation District appreciates the funding made available to the conservation districts that allows us to assist landowners in their continued effort toward conservation of the land.



Paula J. Holley

District Manager, Jackson County Conservation District

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Jackson County Conservation District

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SPINK CONSERVATION DISTRICT
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Final Report- 80th Anniversary Grant
2021-CSW-035

This grant was a great help in promoting our district and our 80th anniversary. We started with a few Facebook giveaways that helped get our name out there and promote our business on the platform. At workshops and other local events throughout the summer we were able to donate a few trees, perennials, and tree gator watering bags. That got people aware of us and what we can offer.

We were also able to host a bus tour to Menoken Farms in Bismarck and then to Doug Sieck's Ranch on the second day In August. We enjoy taking producers to these types of places to show them what others do. We hope they can walk away with ideas for their operation that will make them better stewards of the land. Besides the bus tour, we helped host a Saline Workshop in Webster, provided cookies for a Grassland Coalition pasture walk, hosted a tour of our own Regenerative Ag plot and provided lunch for those who attended. It was a busy summer with all the events we attended, and this grant helped us get our name out there to everyone who attended these events.

With the summer full of events, the native planting got pushed back till this summer. We have the site ready to be edged and planted this spring. I will be excited to get this project done and see how it turns out!

We greatly appreciate your support of our district and your help in the promotion our business and helping educate people on soil health and conservation.

Thank you,

Ivy Pazour
Spink Conservation District Manager

Grant 2021-CSW-019
MINER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
CONSERVATION EDUCATION & AWARENESS FOR MINER COUNTY
FINAL REPORT
January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021

The Miner Conservation District Conservation Education & Awareness Grant – Grant #2021-CSW-019 – is now complete. The term of the grant was January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

Through this grant we accomplished many projects. Many of these projects could not have been completed without the assistance of this grant.

We did a 6th Grade Nature Day, we spent the afternoon identifying trees – which was more difficult because it was before they were leafing out. The students had to identify the bark, shape of the tree, and look at the branches hoping to find a dried leaf. They later enjoyed Rootbeer Floats. 6th Graders also participated in the Arbor Day Essay Contest. The winning essay was sent to the state for state competition and received 3rd place. We had a celebration in the Elementary School with all the students in attendance – the student read her winning essay and was given her award.

It was fun to celebrate the Water Cycle with the 1st Grade Students. We learned about the Water Cycle, then made ‘water cycle bracelets’. Each bead represented a part of the water cycle.



6th Grade Nature Day



6th Grade Winning Essay



6th Grade Essay Winners

1st Grade Water
Cycle Celebration
“Water Cycle
Bracelets”



5th Grade participated in the Poster Contest. The winning poster was sent to the state for state competition, their poster was one of the winners and will be featured in the 2022 Calendar! 5th Grade went around the community with the Conservation District, learning about trees and identifying leaves. Leaves were collected, and then we made art projects with each leaf. Then Leaf Booklets were created, and the students identified their favorite leaves. For Arbor Day we talked about Arbor Day, it's history, and the importance of Arbor Day. The students all participated in the Arbor Day Essay Contest. On Arbor Day we celebrated with the students and each student received the state tree of South Dakota (Black Hills Spruce).

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. 2nd graders love to make dirt cups and eat them. In one of the visits with the 5th graders, they asked if they could PLEASE make dirt cups again -- it was their favorite part of 2nd grade! They even remembered all the layers of the soil. Successful conservation lesson!

We celebrated Earth Day with Shannon Colony students grades 1 through 4. We talked about the importance of good soil health and the layers of soil. We then made 'Dirt Cups', again discussing the layers of soil.



5th Grade Poster Contest



5th Grade Arbor Day



5th Grade Essay Contest

Earth Day Celebration at the Shannon Colony



5th Grade Leaf Booklets
Left: Collecting Leaves
Right: Working on Leaf Booklets

Conservation Notes in the Miner County Pioneer are a great way to advertise and promote Conservation at a minimal cost. By subscribing to our local paper, they will publish all Conservation Notes by Tami Moore and will also publish all of our Conservation activities and school pictures.

Our Conservation Awareness and Soil Health Mailing goes out once a year. We include the latest in Soil Health and/or Conservation Practices along with ideas for Tree Plantings and Perennial Gardens. This last year we also promoted our Pumpkin and Cover Crop Radish and Turnip Contest. The produce in Miner county was not great because of our severe drought – but the contest was fun. The contest included Giant Pumpkin, Pumpkin, Turnips, and Radishes. One of the past students from Howard (yes he also enjoyed the Dirt Cups in 2nd grade and mentioned it) is big into raising Giant Pumpkins in Wisconsin raised the winning pumpkin in Wisconsin at a weight of 2,520 pounds. He donated pumpkin seeds to our contest, to give out for free to interested parties. It was a fun contest and we had them on display in front of the office.

The Miner County Courthouse sponsors a 'Parade of Trees' during the Hometown Holidays Celebration. The theme this year was 'Vintage Christmas'. We were fortunate to have a spot across from the Treasurer's Office so we had a lot of visitors. The pictures we have on the tree are actual pictures of some of our original board members that started the Conservation District.

Soil and Water Stewardship Week was celebrated at a local church two of our board members attend. We supplied Litanies for their church service. At the end of the service, the minister turned it over to our board members to promote tree planting and to hand out Black Hills Spruce to the children of the parish.

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 6th grade teaching and promoting conservation. We also do community activities with adults and 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 to contact the Conservation District for Conservation Information.



Winning Giant Pumpkin



Winning Pumpkins & Radishes



Parade of Trees



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December 30, 2021

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 2021-CSW-008 that was for awareness and outreach. The following items are what has been accomplished with the funds that the district received from the commission grant.

- Help sponsor the Virtual Soil Health Event in 2021
- Help with expenses for district's tree sale
- Help with expenses for the Davison CD newsletter and the Sanborn CD newsletter

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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December 30, 2021

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

South Dakota Conservation Commission:

The Davison Conservation District would like to present the final report for grant number 2020-CSW-010 that was for cover crops and grazing management. The following items are what has been accomplished with the funds that the Davison Conservation District received from the Commission Grant.

Cover Crops: 4 sites

Acres: 402

Due to the dry conditions in 2020 and 2021 we were not able to utilize all of the funds in this grant.

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



Hamlin County Conservation District
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Phone (605)783-3642 x4

September 30, 2021

SD Dept of Agriculture & Natural Resources
Div of Resource Conservation & Forestry
523 E. Capitol Ave.
Pierre, SD 57501-3182

Dear Alex Roeber and the Conservation Commissioners,

The SDACDE Outreach Grant for 2021 afforded our Conservation Districts to promote conservation and the services our districts offer. Districts had the opportunities to hold training sessions, and public events.

Due to the pandemic, this year the Employees Association held the Annual Leadership Training Conference in June. This event was held in Pierre. Training our conservation managers is vital in sharing our conservation message. Trainings included; Innovative Ideas for Districts; Preparing for Disaster & Employee Handbook Review; the SD Department of Revenue shared the current licensing and tax laws. Soil and Erosion Sediment Standards were discussed. These Standards are set for the Districts to interact directly with the public in a legal and ethical manner. A field tour was given by the SD Game, Fish and Parks. Service awards were given to employees during a supper sponsored by vendors the districts conduct business with. The final day of Leadership was dedicated to the Big Sioux Nursery with training and their annual meeting. There were forty one Conservation District employees present for the three day training representing thirty seven districts. Mileage and hourly wages to this event are used as a match for the grant funding. This event and the training help employees to carry out the vision of delivering our conservation message.

The month of August, our districts outreach activities included a presence at the Central States Fair and the South Dakota State Fair. Employees volunteer to fill shifts at a booth reserved at each event. Promotional items are distributed which include the "stress trees and the neon green back packs. We have added shopping totes as a "giveaway" at our booths. Each item has the South Dakota Conservation Districts logo on them. It is always rewarding to see the bright green back pack on the back of a child out in the public! A SD map was displayed at the booth at the State Fair, showing all the S.D. counties. Each person that stopped by the booth was able to check off their county, as they discussed the goals and services of the districts. A total of forty six of the sixty six counties were checked off of the map. Gift certificates were given at the end of each shift throughout the day. These allow the winner to purchase products or services at their individual district.

Most districts celebrate Arbor Day in their local schools, however, many had covid restrictions. Many were not able to enter the schools, however, the districts were able to receive and judge the essays; prizes were sent and promotional articles were submitted to the newspapers. Our districts have a strong social media presence. Most have websites and Facebook and Instagram accounts to educate the public on services and activities. More U-Tube videos are being created and shared.

The Conservation Districts were chosen to host a Christmas Tree at the State Capitol for this December! This is a wonderful opportunity for the districts. Please stop by and have a look.

This funding has become vital to our conservation districts. Many of the districts do have the financial means to conduct these important events. The districts must remain visible to share the conservation message. Thank you for continuing to provide this resource.

Items cost shared through this grant funding:

Supplies \$5,600	750 stress trees; 1200 back packs; 350 tote bags; gift certificates; & speaker fees.
Travel \$400	Employee travel.
<u>Admin \$200</u>	Fees to administer project
\$6,200	

Travel Match required was \$400; actual match was \$5,922.91.

Supply Match required was \$6,200; actual match was \$24,687.50

Admin Match required was \$0; actual match was \$122.

Total Grant Funding = \$6200 + Total Matching Funds = \$30,732.41. Total Project = \$36,932.41

Thank you,

Peggy Loomis, Hamlin Conservation District Manager

Representing the South Dakota Association of Conservation District Employees

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cc: Tami Moore, SDACDE President



SD Dept of Ag
Alex Roeber,

Roberts Conservation District utilized the 2021 CSW-064 Grant for Education & Awareness for the promotion of natural resource conservation, as well as promotional materials within Roberts County, SD.

Accomplishments include purchases for our Annual Banquet including awards, site rental, and gifts, as well as educational tree signage for our tree shed and Arbor Day presentations, koozies with the District logo which we showcased in the 2021 Pheasant Opener. Envelopes were purchased as well as mailers to showcase and promote our tree and shrub varieties.

Native perennials and grasses were purchased and planted at 2 roundabouts and at the statue park in Sisseton, SD. Additional natives were planted at Nicollet Tower. These plantings and their signage showcase the District name and provide a continued educational tool to not only our residents, but all visitors to our city.

Signs with our logo and phone number were purchased and have already been used at the native plug plantings to promote our business.

A fall newsletter filled with educational articles, recognitions, and District business was issued, as well as the promotion of our new SD Glacial Lakes Watershed RCPP via post cards.

Finally, we utilized this grant for the purchase of supplies, décor, and frozen treats for our 2 float entries in the Sisseton Summer 2021 Parade. Not only did our floats generate buzz about our business, but several children receiving popsicles also remembered us from our Arbor Day presentations.

Overall, our goal was completed. We were able to promote and educate within our county's boundaries. With the new promotional material purchased, we will have years of additional opportunities to showcase our company, promote conservation, and continue to keep our name on the public's mind.

Kristin Pester- District Manager
Roberts Conservation District

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Sisseton, SD 57262
605-698-3923

Spring Grant Round: Clark CO Tab

Conservation District

Project Name:

Start Date

End Date

Total Project Amount:	\$ 64,882.34
Commission Funds:	\$ 20,550.29
District Funds:	
Landowner Cash:	\$ 43,632.05
Local In-kind:	\$ 700.00
Other Funds:	\$

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

Description of Grant Application:

This grant will be used for the following practices, 1) Tree and shrub planting 2) Fabric and installation 3) Tree Protectors 4) Cover crop, grass seeding and mulching for wildlife 5) Technical Assistance 6) Site Charges. These practices will help create livestock shelterbelts, field windbreaks, and riparian buffers which will in turn reduce wild caused soil erosion, protect livestock, improve water quality and increase wildlife habitat.

If selected for funding, RC&F suggests that:

- All tree and shrub planting plans be reviewed and approved by one of the DANR RCF foresters prior to planting.
- Stand alone farmstead/homestead windbreaks do not qualify for cost-share from the Commission.
- District must secure a landowner application to determine eligibility for cost-share funds, copy to be provided with reimbursement request
- District must provide the landowner with notification letter indicating whether or not they have been approved for cost-share, copy to be provided with reimbursement request.
- The district provide timesheets or other documentation to demonstrate the actual time spent on salary/administration of the grant.
- Grazing plans be required as part of the agreement with the landowners if grazing the cover crops.
- Cover crops be limited to 160 ac. per landowner (first time user), for only one time per land unit, and only for the short term period between annual crops.
- District must secure a landowner application to determine eligibility for cost-share funds, copy to be provided with reimbursement request.
- District must provide the landowner with notification letter indicating whether or not they have been approved for cost-share, copy to be provided with reimbursement request.
- The district provide timesheets or other documentation to demonstrate the actual time spent on salary/administration of the grant.

DANR:

GF&P:

	Project	Start date	End Date	Original Award	Balance	Extensions
Other current grants:						
Conservation Education & Awar	2021-22	7/1/21	06/30/2023	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	
Shelterbelts	2021-07	1/1/21	06/30/2023	\$ 17,511.64	\$ 15,395.44	

Approved:

Denied:

Reason for denial:



SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY DIVISION

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Pierre, SD 57501
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GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Applicant Information

Organization: Clark Conservation District Mailing Address: 101 Warren Road
Telephone: 605-532-3686 ext. 3 City: Clark State: SD Zip: 57225
Tax Status: 46-6016611

Project Contact

Project Officer: Amanda Finstad Telephone: 605-881-7309
Fax: Email: amanda.finstad@sd.nacdnet.net

Project Information

Project Name: Tree shelterbelt/grass/cover crop
Start Date: 6/30/2022 End Date: 6/30/2024
Legal description: County Clark
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: 20550.29 Partner contributions (total): 44332.05 Total project cost: 64882.34
Please provide a brief, descriptive summary of the project:

The grant funds will be used for the following activities:
1) Tree and shrub planting 2) Fabric and installation 3) Tree Protectors 4) Cover crop, grass seeding and mulching for wildlife 5) Technical Assistance 6) Site charges.
The Clark County Conservation District is applying for financial aid to landowners for Tree planting, Shelter belt renovations, Fabric installation, and tree protection. These tree belts will include livestock shelter belts, field windbreaks and riparian buffers, renovations and wildlife habitats. They will provide benefits by reducing the wind thus reducing soil erosion, protecting the livestock from adverse weather, improving water quality through the planting of riparian buffers and increasing wildlife habitat. The landowner will be allowed to begin groundwork and finish the field prep 9/1/2022 All shrub and tree planting plans must be reviewed and approved by a SD Dept of Ag forester prior to planting. Work performed to meet grant requirements set in the 2022 docket. Final report must be submitted before final reimbursement will be processed. Date of work 6/30/2022- 6/30 2024

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

Applicant Signature [Signature] Title District Manager Date 3-10-2022

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	_____	43632.05	
4. Supplies	_____	20550.29	
5. Equipment (list major equipment)	_____		
6. Consultation Services	_____	700	
Total Project Costs	_____	64882.34	This total must equal <u>64882.34</u>

B. Activity Budget

Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
1. Shrubs	4137.63	9799.65	_____	_____	13937.28
2. Trees	4028.75	9799.65	_____	_____	13828.4
3. Fabric	7186.41	16332.75	_____	_____	23519.16
4. Tree Protectors	2957.5	3640	_____	_____	6597.5
5. Grass/Cover crop	1715.00	3430	_____	_____	5145
6. Site Charge	_____	630	_____	_____	630
7. TA/Administration	525	_____	700	_____	1225
8. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	0
Totals	20550.29	43632.05	700	0	64882.34
			This total must equal		64882.34

C. Project Partners

Partners	Amount Cash	Amount In-Kind	Total
1. RC&F	21312.48	_____	21312.48
2. Producer	43632.05	_____	43632.05
3. Clark Conservation Dist.	700	_____	700
4. _____	_____	_____	0
5. _____	_____	_____	0
6. _____	_____	_____	0
7. _____	_____	_____	0
8. _____	_____	_____	0
Totals	65644.53	0	65644.53
			This total must equal <u>64882.34</u>

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

Resource Conservation and Forestry

Grant Application Guidelines

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

Project Partners

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

Project Descriptions and Need

- Explain who will be the primary beneficiaries of this project.
- Define who will be responsible for the implementation, maintenance, and follow-up stages of the project.
- Indicate where this project will be located (district, watershed, community, etc.). Attach maps as relevant.
- Describe the specific environmental, natural resource, ecological, educational, and/or socio-economic need(s) that the project will address.
- Briefly describe the specific on-the-ground restoration activities to be undertaken on-site to achieve the project objectives and why it is needed.
- Explain if this project is part of a larger regional and/or local watershed effort.
- Describe provisions to ensure long-term management and protection of the project (e.g., conservation easements on private land, long-term monitoring program).
- Please indicate if any federal, state, or local permits are required to complete the project and the status of efforts to secure necessary authorization.

Final Products

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

Partner Justification

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tree species selected must be at least 1¼ inch caliper and at least 10 feet tall in accordance with the American Standard for Nursery Stock (ANSI Z60.1 – 2006).



Project Description and Need:

1. Primary Beneficiaries of this Project
2. Clark County Producers- provide cost-share for area producers to clean up/restore and replace aging shelterbelt plantings.
 - a.) Surrounding Area will benefit through reduced soil erosion, protection to crops, livestock and farmyard. These shelterbelts keep the cold winter winds at bay, as well as the hot summer winds. They give protection from deep snow piles to soil erosion as well as reduce farmstead/feedlot energy costs, increased wildlife habitat and country aesthetics.
 - b.) Clark County Community economic benefits through improved efficiency for livestock, reduction of energy costs and improved value of land.
3. Indicate where this project will be located
 - a. This project will be located within the Clark County Conservation District boundaries.
4. Describe the specific environmental, natural resource, ecological, educational needs the project will address.
 - a. Environmental and Natural Resource- reduce soil erosion; improve and protect water quality, improve air quality, increase wildlife habitat, and use of more efficient energy.
 - b. Social Impact- This Grant will help to beautify the community. Trees truly add to the beauty of the land. More efficient use of our energy saves money which is a social benefit to each County.
5. Federal, State, or Local permits required to complete this project
 - a. Local zoning permits will be obtained if required. Cultural Resources are considered for all conservation activities.

Final Products:

Expected benefits of the project include the conservation of the natural resources in Clark County. The project will come as a result of increased aesthetics in rural areas and increased efficiency for homeowners, livestock producers and wildlife. By creating shelterbelts, there will be an increased awareness of resource conservation.

Partner Justification:

1. The Clark County Conservation District will be responsible for the administration of the project. The 2020 Conservation Commission Approved Practice Costs and the Approved Cost-Share Percentages will be followed. The South Dakota Coordinated Soil and Water Conservation Plan will be followed. The district will conform to the goals and objective of this plan. The district has an excellent tree planting program and will be responsible for the planting of the trees/shrubs. The district will be responsible for the project management, marketing, shelterbelt design, technical assistance and evaluation of the project.
2. The Conservation Commission Grant will be responsible for approximately 40% of the entire project.
3. The project will use the Cooperative Extension Service for their resources for adaptable trees in the area, disease concerns and general knowledge of trees.
4. If the project requires fencing needs, the producer will be referred to US Fish and Wildlife for any possible fencing projects.
5. The tree plantings will follow the guidelines and specifications approved by the area forester.
6. The Landowner will have the most to gain from this project. He will provide at least 60% of the cost of the total project.

Success of the Project:

Project success will be measured by the number of acres of shelterbelts planted and the number of landowners assisted. Tree survival will be evaluated on all plantings in August and September of each year. The improvement of water quality, reduction of soil erosion, the protection of ground water, and the improvement of range and pasture-land will be the true measures of success.

Calculations for cost share percentages:

1 Acre 43560 square ft=1 acre 14' space between rows
43560 divided by 14'= 3111'

3111' per 1 acre

TREE/SHRUB

GRANT SHARE

3111' x \$0.38 (average of shrub docket) = \$1182.18

3111' x \$0.37 (average of tree docket) = \$1151.07

\$1182.18 x 50% (this shows what docket-grant pays) = \$591.09

\$1151.07 x 50% (this shows what docket-grant pays) = \$575.54

PRODUCER SHARE

3111' x \$0.45= \$1399.95

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FABRIC

GRANT SHARE

3111' x \$0.66 (docket price for fabric) = \$2053.26 x 50% (grant pays) = \$1026.63

\$1026.63 for the grant cost share on **Fabric**

PRODUCER SHARE

3111' X \$0.75=\$2333.25(conservation cost to producer)

TUBES

1 acre site, 3 rows is 777' long x 56' wide

777' divide by 12' spacing between tree= 65 tubes (1 row)

\$6.50 X 65=\$422.50 (grant share)

\$8.00 x 65= \$520.00 (producer share)

GRASS SEEDING/COVER CROP

1 acre= \$245.00 (grant) \$490.00 (Producer)

	Grant	Producer	CCCD	TOTAL
Tech Assistance	\$ 75.00		\$ 100.00	\$ 175.00
Shrubs	\$ 591.09	\$ 1,399.95	\$ -	\$ 1,991.04
Trees	\$ 575.54	\$ 1,399.95		\$ 1,975.49
Fabric	\$ 1,026.63	\$ 2,333.25	\$ -	\$ 3,359.88
Tree Protectors	\$ 422.50	\$ 520.00	\$ -	\$ 942.50
Grass Seeding	\$ 245.00	\$ 490.00		\$ 735.00
Site Charge		\$ 90.00		\$ 90.00
TOTAL	\$ 2,935.76	\$ 6,233.15	\$ 100.00	\$ 9,268.91

*Producers cost is original cost:

Calculations for cost share percentages:

7 Acres

7 x 3111' =21,777'

TREE/SHRUB

GRANT SHARE

21777' x \$0.38 (average of shrub docket) = \$8275.26

21777' x \$0.37 (average of tree docket) = \$8057.49

8275.26 x 50% (this shows what docket-grant pays)= \$4137.63

8057.49 x 50% (this shows what docket-grant pays)=\$4028.75

PRODUCER SHARE

21777' x \$0.45= \$9799.65

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FABRIC

GRANT SHARE

21777' x \$0.66 (docket price for fabric) = \$14372.82 x 50% (grant pays) = \$7186.41

\$7,186.41 for the grant cost share on **Fabric**

PRODUCER SHARE

21,777' X \$0.75=\$16,332.75(conservation cost to producer)

TUBES

1 acre site, 3 rows is 777' long x 56' wide

777' divide by 12' spacing between tree= 65 tubes (1 row)

\$6.50 X 455=\$2957.50(grant share)

\$8.00 x 455= \$3640.00 (producer share)

7 acres= \$1715.00(Grant) \$3430.00 (Producer)

	Grant	Producer	CCCD	TOTAL
Tech Assistance	\$ 525.00		\$ 700.00	\$ 1,225.00
Shrubs	\$ 4,137.63	\$ 9,799.65	\$ -	\$ 14,699.47
Trees	\$ 4,028.75	\$ 9,799.65		\$ 6,914.20
Fabric	\$ 7,186.41	\$ 16,332.75	\$ -	\$ 23,519.16
Tree Protectors	\$ 2,957.50	\$ 3,640.00	\$ -	\$ 6,997.50
Grass Seeding	\$ 1,715.00	\$ 3,430.00		\$ 5,145.00
Site Charge		\$ 630.00		\$ 630.00
TOTAL	\$ 20,550.29	\$ 43,632.05	\$ 700.00	\$ 59,130.33

*Producers cost is original cost:

2022 Conservation Commission Approved Practices Costs

Practice ^{1&3}	Unit	Unit Cost ² (specified Max.)	Practice ^{1&3}	Unit	Unit Cost ² (specified Max.)
Grass Seeding: (with seedbed prep & operation) Seed: Tame Native grass mix Native grass/Native Forbs Mix Mulching	Ac. Ac. Ac. Ac.	\$50.00 \$120.00 \$245.00 \$300.00	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
Grazing management: Pipeline: Plastic above ground HDPE (below ground) PVC up to 1 1/4" PVC 1 1/2" to 2" (below ground) PVC 3" (below ground) Tanks: Freeze-proof with base Steel rim w/flex. bottom	L.f. L.f. L.f. L.f. L.f. Gal. Gal.	\$1.80 \$2.00 \$2.70 \$3.10 \$3.60 \$4.10 \$2.15 \$0.69	General Water Quality: Abandoned well sealing	Each	\$500.00
Standard tank installation w base Fountain type water tanks Pasture pumps (nose pumps) Alternative energy pumps Rural water hookups Dugout construction ⁴ Dam construction or repair Wells- Steel or copper/plastic Fencing: electric barbed wire Specialized protective fence Temporary fence Seeding (see grass seeding rates)	Gal. Ea. Ea. Ea. Ea. Surf. Ac. L.f. L.f. L.f. L.f. L.f.	\$1.60 case-by-case \$670.00 case-by-case \$3,500.00 \$3,500.00 \$3,000.00 \$36.00 \$38.00 \$0.63 \$1.06 \$0.15 additional \$0.10	Shelterbelt renovation: Sod control, chem. & mechanical Dead tree removal (above grd.) Dead tree removal (incl. roots)	Ac. Ac. Ac.	\$200.00 \$2,800.00 \$6,100.00
Brush Control: Mechanical	Hr.	\$150.00 not to exceed 30 hrs landowner	Fabricated Windbreak:	L.f.	\$16.62
Tree planting: Site prep. (tilled/non-tilled areas) Shrubs & planting: Trees & planting: Handplants (bareroot/container) Weed & pest control: ⁵ Fabric weed barrier & install Fabric squares and staple Chemical/Mechanical Tree protectors (with stake)	Ac. L.f. L.f. Each L.f. Each Ac. Each	\$25.00/\$50.00 \$0.38 \$0.37 \$2.00 3.75 \$0.66 \$3.00 \$50.200 \$6.50	Earthwork & Erosion Control: w/dragline Excavation Excavation Class 5 Earthfill Diversions water retention water spreading (for erosion control) 0-2% slope .27 cu.yd./ft 2-4% slope .34 cu.yd./ft 4-6% slope .44 cu.yd./ft Terracing Waterway (<25 ft >25 ft)	Cu. Yd. Cu. Yd. Hr. Cu. Yd. L.f. L.f. L.f. L.f. L.f.	\$2.00 \$1.78 \$175.00 \$2.08 \$0.60 \$0.97 \$1.42 \$2.10 \$2.10 2.90
			Grade/Shoreline stabilization: Rock riprap Rock filled wire baskets Livestock crossing (rock & gravel) Straw bales Willow planting	Cu. Yd. Cu. Yd. Sq. Ft. Ea. Ea.	\$50.00 \$200.00 \$2.50 \$1.50 \$0.20
			Animal nutrient systems:⁶ Engineering Construction (see earthwork) Monosloped hoop barn waste sys	Ea. Animal Unit	\$15,000.00 \$100.00
			Technical Assistance: I & I		(Case-by-Case Basis)
			Forest Stand Improvement: Thinning Slash Disposal Mechanical Root Stimulation Wildlife Exclusion Fencing	Ac. Ac. Hr. L.f.	\$150 \$200 \$175.00 \$1.80

* Conservation Commission cost-share is not to be used to replace other available cost-share

* Landowner labor can be counted as in-kind match only at a rate of \$25.00 per hour for installation of approved practices. Landowner use of equipment can also be counted as in-kind match towards the local match requirements.

1. All practices must meet state & local ordinances (such as distance from roadway to prevent excessive snow deposition, power-line & other right-of-way standards, etc).
2. Payment based on actual bills/receipts submitted by the producer. Cost-share paid on legitimate costs up to the specified maximum.
3. All cost-shared practices require a Resource Management Plan (practice plan).
4. Clean outs on dugouts not cost-shared within the expected lifespan of the practice.
5. Payment will be made on either fabric or chemical/mechanical weed & pest control for tree plantings but not both on an individual site.
6. Monoslope/hoop barn must be replacing an existing animal feeding operation and the existing lots must be abandoned and reclaimed.


Bill Smith, Division Director

2-2-22
Date


Douglas Hansen, Chairman

01-28-2022
Date

2022 Conservation Commission Cost-share Percentages

Practice (A)	Max. Cost-share for this purpose/location	Minimum Landowner Cash:
Grass Seeding:		
Seed	50%	----- 25%
Mulching	50%	----- 25%
	50%	----- 25%
	50%	----- 25%
	30%	----- 25%
Grazing management:		
Pipeline	Practices used for:	
Tanks & wells	- riparian protection:	----- 25%
Pasture pumps	- general livestock needs:	----- 25%
Fencing		
Dugouts or dams	Exclusion fencing for upland	
Seeding	shelterbelt protection:	----- 25%
Rural water hook-ups (livestock portion only)	50%	
Solar power		
Brush Control		
Mechanical	----- 50%	----- 25%
General Water Quality:		
Abandoned Well Sealing	----- 30%	----- 25%
Tree planting:		
Site preparation	----- 40%	----- 25%
Shrubs & planting	----- 50%	----- 25%
Trees & planting	----- 50%	----- 25%
Weed & pest control:		
Fabric weed barrier & install	----- 50%	----- 25%
Fabric squares and staple	----- 50%	----- 25%
Chemical/Mechanical	----- 40%	----- 25%
Tree protectors	----- 50%	----- 25%

Practice (A)	Max. Cost-share for this purpose/location	Minimum Landowner Cash:
Soil Health:		
Cover Crop	----- 50%	----- 25%
Shelterbelt renovation:		
Sod control, chem. & mechanical	40%	----- 25%
With dead tree removal (above ground)	40%	----- 25%
With dead tree removal (incl. roots)	25%	----- 25%
Animal health	40%	----- 25%
Riparian protection	50%	----- 25%
Earthwork Erosion Control:		
Excavation		
Waterway	50%	----- 25%
Gully stabilization	50%	----- 25%
Terracing	50%	----- 25%
Diversions water retention water spreading (erosion control)	50%	----- 25%
Animal nutrient system	50%	----- 25%
Grade/Shoreline stabilization:		
Rock riprap	Lakes/streams creeks	----- 25%
Rock filled wire baskets	Fire rehabilitation	----- 25%
Straw bales		
Livestock crossing		
Animal Nutrient Systems:		
Engineering	----- 50%	----- 25%
Construction (see earthwork)		
Monoslope/hoop barn waste	----- 50%	----- 25%
Technical Assistance		
I & E	(Case-by-case basis with other local match)	NA
Forest Stand Improvement:		
	50%	----- 25%

- All practices must meet state & local ordinances (roadway snow deposition, power-line & other right-of-way standards, etc).
- Required cash contribution by the landowner. This cannot be covered by in-kind contribution or paid by other local, state or federal cash funds. Any additional cash available for the project should be used to reduce the Conservation Commission's share, not that of the landowner.
- All cost-shared practices require a Resource Management Plan (practice plan).
- Clean outs on dugouts not cost-shared within the expected lifespan of the practice.
- Payment will be made on either fabric or chemical/mechanical weed & pest control for tree plantings but not both on an individual site.
- Monoslope/hoop barn must be replacing an existing animal feeding operation and the existing lots must be abandoned and reclaimed.
- Landowner labor can be used to meet the minimum landowner cash match requirements for Forest Stand Improvement projects.

Bill Smith, Division Director

Date

Douglas Hansen, Chairman

Date

Douglas Hansen 01-28-2022



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February 16th 2022

Supervisors Present:

Darin Lewis
Anita Vos
Marlin Fjelland
Kim Nelson
Gannon Florey

Others Present:

Amanda Finstad, District Manager
Lisa Paulson, NRCS

The Clark County Conservation District board of Supervisors met Wednesday February 16th at 11:00am at the Ulliyot Building (City Hall). The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Darin Lewis.

Approve the Agenda. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Kim Nelson with a second from Marlin Fjelland. Motion carried.

January Meeting Minutes. Kim Nelson made a motion to approve with a second from Marlin Fjelland. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report. A copy of the month's bills and receipts was given for review. A motion from Anita Vos with a second from Marlin Fjelland. Motion carried.

Tree Update. Tree planting plans were discussed along with the mention of Benson's cancellation due to chemical residue which is a 3-year residue. Discussed options to cure the residue including planting cover crop to see if it grows with a 1 year wait. Total tree planting acreage is now 54.42 due to Benson's cancelled 7.06 acres. Tony Werdel has 3 rows of trees that need to be replaced; it was mentioned to try and get John Ball or SDSU to come and look at the ground to see what could be causing the trees to not survive and come up with a solution. Darin requested that he get a copy of the tree planting maps.

Grant Update. On a motion by Marlin Fjelland and a second by Anita Vos, a vote for the spring grant for a 7-acre grant was approved. All in favor, motion carried. The Education and Awareness Grant to purchase 2 signs put up on the highway was discussed.

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75th Anniversary. Discussion of the Clark Conservation District's 75th Anniversary was brought up to brainstorm promos, events, and ways to promote to the public and clients.

Grass Seeding Update. 401.83 acres signed up to plant. Paulson addressed that there's still seed in the shed that didn't get done last year.

Equipment Update. Maintenance on the mower and the oil change for the yellow tractor will be taken care of by Darin Lewis when the weather permits it. The door handles for the red pickup have arrived they just need to be taken back to Bowers to get put on. Fabric machine gear part that is broke is on the agenda to get replaced.

Supervisor trainings still need to be completed. Amanda Finstad has agreed to remind the board.

Cooler Update. Paulson explained high prices of reefers currently, so the idea of purchasing one or two reefers was not an option at this time. Will continue to rent the reefer used in the past until decided otherwise.

Tree Tubes Update. The tubes ordered have arrived and are in the equipment shed.

NRCS Report. Covid numbers are lower than previous so office capacity is back to 50% staff.

Other Business. Darin mentioned trying to find 2 summer hires for extra help and to possibly implement 2 people to water trees in the summer. Marlin offered the idea of the board doing an exit interview with Lisa Paulson. Updating the conservation's Facebook page was mentioned and Amanda Finstad replied that she posted about Soil Health Awareness week. There was discussion of putting a page in the Newspaper about the district's 75th Anniversary.

New District Manager. The board welcomed Amanda Finstad to the district and this was her first meeting attended as the new district manager. A motion was made by Darin Lewis to allow Amanda to write checks on behalf of the Conservation District. A second from Kim Nelson. Motion carried.

SD Soil & Water Research Farm. The board nominated Anita Vos for the board of directors for the Eastern SD Soil and Water Research Farm with a motion from Lewis and a second from Nelson. Motion carried.

Adjourn Meeting. A motion by Anita Vos with a second from Marlin to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Next Meeting Date. Wednesday March 16th at 11:00am

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Upcoming Dates:

February 21 – Closed for President's Day

March 18 – Spring Grant due

March 25th – Arbor Day essay and poster contest entries due

June 23rd- Coteau Area meeting- Deuel hosts

June 27-28th Leadership Conference

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Davison Tab

State Conservation Commission

April 2022

Conservation District: Davison

Project Name: Cover Crop/ Grazing

Start Date: 11/15/2021

End Date: 12/31/2022

Total Project Amount:	\$ 50,000.00
Commission Funds:	\$ 25,000.00
District Funds:	
Landowner Cash:	\$ 25,000.00
Local In-kind:	
Other Funds:	

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

Description of Grant Application:

There is a need for financial assistance to implement conservation practices that are not eligible for other cost share programs. This is due to lack of funds of eligibility requirements. This drives landowners away from doing these practices. This grant will help with that by helping landowners with problems such as soil erosion, water quality, livestock grazing. There are currently 6 producers wanting to plant cover crops but are unable to get funding.

If selected for funding, RC&F suggests that:

- Grazing plans be required as part of the agreement with the landowners if grazing the cover crops.
- Cover crops be limited to 160 ac. per landowner (first time user), for only one time per land unit, and only for the short term period between annual crops.
- 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
Multi-County Brush Management	2022-08	1/1/22	12/31/2022	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 13,100.00	
DCD Tree Planting	2022-09	1/1/22	12/31/2022	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	
Awareness & Outreach	2022-10	1/1/22	12/31/2022	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,175.00	

Approved:

Denied:

Reason for denial:



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GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Applicant Information

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

Project Contact

Project Officer: Matt Hayes Telephone: (605) 996-1564 ext 3
 Fax: (855) 256-2557 Email: matthew.hayes2@sd.nacdnet.net

Project Information

Project Name: Cover Crop/Grazing
 Start Date: 11/15/21 End Date: 12/31/22
 Legal description: County Davison
 Township: _____ Range: _____
 Section: _____ Qtr: _____

Type of Grant

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

Financial Information

Grant funds requested: 25000 Partner contributions (total): 25000 Total project cost: 50000

Please provide a brief, descriptive summary of the project:

There is a need for financial assistance to implement conservation practices that are not eligible for any other cost share program, either because of lack of funding or eligibility requirements. Due to the high cost often associated with installing conservation practices, many land owners and operators will be unable to install practices needed to address soil erosion, water quality, livestock grazing, and other resource concerns unless alternative funding is available.

We currently have 6 producers wanting to plant cover crops, but were unable to get funding.

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

Applicant Signature [Signature] Title District Manager Date 3/18/22

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

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Signature of Reviewer _____ Title _____ Date _____

Signature of Approval _____ Title _____ Date _____

BUDGET SHEET

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

A. Operating Budget

1.	Salary/Benefits		
2.	Travel		
3.	Contractual Services	48000	
4.	Supplies		
5.	Equipment (list major equipment)		
6.	Consultation Services	2000	
Total Project Costs		50000	This total must equal <u>50000</u>

B. Activity Budget

	Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
1.	Seed & Drilling	25000	25000			50000
2.	_____					0
3.	_____					0
4.	_____					0
5.	_____					0
6.	_____					0
7.	_____					0
8.	_____					0
Totals		25000	25000	0	0	50000
This total must equal						<u>50000</u>

C. Project Partners

	Partners	Amount Cash	Amount In-Kind	Total
1.	RC&F	25000		25000
2.	Landowners	25000		25000
3.	_____			0
4.	_____			0
5.	_____			0
6.	_____			0
7.	_____			0
8.	_____			0
Totals		50000	0	50000
This total must equal				<u>50000</u>

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

Resource Conservation and Forestry

Grant Application Guidelines

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

Project Partners

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

Project Descriptions and Need

- Explain who will be the primary beneficiaries of this project.
- Define who will be responsible for the implementation, maintenance, and follow-up stages of the project.
- Indicate where this project will be located (district, watershed, community, etc.). Attach maps as relevant.
- Describe the specific environmental, natural resource, ecological, educational, and/or socio-economic need(s) that the project will address.
- Briefly describe the specific on-the-ground restoration activities to be undertaken on-site to achieve the project objectives and why it is needed.
- Explain if this project is part of a larger regional and/or local watershed effort.
- Describe provisions to ensure long-term management and protection of the project (e.g., conservation easements on private land, long-term monitoring program).
- Please indicate if any federal, state, or local permits are required to complete the project and the status of efforts to secure necessary authorization.

Final Products

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

Partner Justification

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tree species selected must be at least 1¼ inch caliper and at least 10 feet tall in accordance with the American Standard for Nursery Stock (ANSI Z60.1 – 2006).

Davison Conservation District

Cover Crop/Grazing Project

Project Narrative

Project Description and Need

There is a need for financial assistance to implement conservation practices that are not eligible for any other cost share program, either because of lack of funding or eligibility requirements. Due to the high cost often associated with installing conservation practices, many land owners and operators will be unable to install practices needed to address soil erosion, water quality, livestock grazing, and other resource concerns unless alternative funding is available.

The Davison Conservation District Cover Crop/Grazing Project will provide cost share for the seed and the seeding of the Cover Crop. The Conservation Grants have been well received by Davison County landowners.

If funding for Cover Crop/Grazing Project is awarded, this will make it possible for the district to accept applications for practices to be constructed in 2022, which will continue our very successful program. Seven months is a reasonable time frame to complete installation of conservation practices with the funding request.

The Cover Crop/Grazing Project involves all of Davison County.

Landowners/Operators in the county will be contacted and informed of the opportunity to construct eligible conservation practices using assistance from the grant. The proposed project will comply with the SD Coordinated Soil and Water Conservation Plan by addressing identified needs. This will reduce cropland/grassland erosion, improve wildlife habitat, rangeland/pastureland condition, reduce compaction, increase organic matter, improve water quality, improve inadequate livestock water, and protect ground water.

Davison Conservation District and NRCS will assist in the design, layout, and construction, and inspect the practices installed. The conservation district and

NRCS will provide technical assistance to monitor progress of the project, and will conduct follow-up reviews of the installed practices. At the end of the seven month project, the landowner will assume responsibility of the applied practice.

The goal of this project is to conserve, develop, and enhance natural resources and environment for the benefit of all by improving management of our soil and water resources. The installation of these practices will help with erosion control, water and soil quality, reducing water and wind erosion, improve grassland management and wildlife habitat in Davison County.

Final Products

Sediment control is a major concern in the tributaries and their water destinations. The completion of this project will provide added protection of soil and water erosion, improve water development, and provide information and awareness. Soil is the most important natural resource in the county. Approximately 6-10 landowner/operators will be able to improve their conservation program.

Partner Justification

Davison Conservation District has an excellent working relationship with Pheasants Forever, GFP, NRCS, and USFWS. We will put articles in our newsletter to inform and educate the public of conservation programs and needs in the county. The wide scope of technical expertise offered by the partnership involved in this project eliminates the need for outside consultations.

Identify how you will measure the success of the project

The success of this project will be measured by the number of conservation practices and acres that benefit from these practices that are implemented to improve or maintain natural resources and by the amount of landowners/operators assisted.

UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF MEETING
DAVISON CONSERVATION DISTRICT

April 7, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Wade Strand at 2:05 p.m. at the USDA Service Center in Mitchell, SD.

Supervisors present were: Wade Strand, Bruce Haines, Paul Hetland, Darwin Kreth and Lewis Bainbridge. Others present were Heidi Rients, RUC, Ryan Alley, DC, Tammy Sommer, SC, Blake Roetman, SC, Matt Hayes, District Manager and Debbie Bartscher, District Secretary-Treasurer.

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

The minutes from the January board meeting were approved in a motion by L. Bainbridge and seconded; motion carried.

The treasurer's report was given for the month of March showing a beginning balance of \$110,311.72, disbursements of \$26,867.66, receipts of \$33,075.60 leaving cash available on March 31, 2022 of \$116,519.66. A motion was made by B. Haines and seconded to pay the pending bills. Motion carried.

The Accounts Receivable Report was discussed.

REPORT: Matthew Hayes

Matt reported that fabric, tree mats, staples and tree tubes have been delivered. He has hired his crew for the summer with wages starting at \$16.00/hr. The 8' grass drill has been sold as well as one of the trailers. He is still working on tree plans – around 40 acres. The district has about 600 acres of grass to seed this spring. The forestry cutter has been out quite a bit.

REPORT: Ryan Alley

See attached report. The board discussed and agreed to the Unfunded Cooperative Agreement with NRCS.

A motion was made by D. Kreth and seconded by L. Bainbridge to approve the Annual Work Plan, Report of Progress and Financial Report. Motion carried.

A motion was made by L. Bainbridge and seconded by D. Kreth to apply for a Cover Crop Grant; motion carried.

Bruce and Paul reported on reviewing the books.

The South James-Missouri Area meeting will be held on June 16, 2022, in Yankton.

A motion was made by B. Haines and seconded by P. Hetland to surplus out the 8' grass drill; motion carried.

A motion was made by L. Bainbridge and seconded by D. Kreth to approve the purchase of a new trailer; motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Debbie Bartscher
District Secretary-Treasurer

Day Tab

State Conservation Commission

April 2022

Conservation District: Day

Project Name: Northeast Glacial Lakes

Start Date: 07/01/2022

End Date: 06/30/2023

Total Project Amount:	\$ 300,807.00
Commission Funds:	\$ 25,882.50
District Funds:	
Landowner Cash:	\$ 66,594.50
Local In-kind:	\$ 1,200.00
Other Funds:	\$ 207,130.00

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

Description of Grant Application:

The goal of this grant is to improve and protect the quality of water in lakes, streams, and rivers in NE South Dakota by providing technical and financial assistance to producers who want to implement conservation practices that improve water quality. EPA 319 Clean Water grant and South Dakota State Revolving funds will be the main source of funding for this grant. This is a multicounty effort between Day, Deuel, Grant, Marshall, and Roberts Conservation Districts.

If selected for funding, RC&F suggests that:

- The district provide a copy of the Joint Powers Agreement with all the conservation districts involved.
- 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.

DANR:

[Empty box for DANR response]

GF&P:

[Empty box for GF&P response]

Other current grants:	Project	Start date	End Date	Original Award	Balance	Extensions
NE Glacial Lakes	2020-11	7/1/20	06/30/2022	\$ 20,410.00	\$18,568.41	1 yr

Approved: [Empty box]

Denied: [Empty box]

Reason for denial:

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14 February 2022

Supervisors Present:

Mark Brandlee
Joel Butler
Frank James
Brent Zimmerman

Others Present:

Josh Wagner, District Manager
Lorne Aadland, NRCS Tribal Liaison

Absent: Todd Kaufman

The Day County Conservation District's monthly board meeting was held at the Webster Business Center. Chairman Brandlee brought the meeting to order at 10:31AM. A motion to approve the agenda was made by JAMES and seconded by ZIMMERMAN. All voted aye. Motion carried. A motion to approve the January meeting minutes was made by JAMES and seconded by ZIMMERMAN. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was given detailing monthly checks and deposits from Jan 11-Feb 14. Also present was the January Profit/Loss and balance sheet. After review, it was moved by BUTLER and seconded by ZIMMERMAN to accept the treasurer's report and approve payments as presented. All voted aye. Motion carried.

District Reports, Josh Wagner updated the board.

- Newsletter was published and sent out.
- Ran ads in the local paper celebrating our 80th anniversary and looking for summer help.
- Doing a monthly "Conservation Corner" column in the R&F.
- Lining up Arbor Day activities with the schools.
- NEGL Project-Submitted Commission Grant Application. Grant funds requested were \$25,882.50, partner contributions of \$274,924.50, for a total project of \$300,807.
- WRP easement monitoring started with a due date of March 11.

NRCS Report, Lorne Aadland updated the board.

- RCPP application discussed.
- Buffalo grazing and projects reviewed.

Board Member Updates

- March 16th meeting for the Eastern SD Research Farm in Brookings
- CRP Discussion

Old Business

- Fabric Machine in complete and ready for payment/pickup. Will retrieve later this spring.
- Distribute Scholarships to students at FFA Banquet, March 31.

New Business

- Intent to Mine application reviewed and filed in office.

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- Legislative updates from Angela Ehlers, SDACD director reviewed.
- SDACD/NACD membership dues reviewed. Motion by JAMES, seconded by ZIMMERMAN to pay \$975 SDACD dues and donate the recommended .25¢/tree rate. All voted yes. Motion carried. Motion by BUTLER, seconded by ZIMMERMAN to pay \$350 towards the NACD dues. All voted yes. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING: March 14, at 10:00AM, at the Webster Business Center.

There being no further old or unfinished business, the meeting was, upon Motion made and unanimously carried, thereupon adjourned. 12:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Josh Wagner, District Manager

Board Supervisor Signature

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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 City: Webster State: SD Zip: 57274
Tax Status: government

Project Contact

Project Officer: Dennis Skadsen Telephone: 605/345-4661 ext. 118
Fax: _____ Email: dennis.skadsen@sd.nacdn.net

Project Information

Project Name: Northeast Glacial Lakes
Start Date: 7/1/2022 End Date: 6/30/2023
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: 25882.5 Partner contributions (total): 274924.5 Total project cost: 300807
Please provide a brief, descriptive summary of the project:

The goal of the Northeast Glacial Lakes 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 a EPA 319 Clean Water grant and South Dakota State Revolving funds.

This is a multi-county effort between the Day, Deuel, Grant, 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 Todd Kaufman Title Board Supervisor Date 2/9/22

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

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

A. Operating Budget

1.	Salary/Benefits	89580	
2.	Travel	2324	
3.	Contractual Services	206423	
4.	Supplies	0	
5.	Equipment (list major equipment)	0	
6.	Consultation Services	2480	
Total Project Costs		300807	This total must equal <u>300807</u>

B. Activity Budget

Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
1. Critical Area Plant	19500	9750	0	9750	39000
2. Grass Waterway	6382.5	5106	0	1276.5	12765
3. Wages/Benefits	0	0	0	89580	89580
4. Travel	0	0	0	2323.5	2323.5
5. Grazing Mgt.	0	19363.4	0	29045.1	48408.5
6. Riparian Mgt.	0	16875	0	50625	67500
7. Streambank Stab.	0	15500	0	23250	38750
8. Water Monitoring	0	1280	1200	0	2480
Totals	25882.5	67874.4	1200	205850.1	300807
This total must equal					<u>300807</u>

C. Project Partners

Partners	Amount Cash	Amount In-Kind	Total
1. RC&F	25882.5	0	25882.5
2. EPA 319	102925	0	102925
3. SD SRF	102925	0	102925
4. Producer Match	66594.5		66594.5
5. Day Cons. Distr.	0	1200	1200
6. Lake Associations	1280	0	1280
7. _____			0
8. _____			0
Totals	299607	1200	300807
This total must equal			<u>300807</u>

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

Project Partners

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

- **U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)** – Primary funding source for project (EPA Section 319 Grant). Region 8 EPA Officials will be invited to participate in project reviews, be provided access to project reports through GRTS, and grant final approval of the project implementation plan and final report as submitted through SD DANR.
- **South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources (SD DANR)** – Administer EPA Section 319, State SRF, and Conservation Commission grant funds and provide oversight of all project activities. Project administration will include on-site office visits, watershed tours, review/initial approval of reports, and approval of payment requests for grant funds.
- **Deuel County Conservation District** – Project partner/co-sponsor by MOU, local support and funding.
- **Grant County Conservation District** – Project partner/co-sponsor by MOU, local support and funding.
- **Marshall County Conservation District** – Project partner/co-sponsor by MOU, local support and funding.
- **Roberts County Conservation District** – Project partner/co-sponsor by MOU, local support and funding.
- **Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)** – Provide technical assistance for conservation practices through District Conservationists, Soil and Range Conservationists, and Tribal Liaison. Provide additional project funds through special initiatives like the Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP)
- **Farm Service Agency (FSA)** – Provide program funds for Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) and Continuous Conservation Reserve Program (CCRP).
- **U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)** – Technical advice and cost-share funds for grazing improvements, small dams, wetland restoration, and grass seeding.
- **South Dakota Game, Fish, and Parks (GFP)** – Technical advice and cost-share funds for riparian buffer protection, grazing improvements, wetland restoration, and grass seeding.
- **South Dakota Association of Conservation Districts (SDACD)** – Technical advice.
- **James River Water Development District (JRWDD)** – Local support and funding for Marshall County activities.

- **East Dakota Water Development District** – Local support and funding for Grant and Deuel County activities.
- **South Dakota Discovery Center** – Funding for workshops through the EPA 319 Information and Education Grant Program.
- **Enemy Swim Lake Sanitary Sewer District** – Local support and funding for water quality monitoring.
- **Pickrel Lake Conservancy** – Local support and funding for water quality monitoring and easements, lakeshore buffers.
- **Ne-So-Dak Environmental Learning Center** – Local support, campus and staff for workshops and environmental education programs sponsored by the watershed project.

Project Description and Need

The Northeast Glacial Lakes Watershed Improvement and Protection Project is a multi-year multi-segment EPA-319 Clean Water grant project implemented to improve and protect lakes, streams and rivers in the northeast South Dakota counties of Day, Deuel, Grant, Marshall, and Roberts.

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

- the public who use and enjoy these valuable resources for recreation,
- owners of lakeside resorts, campgrounds, and restaurants who depend on tourism for a living
- lake property owners who want to protect the value of their lakeshore real-estate,
- and watershed landowners and producers who will benefit by improving their agricultural operations with environmentally sound and economically proven conservation practices.

Operation and maintenance responsibilities for conservation practices installed will be detailed in contracts between the Day County Conservation District and landowner installing the practice. The contracts for conservation practices will specify operation and maintenance needs, procedures for practice failure or abandonment, and the life-span practices will be maintained for the terms agreed upon in the contract. The Day County Conservation District will be responsible for completing operation and maintenance scheduling, on-site visits, and follow-up with landowners and producers when actions need to be taken to ensure the practice is maintained throughout its intended lifespan.

The Northeast Glacial Lakes Watershed Improvement and Protection Project will focus on the watersheds of thirteen lakes and the Upper Little Minnesota River system (pages 4-5), located in five northeast South Dakota counties; Day, Deuel, Grant, Marshall, and Roberts, and portions of four major river basins; the Big Sioux, James, Minnesota, and Red Rivers.

The goal of this project is to reduce non-point source pollutants and improve or protect water quality so each waterbody in the project area is in support of its recommended TMDL and all assigned designated beneficial uses. Completion of the following milestones planned for Segment 5 (two years) will support this goal:

- 150 acres of Riparian Buffers
- 5 Grazing Systems
- 1,000 acres of Forage and Biomass Planting
- 10 Stream Crossings
- 500 lineal feet Streambank Stabilization
- 9 acres of Grassed Waterways

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 5 will reduce nutrients, sediment, and fecal coliform bacteria loading impairing the water quality of northeast glacial lakes, streams, and rivers and thereby;

- protect and support the designated beneficial uses of each waterbody located in the project area,
- address water quality impairments identified during watershed assessments,
- and support Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL) resulting from these studies.

Progress towards attaining the project goals will be monitored based on milestones. Progress will be reported in annual EPA 319 GRTS Reports; and monthly reports to the project sponsor. Local support and partner contributions will be tracked through records of landowner time and financial contributions, and through attendance records at annual tours, informational meetings, and Project Coordinator presentations and contacts.

The effectiveness of conservation practices installed and load reductions achieved relative to improvement in water quality will be evaluated using tools available from SD DANR and NRCS. The following reductions will be reported;

- Sheet, rill, and gully erosion formulas for soil loss and transport. RUSLE 2 will be used.
- Step-L model for changes in loadings resulting from implementation of conservation practices.

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

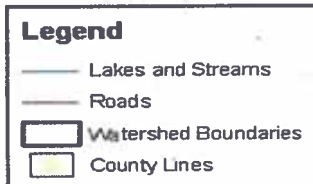
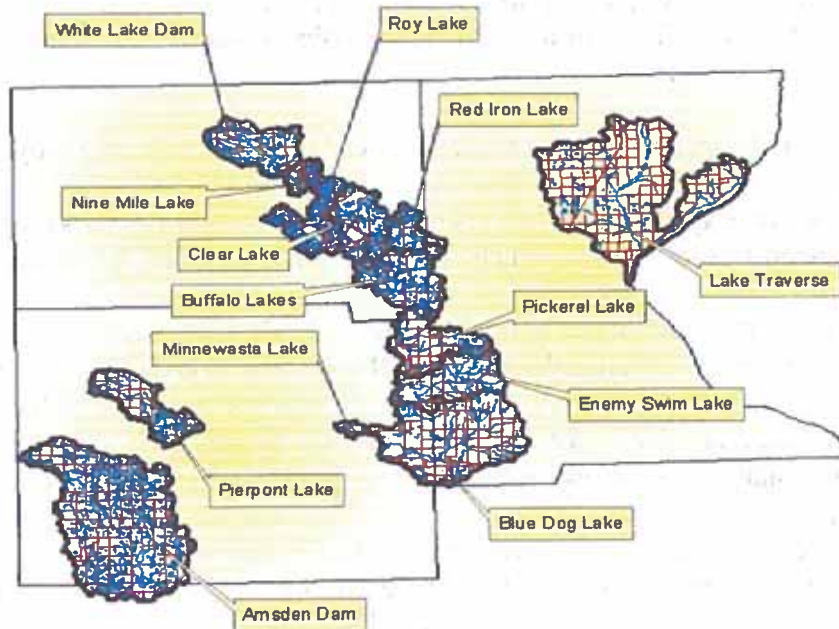
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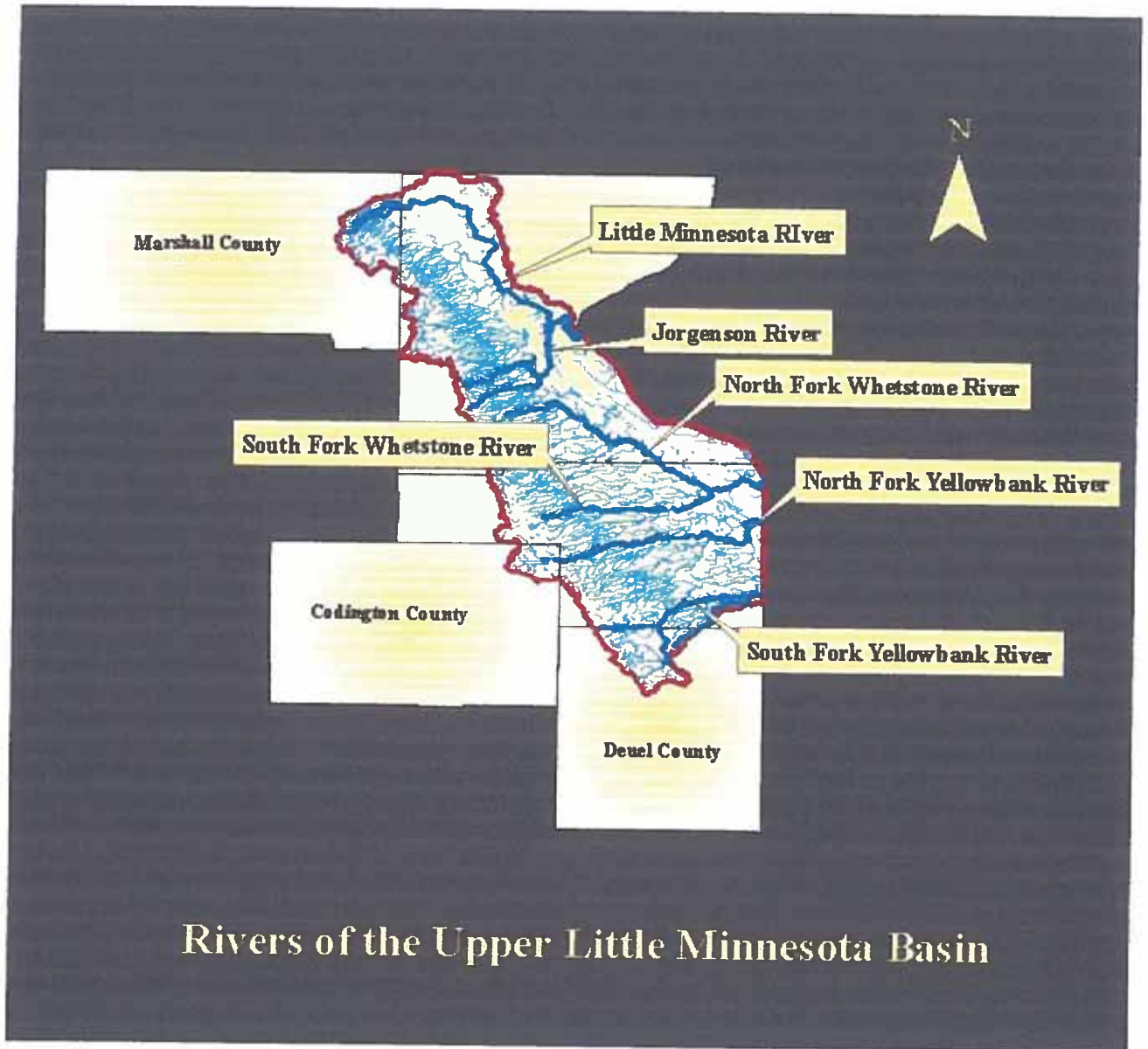
The Day County Conservation District sponsored and completed two EPA 319-funded assessment projects, five EPA 319-funded implementation projects including Segments 1 thru 4 of the Northeast Glacial Lakes Watershed Improvement and Protection Project; and several Coordinated Soil and Water Conservation grants.

An advisory council made up of local, state, tribal and federal partners was convened to plan and oversee the project. A project coordinator will be responsible for the day-to-day operation of the project and oversee implementation of best management practices and all activities listed in the 319 Project Implementation Plan. The Day Conservation District's Business Manager will administer project payroll and cost share payments to producers.



Northeast Glacial Lakes Watershed Improvement and Protection Project







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10 January 2022

The Day County Conservation District's monthly board meeting was held at the Webster Business Center. The following board members were in attendance; Mark Brandlee, Joel Butler, Frank James, and Brent Zimmerman. Absent, Todd Kaufman. Also in attendance were Dennis Skadsen, NEGL Project Manager, and Josh Wagner, District Manager.

Chairman Brandlee brought the meeting to order at 10:10AM. A motion to approve the agenda was made by JAMES and seconded by Butler. All voted aye. Motion carried. A motion to approve the December meeting minutes was made by BUTLER and seconded by ZIMMERMAN. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was given detailing monthly checks and deposits from Dec 13-Jan 10. After review, it was moved by ZIMMERMAN and seconded by BUTLER to accept the treasurer's report and approve payments as presented. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Election of Board Officers

Motion by JAMES, seconded by ZIMMERMAN to maintain director positions as same from 2021. All voted yes. Motion carried. Positions are:

Chairman, Mark Brandlee
Vice Chairman, Frank James
Secretary, Joe Butler
Treasurer, Todd Kaufman
Supervisor, Brent Zimmerman

2021 Annual Financial Reports

The final Profit/Loss statement covering 2021 was reviewed in detail along with the balance sheet dating Dec 31, 2021. These reports include inventory and accounts receivable and are true numbers for the year. The statements will be filed with the state office in the year-end report.

2022 Budget

The board reviewed the 2022 budget. The budget was based on a 5-year rolling average, current income and expense trends and planned activity for 2022. 2022 activity planned for was 25 acres of trees and 1200 acres of grass drill work.

2021 Activities Report

A detailed publication was created highlighting activities and accomplishments for the past year. The report will be shared online, with county officials and used to promote the district and all we do.

2022 Annual Work Plan

Annual work plan was submitted. Updates to the 2022 rates were reviewed and included in work plan. Changes include raising the shrub planting rate from \$.43/ft to \$.45/ft and tree planting rate from \$.37/ft to \$.40/ft. Fabric installation is \$.70/ft. Board meeting pay was reviewed. Pay was raised from \$40 to \$50/meeting. Motion by BUTLER and seconded by ZIMMERMAN to approve 2022 annual work plan with updates to rates and board pay. All voted yes. Motion carried.

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Personnel and Safety Manual

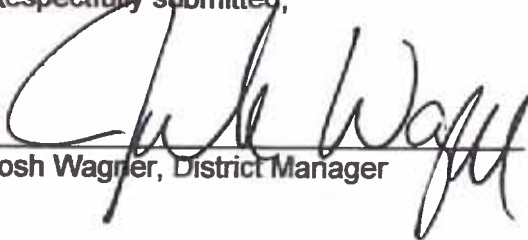
- Update paid holidays to include Juneteenth in accordance with NRCS observed holidays.
- Overtime pay discussed for crew personnel. Current policy is any hours over 40/week receive overtime. Other districts do hours over 8/day to receive overtime. Board agreed to leave policy as is and reward crew for satisfactory work with a sufficient base rate and/or a bonus. Actual overtime hours will be a consideration at time of bonus.
- County mileage rate is \$.45/mile and that is the current reimbursement for the District. The District will keep in line with county rates.

Dennis Skadsen updated the board. The commission grant for the NEGL project will expire and Skadsen expressed interest in applying for a new grant this spring. Motion by BUTLER, seconded by JAMES to give support to Dennis to apply for a conservation commission grant. All voted yes. Motion passed.

NEXT MEETING: February 14, at 10:00AM, at the Webster Business Center.

There being no further old or unfinished business, the meeting was, upon Motion made and unanimously carried, thereupon adjourned. 12:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Josh Wagner, District Manager



Board Supervisor Signature

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Edmunds Tab

State Conservation Commission

April 2022

Conservation District: **Edmunds**

Project Name: **North Missouri Cover Crop Initiative**

Start Date: **07/01/2022**

End Date: **10/01/2023**

Total Project Amount:	\$ 86,400.00
Commission Funds:	\$ 41,400.00
District Funds:	
Landowner Cash:	\$ 40,000.00
Local In-kind:	
Other Funds:	\$ 5,000.00

Other funds:	Cash	In-kind
Total:	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
RC&F:		
DANR:		
GF&P:		
USFWS:		
NRCS:		
OTHER:	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00

Description of Grant Application:

This grant will assist Edmunds and McPherson county producers in planting cover crops in lower performing or unproductive acres. The planting of these cover crops will improve soil health, soil structure, water filtration and aeration. The cover crops will also serve as a practice to manage weeds and reduce wind and water erosion. This project is designed to address the following SD Coordination Plan for Natural Resources Conservation goals: Goal 1.1- reduce sediment delivery to water bodies, goal 3.1-implement the use of cover crops on cropland currently not utilizing cover crops annually, goal 3.5- implement best management practices to reduce erosion of topsoil and improve soil health conditions, goal 5.4-increase pollinator habitat in urban and rural SD

If selected for funding, RC&F suggests that:

- Grazing plans be required as part of the agreement with the landowners if grazing the cover crops.
- Cover crops be limited to 160 ac. per landowner (first time user), for only one time per land unit, and only for the short term period between annual crops.
- 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
Conservation Practice	2019-42	7/1/19	06/30/2022	\$ 15,000.00	\$11,425.78	1 yr
Conservation Education	2021-11	1/1/22	06/30/2023	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	

Approved:

Denied:

Reason for denial:



SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY DIVISION

523 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501

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sdda.sd.gov

GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Applicant Information

Organization: Edmunds County Conservation District Mailing Address: P.O. Box 25
Telephone: (605) 426-6951 City: Ipswich State: SD Zip: 57451
Tax Status: Non-exempt

Project Contact

Project Officer: Meshele Townsend Telephone: (909) 241-6537
Fax: _____ Email: eccd@valleytel.net / Emily.Hauck@sd.nacdn.net

Project Information

Project Name: North Missouri Cover Crop Initiative
Start Date: 06/01/2022 End Date: 10/01/2023
Legal description: County Edmunds & McPherson
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: 41400 Partner contributions (total): 45000 Total project cost: 86400
Please provide a brief, descriptive summary of the project:

The North Missouri Cover Crop Initiative will assist Edmunds and McPherson County producers in planting cover crops in low performing or unproductive acres. By planting cover crops, the producer will be utilizing practices to improve soil health through increased organic matter, soil structure, water infiltration and aeration. Additionally, the cover crops will serve as a practice to manage weeds and reduce wind and water erosion. By focusing on an area where potholes are common, the goal is to return this acres to productivity. This project is designed to address the following SD Coordination Plan for Natural Resources Conservation goals: Goal 1.1- reduce sediment delivery to water bodies, goal 3.1-implment the use of cover crops on cropland currently not utilizing cover crops annually, goal 3.5- implement best management practices to reduce erosion of topsoil and improve soil health conditions, goal 5.4 increase pollinator habitat in urban and rural SD.

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 Bryce Nash Title _____ Date 3-18-2022

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	1400	
2.	Travel		
3.	Contractual Services	40000	
4.	Supplies	42500	
5.	Equipment (list major equipment)		
6.	Consultation Services	2500	
Total Project Costs		86400	This total must equal <u>86400</u>

B. Activity Budget

Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
1. <u>Cover Crops Seed</u>	20000	20000		2500	42500
2. <u>Aministrative</u>	1400				1400
3. <u>Promotion/Advertising</u>			2500		2500
4. <u>Site preparation/planting</u>	20000	20000			40000
5. _____					0
6. _____					0
7. _____					0
8. _____					0
Totals	41400	40000	2500	2500	86400
This total must equal					<u>86400</u>

C. Project Partners

Partners	Amount Cash	Amount In-Kind	Total
1. <u>Ducks Unlimited</u>	2500	2500	5000
2. <u>Participating Landowners & Producers</u>	40000		40000
3. <u>RCF Grant</u>	41400		41400
4. _____			0
5. _____			0
6. _____			0
7. _____			0
8. _____			0
Totals	83900	2500	86400
This total must equal			<u>86400</u>

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

Resource Conservation and Forestry

Grant Application Guidelines

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

Project Partners

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

Project Descriptions and Need

- Explain who will be the primary beneficiaries of this project.
- Define who will be responsible for the implementation, maintenance, and follow-up stages of the project.
- Indicate where this project will be located (district, watershed, community, etc.). Attach maps as relevant.
- Describe the specific environmental, natural resource, ecological, educational, and/or socio-economic need(s) that the project will address.
- Briefly describe the specific on-the-ground restoration activities to be undertaken on-site to achieve the project objectives and why it is needed.
- Explain if this project is part of a larger regional and/or local watershed effort.
- Describe provisions to ensure long-term management and protection of the project (e.g., conservation easements on private land, long-term monitoring program).
- Please indicate if any federal, state, or local permits are required to complete the project and the status of efforts to secure necessary authorization.

Final Products

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

Partner Justification

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tree species selected must be at least 1¼ inch caliper and at least 10 feet tall in accordance with the American Standard for Nursery Stock (ANSI Z60.1 – 2006).

Applicant: Edmunds County Conservation District

Project Name: North Missouri Cover Crop Initiative

D. Project Partners

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

The NRCS will partner with the conservation districts 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 1.1: Reduce sediment delivery to waterbodies
- Goal 3.1: Implement the use of cover crops on cropland currently not utilizing cover crops annually
- Goal 3.5: Implement best management practices to reduce erosion of topsoil and improve soil health conditions
- Goal 5.4: Increase pollinator habitat in urban and rural SD.

E. Project Description and Need

Explain who will be the primary beneficiaries of this project.

The primary beneficiaries of this project will be landowners, operators, livestock and wildlife where cover crops will be grown. By providing technical and financial assistance to the landowners and operators, producers will be more willing to implement cover crops. Producers in Edmunds and McPherson counties will benefit from improved soil health, weed suppression, and increased water infiltration. 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 Edmunds and McPherson County Conservation Districts 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 Districts and the 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 Edmunds and McPherson Counties where individual producers identify problematic acres 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 toward assisting producers in utilizing regenerative agricultural practices on low performing or unproductive acres. Producers often consider cover crops on marginal acres that were unable to be planted. When they contact NRCS, program deadlines have closed. This grant would allow producers to experiment in planting cover crops when they need them rather than waiting a year.

Due to soil limitations, certain areas of farmland have become unproductive in raising cash crops. Some years, producers have not been able to farm all their ground due to excess moisture in the spring. This

results in acres being put into Preventive Plant (PP). Tillage or herbicide application in these areas lead to poorer soil structure and lower organic matter, resulting in lower yields in subsequent years. As this pattern continues, soil health is decreased and areas of salinity, erosion, and poor water infiltration are created. As these acres sit idle, soil microbiology is also impacted. Without living plants to feed on, microbials are depleted impacting organic matter decomposition and soil aeration.

This project is aimed at educating producers on the health of their soil and the benefits of cover crops by focusing on a small number of acres. As farmer's are expecting a smaller year end margin due to higher input costs, it is important to help them understand the importance of soil health and its impact on their return per acre. It is not profitable for producers to be putting seed, fertilizer, and chemical into an acre without receiving significant yields. Producers can lower their cost of production on poorer performing acres by planting a cover crop mix.

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 restore lower performing acres, producers will work with the conservation districts to map problematic spots, not to exceed 80 acres per producer. By limiting the producer to 80 acres, they are only able to enroll a manageable number of acres. This allows the producer to perform a trial run on the use of cover crops without a large impact to their bottom line. By starting small, the goal is for the producer to witness the impacts of cover crops and continue to utilize them to improve soil health. Partners and producers will select a cover crop mixture to address concerns on individual pieces of ground. The mixture will be selected based off the needs of the producer, soil type, and soil health. When possible, seed mixtures will include a minimum of one flowering species to attract pollinators to the field. Producers will have the option to graze the cover crops in the fall. However, the most successful way to reap the benefits of cover crops is to avoid overgrazing.

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

As more acres are converted from range to cropland in the North Missouri unit, wildlife become more displaced. The small areas of cover crops within larger fields provide wildlife habitat with food and shelter. Additionally, through the implementation of the North Missouri Cover Crop Incentive, steps are being taken to promote the SD Department of Agriculture's Coordinated Plan for Natural Resources Conservation. The following goals are being targeted through this proposal: goal 1.1, goal 3.1, goal 3.5, and goal 5.4.

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 a short-term project, producers will be more apt to try cover crops. The goal is for producers to see the benefits and continue to use conservation practices in the future without cost assistance. The Conservation District's 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. The cover crops must be planted to meet standards as laid out in the NRCS Cover Crop Technical Guide.

F. Benefits

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

Cover crops offer many benefits to producers, wildlife and livestock that will vary depending on cover crop mixture planted and individual scenarios. Soil health is positively impacted as cover crops have a more extensive root system which can increase water infiltration, soil aeration and provide feeding for soil microbials. Creating a habitat that supports higher populations of microbials expedites decomposition and nutrient cycling. Cover crops leave higher concentrations of biomass in the field over cash crops, increasing organic matter in the soil. Weeds can be managed by planting a beneficial crop into barren ground, limiting the use of chemicals and possible runoff. Erosion can be reduced by protecting the ground with cover and an effective stand will hold the soil in place. This fulfills the SD Coordinated Plan for Natural Resource Conservation Goals 1.1 and 3.5.

Furthermore, cover crops can be used for grazing livestock and wildlife benefits. They provide a high-quality forage, especially during a time when other forages have reached maturity. This allows producers to relieve stress on pastures and save on feed costs. In addition, cover crops offer an alternative food source and shelter for wildlife. When a cover crop mixture includes a flowering species, pollinators will migrate to the field, assisting in pollination of crops in the area. This fulfills the SD Coordinated Plan for Natural Resource Conservation Goal 5.4.

This project allows producers to utilize a conservation practice that will increase the soil health of the field. It is anticipated that 2,800 acres of farmland may be impacted through the use of cover crops. This fulfills the SD Coordinated Plan for Natural Resource Conservation Goal 3.1.

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 includes:

- Seeding mix results in approximately 12-15 plants per square foot. This number should be increased by at least 5 plants per square foot when weed control or excess moisture utilization is the primary purpose; and/or
- Minimum cover crop canopy 40% or greater; and/or
- The above ground air dry weight biomass production is between 1,800-2,000 lbs. per acre (east river) (6-8 weeks of growth).

This project is designed to help a minimum of 35 producers restore soil health and structure on a total of 2,800 acres in Edmunds and McPherson Counties.

G. Partner Justification

Describe the strengths, qualification, 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.

Minutes

Edmunds County Conservation District Board of Supervisors

ECCD-BOS Special Meeting

8pm March 17th via phone conference

1. Call meeting to order – Chairman called to order 8pm pm
2. Roll call and introductions of meeting attendees – Bryce Nash chairman, Raymond Kub vice chairman, Tim Braun supervisor, Anita Weisser supervisor, Diana Allbee supervisor, Jonathan Rohrbach advisor, Kenny Killber advisor, Dennis Hoyle advisor.
3. Topic to talk about the North Missouri Cover Crop Initiative Grant – Ray motioned to approve Tim 2nd all carried. ECCD manager will email the application and all paperwork to the state office by close of 3-18-2022 for the draw to be held in April. Emily and the ECCD manager will be in attendance at the draw to answer any questions that the commissioner may have at that time.
4. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm



McPherson County Conservation District

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Leola, SD 57456
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March 17, 2022

SD Dept. of Agriculture
Resource Conservation & Forestry
Conservation Commission
523 E Capitol Ave
Pierre, SD 57501

Dear Commissioners,

The McPherson County Conservation District Board is pleased to support the proposed grant in collaboration with the Edmunds County Conservation District. The grant titled *Cover Crop Initiative*, for review this spring, creates an opportunity for producers to address their lower performing acres. This is a need for McPherson County as they begin to see larger amounts of unproductive acres.

This project is great way for producers to work with the Conservation District to implement farming practices that impact soil health. Through the locally led initiative, producers are better able to find a solution that is practical to their operation.

Thank you for your time and consideration of the grant proposal. It is opportunities such as this that help improve conservation in our county.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark Morlock".

Mark Morlock
McPherson County Conservation District Chairman



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March 16, 2022

Ms. Emily Hauck
Outreach & Resource Development Coordinator
North Missouri Research Unit Conservation Districts
Edmunds County Conservation District

Dear Ms. Hauck,

Ducks Unlimited, Inc. is excited to support the "North Missouri Cover Crop Initiative" being submitted under the South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources - Coordinated Natural Resources Conservation Grant (CNRCG) program. Projects completed via this proposal will help to improve water quality and soil health while providing additional habitat for many wildlife species. Ducks Unlimited, Inc. is interested in promoting the use of regenerative and sustainable agricultural practices included in this proposal and will work with NRCS and Conservation District staff to assist with outreach, promotional efforts and any public field tours regarding this project. It is the intent of Ducks Unlimited, Inc. to provide a contribution total of \$5000 towards this project in the form of cash (\$2500) and in-kind staff costs (\$2500).

Sincerely,

Bruce Toay
Manager of Conservation Programs – South Dakota
Ducks Unlimited, Inc.
PO Box 427
Ipswich, SD 57451

2021 South Dakota Conservation Districts Annual Report

Edmunds Co. Conservation District

25 Main Street

eccd@valleytel.net

Ipswich SD 57451

605-426-6701 or 909-241-6537

Board of supervisors: Bryce Nash chairman, Raymond Kub vice chairman, Tim Braun supervisor
Anita Weisser supervisor, Diane Allbee supervisor, Kenny Kilber advisor, Bruce Gauer advisor
Dennis Hoyle advisor, Jonathan Rohrbach advisor,
Conservation District staff: Meshele Townsend, District Manager

Current financial status:

Current financial status is stable compared to the last several years. Edmunds CD is fortunate to receive some county funding.

County funding: FY2020 - \$16,950.00; FY2021 - \$16,950.00

Educational activities that focus on students:

Promoted educational programs Arbor Day Essay, poster contest and Resource Conservation Speech contest. Presentations are made at 3 county schools and 4 colonies for all 5th grades. Each 5th grade receives a state tree along with other teaching materials for all students K-6th. Due to the COVID19 pandemic, the Water Festival in Aberdeen was cancelled which is normally held in May on the NDSU campus as well as in class presentation in the classrooms. The festival hosts approximately 800 4th graders from 30 schools and provides water education to area 4th graders through hands-on activities, experiments and exhibits.

Adult outreach & community activity efforts:

Edmunds provides a Soil Health Clinic held at the Ipswich school theater which has had up to 100 people in attendance as well as a Garden Clinic in the spring with up to 50 people attending. Due to the COVID these activities were cancelled in 2021 due to the pandemic. Edmunds hosts a community Garden for kids in the community to come and help plant, care and harvest produce. Student count is 20-30 kids from the ages of 5-12. Program runs from early spring thru October. Covid has changed the time we can be at the garden in 2020 but more attended in 2021 as they were allowed to participate a little more. Produce is harvested by the kids and the Tiger Post uses much of what is harvested and the remaining produce is given to the seniors in the community. Salinity plot closed its 3rd year and a new lease was agreed by the board to move for a new 3 year lease.

New projects undertaken and their outcomes:

Due to the COVID19 pandemic, no new projects were undertaken. Eccd purchased a new no-till drill in 2020 and for 2021 this proved to be a great add to the ability to give more producers the ability to apply seeding in a more timely manner. No-till seeding = 1672 acres planted this was a very dry year so it is down from the 2020 year. Tree planting for 2021 = 32 acres up from 2020. Tree fabric = 98,084 ft. Hand plants tree pick up and surplus sale was handled a little differently due to the COVID but smoothly with scheduled pick times.

< > Conseration District is a governmental subdivision of the State of South Dakota,
authorized and organized under South Dakota Codified Law 38-8

Assistance provided to our constituents:

- locally-led planning and development of local resource concerns
- enforcement of sediment & erosion control standards
- application for and/or implementation of conservation grants
- operation of demonstration plots
- urban conservation efforts
- technical assistance to constituents (estimate number):
- assistance to partner agencies (list):

We reached out to our constituents through:

- website
- social media (list)
- newsletter
- print publications
- events

Our enterprise operations:

- tree planting
- tree care
- grass seeding
- other enterprise activities
-
-
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Itemized list of number & nature of sediment & erosion control complaints:

Nature of complaint	Result
<input type="checkbox"/> no complaints in 2020	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>

2021 Annual Plan of Works

Supervisors

Bryce Nash – Chairman

Raymond Kub – vice chairman

Tim Braun – supervisor

Anita Weisser – supervisor

Diane Allbee – supervisor

Dennis Hoyle – advisor

Bruce Gauer – advisor

Kenny Kilbe – advisor

Joathan Rohrbach – advisor

NRCS

Eric Rasmussen – Acting DC

Heidi Becker – soil con

John Bender - RUC

Other Partners

FAS, GF&Parks

County Commissioner, Extension Service

USFWS, Ducks Unlimited, SD DOT

SD Department of AG

EDMUNDS COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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IPSWICH SD 57451

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OBJECTIVE1: PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO COOPERATORS

ASSIST CUSTOMERS BY PROMOTING AND PLANTING TREES

- District employees, supervisors and NRCS will encourage participation in CRP, WHIP, EQUIP, DOT, GF&P and all other tree planting cost sharing programs.

CONTINUE LIVING SNOW FENCE ESTABLISHMENT

- District employees will work closely with NRCS, County Commissioners and County Highway to assure proper utilization and installation. NRCS will encourage participation through technical assistance in the planning process.

REVIEW DISTRICT EQUIPMENT AND BUILDING NEEDS AND REPAIRS

- Supervisors and manager will inventory condition and use of equipment and buildings to evaluate future needs.

ASST NRCS AND FSA WITH CONSERVATION PROGRAMS OTHER THAN TREE PLANTING

- Supervisors and district employees will work closely with NRCS and FSA to provide grass seeding equipment and technical assistance to cooperators in the establishment of conservation practices. Soil health activities will be promoted.

OBJECTIVE 2: CARRY OUT INFORMATION PROGRAMS TO THE PUBLIC

EDUCATION OF CONSERVATION PRACTICES IN SCHOOLS & CLUBS

- District employees and supervisors will provide information, pictures and visual demonstrations as required to promote conservation to our youth. District business manager will promote SDACD speech contest, CMCD poster contest and Arbor Day essay contest materials to county schools.

ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION IN YOUTH CONSERVATION CAMPS

- District employees and supervisors will provide information; encourage participation and sponsor youth to conservation, range, wildlife and other related camps.

PROVIDE NEWSLETTER TO COOPERATORS

- District employees and supervisors will provide information, coordinate and write articles to send to the county newspapers. NRCS will assist and make available timely information and promotion of conservation programs in their annual work plan.

ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION BY MINORITY GROUPS IN CONSERVATION DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

- Supervisors, NRCS and District employees will encourage minority groups to become involved in conservation district activities by promoting participation through newsletter articles and personal contact.

COOPERATE WITH OTHER AGENCIES WITH CONSERVATION TOURS

- Supervisors, district employees and NRCS will work with cooperating agencies to provide assistance and make arrangements to hold tours of weed control, plant materials, range, no-till and other practices related to conservation.

SUPPORT LEGISLATIVE ACTION FOR PROMOTION OF CONSERVATION

- Supervisors and district employees will monitor legislation and contact legislatures as needed to promote and enhance State and Federal support to conservation programs and practices.

RECRUIT AND PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO VOLUNTEERS

- District employees, supervisors and NRCS will encourage and promote the participation of volunteers in our programs by furnishing information, materials and equipment and assisting with expenses whenever possible.

OBJECTIVE 3: WORK WITH COOPERATING AGENCIES

MEET WITH FSA, USFWS, NRCS, SD GF&P, RC & FORESTRY, EXTENTION, COUNTY COMMISSION, DOT

- Supervisors and district manager will attend informational meetings and invite the cooperating agencies to board meetings as needed to keep abreast of their activities.

ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION AT AREA, STATE AND NATIONAL MEETINGS

- District employees and supervisors will attend meetings and provide reports to others about information received and important to conservation districts activities.

PARTICIPATE AND REPRESENT THE EDMUNDS CONSERVATION DISTRICT AT SDACD AN SDACDE MEETINGS

- District employees and supervisors will attend meetings and provide reports to others about information received and important to conservation districts activities.

SUBMIT BUDGET TO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR FUNDING

- District employees and supervisors will compile, process, deliver and discuss budget needs with county commissioners to secure adequate funding assistance

ENCOURAGE ADEQUATE FUNDING FOR NRCS PROGRAMS

- Supervisors and district employees will monitor, support and contract congressional representatives to secure adequate budgets for conservation related programs.

PROVIDE FINACIAL SUPPORT TO SDACD ENDOWMENT FUND

- Supervisors will promote and earmark funds which can be used for the support of the sdacd endowment fund.

Gregory Tab

Conservation District

Project Name:

Start Date

End Date

Total Project Amount:	\$	150,000.00
Commission Funds:	\$	75,000.00
District Funds:		
Landowner Cash:	\$	75,000.00
Local In-kind:		
Other Funds:		

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

Description of Grant Application:

This grant will be used to help improve grazing distribution in Gregory County. Pipelines and water tanks will be used in this grant. 20 producers will be helped with this grant with 27 pipelines, 44 tanks, and 3 fountains and 3 rural water pits. The district and the NRCS will evaluate and rank producers to see who gets help.

If selected for funding, RC&F suggests that:

- Grazing plans be required as part of the agreement with the landowners.
- District must secure a landowner application to determine eligibility for cost-share funds, copy to be provided with reimbursement request.
- District must provide the landowner with notification letter indicating whether or not they have been approved for cost-share, copy to be provided with reimbursement request.
- The district provide timesheets or other documentation to demonstrate the actual time spent on salary/administration of the grant.

DANR:

GF&P:

	Project	Start date	End Date	Original Award	Balance	Extensions
Other current grants:						
County Projects 7	2022-12	01/01/2022	06/30/2022	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00	

Approved:

Denied:

Reason for denial:



SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY DIVISION

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GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Applicant Information

Organization: Gregory County Conservation District Mailing Address: PO Box 339
 Telephone: 605-775-2770 City: Burke State: SD Zip: 57523
 Tax Status: Exempt

Project Contact

Project Officer: Ken Steele Telephone: 605-830-0678
 Fax: _____ Email: gregorycd@sdconservation.net

Project Information

Project Name: Gregory County Projects 8
 Start Date: 7/1/2022 End Date: 12/31/2023
 Legal description: County Gregory
 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: 75000 Partner contributions (total): 75000 Total project cost: 150000
 Please provide a brief, descriptive summary of the project:

Install grazing best management practices to better distribute grazing. Pipelines and tanks will be used as part of this project.
 27 miles of pipeline, 44 tanks, 3 fountains and 3 rural water pits
 These projects were signed up for EQIP but are not getting funded.
 We have a total of 20 producers signed up for these projects.

Our district board along with our NRCS personal will further review and rank our producer request to match available funding

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 Todd Huffman Title Chairman Date 3-16-2022
A copy of the state required W-9 form must be attached to this application.

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

BUDGET SHEET

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

A. Operating Budget

1. Salary/Benefits			
2. Travel			
3. Contractual Services		150,000	
4. Supplies			
5. Equipment (list major equipment)			
6. Consultation Services			
Total Project Costs		1500000	This total must equal <u>150000</u>

B. Activity Budget

Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
1. Pipeline	40000	40000			80000
2. Tanks	29000	29000			58000
3. Fountains	3000	3000			6000
4. Rural Water Plts	3000	3000			6000
5. _____					0
6. _____					0
7. _____					0
8. _____					0
Totals	75000	75000	0	0	150000
				This total must equal	150000

C. Project Partners

Partners	Amount Cash	Amount In-Kind	Total	
1. RC&F	75000		75000	
2. Landowners	75000		75000	
3. _____			0	
4. _____			0	
5. _____			0	
6. _____			0	
7. _____			0	
8. _____			0	
Totals	150000	0	150000	
			This total must equal	150000

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



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**Amendment for Gregory County Projects 8
Commission Grant Application**

Dear Conservation Commission,

After meeting with Nathan Kafer and visiting with Bill Smith, the Gregory County Conservation would like to make an amendment to the Gregory County Projects 8 Commission Grant application.

We would like to add shelterbelt renovation to this grant application.

We would like to take \$4000 out of the pipelines and \$3500 out of tanks and add that to the shelterbelt renovation.

Gregory County Conservation District

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ken Steele".

Ken Steele
District Manager

Resource Conservation and Forestry

Grant Application Guidelines

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

Project Partners

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

Project Descriptions and Need

- Explain who will be the primary beneficiaries of this project.
- Define who will be responsible for the implementation, maintenance, and follow-up stages of the project.
- Indicate where this project will be located (district, watershed, community, etc.). Attach maps as relevant.
- Describe the specific environmental, natural resource, ecological, educational, and/or socio-economic need(s) that the project will address.
- Briefly describe the specific on-the-ground restoration activities to be undertaken on-site to achieve the project objectives and why it is needed.
- Explain if this project is part of a larger regional and/or local watershed effort.
- Describe provisions to ensure long-term management and protection of the project (e.g., conservation easements on private land, long-term monitoring program).
- Please indicate if any federal, state, or local permits are required to complete the project and the status of efforts to secure necessary authorization.

Final Products

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

Partner Justification

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tree species selected must be at least 1¼ inch caliper and at least 10 feet tall in accordance with the American Standard for Nursery Stock (ANSI Z60.1 – 2006).

Applicant Organization Name: Gregory County Conservation District

D. Project Description and Need

- Explain who will be the primary beneficiaries of this project

The primary beneficiaries will be Gregory County landowners/operators on which property these projects will be implemented.

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

The Gregory County Conservation District, the landowners/operators and all other partners will jointly implement these projects.

-Indicate where this project will be located (district, watershed, community, etc. attach map(s) as relevant

Individual projects will be located within Gregory County.

-Describe the specific environmental, natural resource, ecological, educational, and/or social economic need(s) the projects will address

Livestock production remains one of the primary land uses throughout the Gregory County Conservation District. Maintaining and improving grasslands has demonstrated to provide riparian area benefits such as reducing soil erosion and improving water quality over the land. Livestock watering facilities, pipelines, and tanks are critical components to maintaining livestock grazing as a primary land use.

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

Install pipelines and tanks to replace riparian watering areas.

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

Producers will be required to follow NRCS practice lifespan guidelines. Status reviews will be done.

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

None needed currently, but could need some for individual projects.

E. Final Products

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

Approximately 27 miles of pipeline, 44 tanks, 3 fountains and 3 rural water pits will be implemented through this project.

F. Partner Justification

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

The Gregory County Conservation District has always supported natural resource conservation within the county. The Conservation District board is aware of the natural resource needs and the practices that need to be addressed within the county.

Project Partners Include: SD Resource Conservation and Forestry
 Gregory County Conservation District
 Landowners

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

Project success will be measured by the number of projects implemented. The project will assist 20 producers.



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The Gregory County Conservation District Board of Supervisors met on Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at 1:00 PM with Todd Hoffman presiding.

Board Members Present: Todd Hoffman, David Jones, Justin Keegan, Andy Wonnemberg, Nathan Johnson

Board Members Absent: Jim Birkel, Dan Jons

Others Present: Ken Steele, District Manager, Tina Schonebaum, District Secretary,

The meeting was called to order by Todd Hoffman at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at the Civic Center in Burke.

Justin made a motion to approve the agenda. Andy seconded. Motion carried.

David made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Justin seconded. Motion carried.

Justin presented the Treasure's Report. Andy made a motion to approve the report. David seconded. Motion carried.

New Business:

Commission Grant – David made a motion to apply for a commission grant for pipelines, tanks, fountains, and rural water hook ups. Andy seconded. Motion carried.

NRCS Report:

No NRCS report was given.

District Report:

Ken provided the District Report.
The New Holland Tractor is still in Platte getting worked on.
Ken is pricing new tires for the JD drill.

Andy made a motion to approve the following bills for approval. David seconded. Motion carried.

Bills:

City of Burke (Utilities)	\$258.51
Tina Schonebaum (Wages)	\$926.29
Ken Steele (Wages)	\$1,225.36
EFTPS (Payroll Liabilities)	\$1,287.52
SDRS (Employee retirement)	\$660.00
Wellmark (Employee Health Ins.)	\$1,992.60

Hanson Tab

Conservation District **Hanson**

Project Name: **2022 Brush Management Project**

Start Date **07/01/2022**

End Date **12/31/2022**

Total Project Amount:	\$	10,800.00
Commission Funds:	\$	5,000.00
District Funds:	\$	400.00
Landowner Cash:	\$	5,000.00
Local In-kind:	\$	400.00
Other Funds:	\$	

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

2 year project to assist

Description of Grant Application:

This grant is going to be used for producers to remove brush (mainly Cedar trees) from pastures. This effort will help improve water quality and soil health. By doing this native grasses will be able to regenerate due to increased soil nutrients and water due to the removal of these trees. Looking to help 5 producers this season.

If selected for funding, RC&F suggests that:

- The Conservation Commission will not reimburse any costs that exceed the 2021 Conservation Commission Cost-share Docket. Please note other restrictions as listed there.
- All tree and shrub planting plans be reviewed and approved by one of the DANR RCF foresters prior to planting.
- Stand alone farmstead/homestead windbreaks do not qualify for cost-share from the Commission.
- District must secure a landowner application to determine eligibility for cost-share funds, copy to be provided with reimbursement request.
- District must provide the landowner with notification letter indicating whether or not they have been approved for cost-share, copy to be provided with reimbursement request.
- Project reimbursement will be based on actual bill/receipts submitted for completed work. Cost-share will be based on legitimate costs up to the specified maximum.
- The district provide a copy of the Joint Powers Agreement with all the conservation districts involved.
- The district provide timesheets or other documentation to demonstrate the actual time spent on salary/administration of the grant.
- Final report must be submitted before final reimbursement will be processed. This report must be submitted no more than 30 days after the end of the grant.

DANR:

GF&P:

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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GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Applicant Information

Organization: Hanson County Conservation District Mailing Address: PO Box 176
Telephone: 605-239-4635 City: Alexandria State: SD Zip: 57311
Tax Status: Government

Project Contact

Project Officer: Brian Andersen Telephone: 605-999-2184
Fax: _____ Email: _____

Project Information

Project Name: 2022 Brush Management Project
Start Date: June 1, 2022 End Date: December 31, 2022
Legal description: County Hanson
Township: _____ Range: _____
Section: _____ Qtr: _____

Type of Grant

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

Financial Information

Grant funds requested: 5000 Partner contributions (total): 5800 Total project cost: 10800
Please provide a brief, descriptive summary of the project:

This project is an effort to encourage producers to remove brush (mainly Cedar trees) from pastures. The efforts of this project should improve water quality and soil health. Native grasses should return with the removal of water and soil competition. We are addressing soil health concerns identified by the SD Coordinated Soil & Water Conservation Plan. The 2022 Conservation Commission approved practice costs and percentages will be followed. This program is an incentive to help producers in Hanson County reduce the pressure from Cedar trees. We will make these funds available to all of Hanson County producers who qualify. We hope to assist 5 producers this season.

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

Applicant Signature [Signature] Title District Manager Date 3-16-2022

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

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

BUDGET SHEET

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

A. Operating Budget

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

Total Project Costs 0 This total must equal 10800

B. Activity Budget

Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
1. <u>Brush Removal</u>	<u>5000</u>	<u>5000</u>	_____	_____	<u>10000</u>
2. <u>Salary</u>	_____	<u>400</u>	_____	_____	<u>400</u>
3. <u>Tech Assistance</u>	_____	_____	<u>400</u>	_____	<u>400</u>
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	<u>0</u>
5. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	<u>0</u>
6. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	<u>0</u>
7. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	<u>0</u>
8. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	<u>0</u>
Totals	<u>5000</u>	<u>5400</u>	<u>400</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>10800</u>
This total must equal					<u>10800</u>

C. Project Partners

Partners	Amount Cash	Amount In-Kind	Total
1. <u>RC&F</u>	<u>5000</u>	_____	<u>5000</u>
2. <u>Hanson County Producers</u>	<u>5000</u>	_____	<u>5000</u>
3. <u>Hanson Conservation</u>	<u>400</u>	<u>400</u>	<u>800</u>
4. _____	_____	_____	<u>0</u>
5. _____	_____	_____	<u>0</u>
6. _____	_____	_____	<u>0</u>
7. _____	_____	_____	<u>0</u>
8. _____	_____	_____	<u>0</u>
Totals	<u>10400</u>	<u>400</u>	<u>10800</u>
This total must equal			<u>10800</u>

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

Resource Conservation and Forestry

Grant Application Guidelines

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

Project Partners

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

Project Descriptions and Need

- Explain who will be the primary beneficiaries of this project.
- Define who will be responsible for the implementation, maintenance, and follow-up stages of the project.
- Indicate where this project will be located (district, watershed, community, etc.). Attach maps as relevant.
- Describe the specific environmental, natural resource, ecological, educational, and/or socio-economic need(s) that the project will address.
- Briefly describe the specific on-the-ground restoration activities to be undertaken on-site to achieve the project objectives and why it is needed.
- Explain if this project is part of a larger regional and/or local watershed effort.
- Describe provisions to ensure long-term management and protection of the project (e.g., conservation easements on private land, long-term monitoring program).
- Please indicate if any federal, state, or local permits are required to complete the project and the status of efforts to secure necessary authorization.

Final Products

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

Partner Justification

- Describe the strengths, qualifications, and nature of the contribution of your organization and other collaborating organizations.
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In addition to the application and project narrative, applications for Conservation Commission Grants also must include:

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

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

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

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

Tree species selected must be at least 1¼ inch caliper and at least 10 feet tall in accordance with the American Standard for Nursery Stock (ANSI Z60.1 – 2006).

Hanson Tab

Conservation District **Hanson**

Project Name: **Hanson Shelterbelt Project**

Start Date **07/01/2022**

End Date **12/31/2023**

Total Project Amount:	\$	18,000.00
Commission Funds:	\$	9,000.00
District Funds:	\$	500.00
Landowner Cash:	\$	8,000.00
Local In-kind:	\$	500.00
Other Funds:	\$	

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

Description of Grant Application:

The Hanson Conservation District Shelterbelt Project is an effort to continue to implement conservation practices on the land by offering cost-share to landowners/operators who are not eligible to receive assistance through other programs. The shelterbelt program has helped improve air quality, provide shelter for livestock and wildlife and also helps create field wind breaks.

If selected for funding, RC&F suggests that:

- The Conservation Commission will not reimburse any costs that exceed the 2021 Conservation Commission Cost-share Docket. Please note other restrictions as listed there.
- All tree and shrub planting plans be reviewed and approved by one of the DANR RCF foresters prior to planting.
- Stand alone farmstead/homestead windbreaks do not qualify for cost-share from the Commission.
- District must secure a landowner application to determine eligibility for cost-share funds, copy to be provided with reimbursement request.
- District must provide the landowner with notification letter indicating whether or not they have been approved for cost-share, copy to be provided with reimbursement request.
- Project reimbursement will be based on actual bill/receipts submitted for completed work. Cost-share will be based on legitimate costs up to the specified maximum.
- The district provide a copy of the Joint Powers Agreement with all the conservation districts involved.
- The district provide timesheets or other documentation to demonstrate the actual time spent on salary/administration of the grant.
- Final report must be submitted before final reimbursement will be processed. This report must be submitted no more than 30 days after the end of the grant.

DANR:

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GF&P:

[Empty text box for GF&P comments]

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

Organization: Hanson County Conservation District Mailing Address: P.O. Box 176
Telephone: 605-239-4635 City: Alexandria State: SD Zip: 57311
Tax Status: Government

Project Contact

Project Officer: Brian Andersen Telephone: 605-999-2184
Fax: _____ Email: _____

Project Information

Project Name: Hanson Shelterbelt Project
Start Date: June 1, 2022 End Date: December 31, 2023
Legal description: County Hanson
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: 9000 Partner contributions (total): 9000 Total project cost: 18000
Please provide a brief, descriptive summary of the project:

The Hanson Conservation District Shelterbelt Project is an effort to continue to implement conservation practices on the land by offering cost-share to landowners/operators who are not eligible to receive assistance through other programs. The shelterbelt program has been well received in past years with the landowners of Hanson County. The project is designed to provide field wind breaks, improve air quality and provide shelter for livestock and wildlife. The 2022 Conservation Commission approved practice cost and percentages will be followed.

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 Brian Andersen Title District Manager Date 3-16-2022

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	300	
2.	Travel		
3.	Contractual Services	17500	
4.	Supplies		
5.	Equipment (list major equipment)		
6.	Consultation Services	200	
Total Project Costs		18000	This total must equal <u>18000</u>

B. Activity Budget

Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
1. Admin		300			300
2. Tech assist		200			200
3. site prep			510		510
4. Trees	2200	2200			4400
5. shrubs	1050	1050			2100
6. Fabric	4150	4150			8300
7. Tree tubes/stakes	1095	1095			2190
8. _____					0
Totals	8495	8995	510	0	18000
					This total must equal <u>18000</u>

C. Project Partners

Partners	Amount Cash	Amount In-Kind	Total
1. RC&F	9000		9000
2. Hanson/ConservationDist.	500	500	1000
3. Land Owners	8000		8000
4. _____			0
5. _____			0
6. _____			0
7. _____			0
8. _____			0
Totals	17500	500	18000
			This total must equal <u>18000</u>

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Resource Conservation and Forestry

Grant Application Guidelines

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

Project Partners

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

Project Descriptions and Need

- Explain who will be the primary beneficiaries of this project.
- Define who will be responsible for the implementation, maintenance, and follow-up stages of the project.
- Indicate where this project will be located (district, watershed, community, etc.). Attach maps as relevant.
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- Explain if this project is part of a larger regional and/or local watershed effort.
- Describe provisions to ensure long-term management and protection of the project (e.g., conservation easements on private land, long-term monitoring program).
- Please indicate if any federal, state, or local permits are required to complete the project and the status of efforts to secure necessary authorization.

Final Products

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

Partner Justification

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

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

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

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

Tree species selected must be at least 1¼ inch caliper and at least 10 feet tall in accordance with the American Standard for Nursery Stock (ANSI Z60.1 – 2006).

Hyde-Faulk Tab

State Conservation Commission

April 2022

Conservation District: Hyde

Project Name: Hyde/Faulk Enhancement Project Phase 2

Start Date: 01/01/2022

End Date: 06/30/2024

Total Project Amount:	\$ 108,710.00
Commission Funds:	\$ 54,480.00
District Funds:	
Landowner Cash:	\$ 51,480.00
Local In-kind:	\$ 2,750.00
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 second 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 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.

If selected for funding, RC&F suggests that:

- The Conservation Commission will not reimburse any costs that exceed the 2021 Conservation Commission Cost-share Docket. Please note other restrictions as listed there.
- All tree and shrub planting plans be reviewed and approved by one of the DANR RCF foresters prior to planting.
- Stand alone farmstead/homestead windbreaks do not qualify for cost-share from the Commission.
- District must secure a landowner application to determine eligibility for cost-share funds, copy to be provided with reimbursement request.
- District must provide the landowner with notification letter indicating whether or not they have been approved for cost-share, copy to be provided with reimbursement request.
- Project reimbursement will be based on actual bill/receipts submitted for completed work. Cost-share will be based on legitimate costs up to the specified maximum.
- The district provide a copy of the Joint Powers Agreement with all the conservation districts involved.
- The district provide timesheets or other documentation to demonstrate the actual time spent on salary/administration of the grant.
- Final report must be submitted before final reimbursement will be processed. This report must be submitted no more than 30 days after the end of the grant.

DANR:

[Empty box for DANR comments]

GF&P:

[Empty box for GF&P comments]

	Project	Start date	End Date	Original Award	Balance	Extensions
Other current grants:						
Hyde/Faulk Enhancements	2021-29	7/1/21	06/30/2023	\$ 53,490.00	\$ 53,490.00	

Approved: [Signature box]

Denied: [Signature box]

Reason for denial:

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March 17, 2022

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

Dear South Dakota Conservation Commission:

The Hyde County Conservation District is excited to submit a grant application, in coordination with Faulk County, for the Hyde/Faulk Enhancement Project Phase 2! This application seeks to improve the natural resource management for approximately ten or more producers in Hyde and Faulk Counties, as well as provide off-site benefits within these producers' watersheds and the surrounding environment.

Hyde and Faulk County joined together just last year for our first enhancement grant. I am happy to report, even though we applied for and had two planting seasons to utilize the funds, they have all been ear tagged to be planted this spring! We have more people already asking and hoping to utilize this grant to plant next spring, if funded. The interest and need is definitely 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, project narrative, W-9 and district minutes from Hyde County requesting to apply for a second grant project with Faulk County.

Thank you, in advance, for your time and consideration. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the Hyde County Conservation District office at 605-852-2222, ext. 111.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tonja Jessen", is written over a large, loopy scribble in blue ink.

Tonja Jessen, District Manager
Hyde County Conservation District

Enclosed: Grant application
 Project narrative
 Completed W-9
 Minutes



SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY DIVISION

523 East Capitol Avenue

Pierre, SD 57501

Phone: 605.773.3623 Fax: 605.773.3481

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GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Applicant Information

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

Project Contact

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

Project Information

Project Name: Hyde/Faulk Enhancement Project Phase 2
 Start Date: 01/01/2022 End Date: 6/30/2024
 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: 54480 Partner contributions (total): 54230 Total project cost: 108710
 Please provide a brief, descriptive summary of the project:

The proposed Hyde/Faulk Enhancement Project, if funded, will be the second 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, 49,500 linear feet of trees and shrubs established at an average of \$.38 per linear foot for planting and 49,500 linear feet of fabric weed barrier and installation at \$.66 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 Title District Manager Date 3/17/22

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

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Signature of Reviewer _____ Title _____ Date _____

Signature of Approval _____ Title _____ Date _____

BUDGET SHEET

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

A. Operating Budget

1. Salary/Benefits	
2. Travel	
3. Contractual Services	108710
4. Supplies	
5. Equipment (list major equipment)	
6. Consultation Services	

Total Project Costs 108710 This total must equal 108710

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	18810	18810			37620
3. Field Weed Barrier & Insulation	32670	32670			65340
4. Administration	3000		750		3750
5. _____					0
6. _____					0
7. _____					0
8. _____					0
Totals	54480	51480	2750	0	108710

This total must equal 108710

C. Project Partners

Partners	Amount Cash	Amount In-Kind	Total
1. DANR	54480		54480
2. Hyde County CD		375	375
3. Faulk County CD		375	375
4. Landowner	51480	2000	53480
5. _____			0
6. _____			0
7. _____			0
8. _____			0
Totals	105960	2750	108710

This total must equal 108710

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

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, 49,500 linear feet of trees and shrubs and 49,500 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 20 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 2022 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 polices, 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: twenty 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 Phase 2

2022-2024 Proposed Budget

Tree and Shrub Planting - \$.38 per linear foot (LF) - 49,500 LF

Commission Grant (50%)	\$18,810.00
Landowner (50%)	<u>18,810.00</u>
Total	\$37,620.00

Fabric Weed Control - \$.66 per linear foot (LF) – 49,500 LF

Commission Grant (50%)	\$32,670.00
Landowner (50%)	<u>32,670.00</u>
Total	\$65,340.00

Site Prep - \$50 per acre (Ac) – 20 Ac

Landowner (100%)	<u>\$1,000.00</u> in-kind donation
Total	\$1,000.00 in-kind

Site Prep - \$25 per hour (Hr) – 40 Hr

Landowner (100%)	<u>\$1,000.00</u> in-kind donation
Total	\$1,000.00 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 Shop, Highmore, SD
Oct 13, 2021 ~ 8:30am

SUPERVISORS PRESENT

Dorn Barnes, Chairman
Kathy Stirling, Supervisor
Randy Hague, Vice-Chairman
Randy Rinehart, Supervisor

OTHERS PRESENT

Tonja Jessen, Dist Manager
Laura Anderson, NRCS Dist Tech
Courtney Smith, NRCD DC

ABSENT

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 8:38 am by Chairman Barnes.

MINUTES: Weber made a motion to approve the minutes, motion second and carried.

TREASURERS REPORT: Motion made by Rinehart to accept the treasurers report, motion second and carried. Hague made a motion to move CD#2306065 to HSB for 12 mo @.30% and CD#52976 stay at HSB for 12 @.30%, motion second and carried.

NRCS REPORT: See attached.

DISTRICT REPORT: See attached.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Not needed at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE: None at this time.

OLD BUSINESS: Jessen and Weber reviewed convention activities with all present. Jessen let the board know an audit with SDML was completed.

NEW BUSINESS: Discussion was had regarding the Hyde/Faulk grant. All funds have been ear tagged for this springs plantings. Jessen informed the board she had already been in contact with Faulk County to see if they would be interested in applying for another grant. **Stirling made a motion to apply for another grant with Faulk County, motion second and carried.** The hand plant policy was discussed. Weber made a motion to get a 50% deposit on all handplant orders, motion second and carried. Pricing for 2023 season should be reviewed in March next year, Jessen will have it as an agenda item at that time.

No further business was reported. Motion was made by Hague to adjourn the meeting. The next meeting will be December 10, 2021 at 3:00pm.



Tonja Jessen
District Manager

Kingsbury Tab

State Conservation Commission

April 2022

Conservation District: Kingsbury

Project Name: Nature Walking Trail

Start Date: 07/01/2022

End Date: 06/30/2023

Total Project Amount:	\$ 20,000.00
Commission Funds:	\$ 10,000.00
District Funds:	\$ 3,200.00
Landowner Cash:	
Local In-kind:	
Other Funds:	\$ 6,800.00

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

Description of Grant Application:

The nature walk trail will transform an existing non native area into a Habitat-themed learning site which will feature native trees, shrubs, flowers, grasses and local rocks found throughout our region. This site will serve two purposes 1) increase tourism on highway 2) creates engaging year-round learning opportunities for students and teachers in all areas of the standards, including science, math, language arts, history and health educations. Funds will be used to buy supplies, build the walkway, and signs for people to identify native plants and trees.

If selected for funding, RC&F suggests that:

- District match and grant funds are to be used to perform resource technician duties over and above what has been normally completed by the district. The district must submit two semi-annual reports for the technician's work activities. These reports should show landowner contacts made by the technician, miles driven, number of plans written, acres treated or any other measure to show the conservation benefit provided by the technician. These reports should be provided to the conservation commission and SDACD no later than January 12 and July 12 of each year.
- The district provide timesheets or other documentation to demonstrate the actual time spent on salary/administration of the grant.

DANR:

GF&P:

	Project	Start date	End Date	Original Award	Balance	Extensions
Other current grants:						
Urban Forestry	2020-37	07/01/2020	06/30/2022	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 4,695.47	1 year
Conservation Education	2021-14	01/01/2021	06/30/2022	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 2,084.61	
Conservation Practice Grant	2021-15	01/01/2021	06/30/2022	\$ 26,000.00	\$ 13,327.11	
General Conservation	2022-17	01/01/2022	06/30/2023	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	
Urban Infrastructure	2022-18	01/01/2022	06/30/2023	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	

Approved:

Denied:

Reason for denial:



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GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Applicant Information

Organization: Kingsbury Conservation District Mailing Address: Po Box 123
Telephone: 605-861-9699 City: DeSmet State: SD Zip: 57231
Tax Status: exempt

Project Contact

Project Officer: Tanya Flegel Telephone: 605-861-9699
Fax: _____ Email: kingsburycd@sdconservation.net

Project Information

Project Name: Nature walking trail
Start Date: 07/01/2022 End Date: 06/30/2023
Legal description: County Kingsbury
Township: _____ Range: _____
Section: _____ Qtr: _____

Type of Grant

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

Financial Information

Grant funds requested: 10,000 Partner contributions (total): 10,000 Total project cost: 200000
Please provide a brief, descriptive summary of the project:

Kingsbury Nature walk trail will transform an existing non native area into a Habitat-themed learning site which will feature native trees, shrubs, flowers, grasses and local rocks found throughout our region. Developing this site serves two key purposes1. Increase tourism on highway 14 2. Creates engaging year-round learning opportunities for students and teachers in all areas of the standards, including science, math, language arts, history and health education. The money will be used to buy supplies, build a walkway, and signs for people to identify native plants and shrubs/trees. The money will also be used to host our first trail walk in Kingsbury.

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 Tanya Flegel Title Manager Date 3-15-22
A copy of the state required W-9 form must be attached to this application.

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

BUDGET SHEET

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

A. Operating Budget

1.	Salary/Benefits	_____	
		400	
2.	Travel	_____	
		6000	
3.	Contractual Services	_____	
		13,600	
4.	Supplies	_____	
5.	Equipment (list major equipment)	_____	
6.	Consultation Services	_____	
Total Project Costs		137000	This total must equal <u>200000</u>

B. Activity Budget

Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
1. <u>Travel</u>	200	200	_____	_____	400
2. <u>Contractual services</u>	3000	3000	_____	_____	6000
3. <u>Supplies</u>	6800	6800	_____	_____	13600
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	0
5. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	0
6. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	0
7. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	0
8. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	0
Totals	10000	10000	0	0	20000
This total must equal					200000

C. Project Partners

Partners	Amount Cash	Amount In-Kind	Total
1. <u>KCD</u>	3200	_____	3200
2. <u>RCFD</u>	10000	_____	10000
3. <u>sponcers</u>	6800	_____	6800
4. _____	_____	_____	0
5. _____	_____	_____	0
6. _____	_____	_____	0
7. _____	_____	_____	0
8. _____	_____	_____	0
Totals	20000	0	20000
This total must equal			200000

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

Project Descriptions and Need

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

DeSmet receives roughly 15,000 to 20,000 visitors throughout the year and the numbers continues to increase due to the popularity of hosting events outside during a pandemic. People come from all over the world to experience the little town on the prairie. An educational author; Laura Ingalls Wilder wrote a book called, "By the Shores of Silver Lake," that takes place in DeSmet. Individuals enjoy walking and seeing the sites in this area. Not only do we receive many tourists to the area but we also receive a multitude of schools that come for educational field trips. Due to the areas popular historic sites, many business and restaurants continue to flourish during these unknowing times.

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

Many local businesses and area towns people have come together to help preserve the walking trail that resides in the DeSmet area. This project has many volunteers, city employees, business owners who all want to see this trail be well taken care of. The district will be coordinating the project to ensure the trail features conservation in hopes to keep the preservation of the area. As the trails land is owned by the Game Fish and Parks, they will be entrusted to continue to also maintain the walk way. Tourist business owners will assist in the project maintenance as the trail goes hand in hand with their business efforts. The City of DeSmet will continue to highlight this area as a popular attraction site for the area to continue to receive business.

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

The trail is public property owned by the GF&P. Just as you enter into DeSmet on HWY 14 from the east, and as you go around the curves on the north side of the highway is a large forested area, this is where the walking trail will be formed. Silver Lake resides NE of the forested area. The walking trail will go along Silver Lake and into the trees (called the GF&P forest.) This forest is also the location where Kingsbury Conservation would collect seedlings of pine and cedar trees to replant in county.

Please see attached map for additional details.

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

As an increase of walkers and bike cycles use the trail we are creating a quieter environment. With more people walking and fewer people using cars, noise pollution significantly drops. Trails are an integral part of our natural environment and can be used as a tool for conservation. Trails assist with preserving important natural landscapes, providing necessary links between

fragmented habitats and providing tremendous opportunities for protecting plant and animal species.

Increased development has contributed to the creation of habitat “islands”— isolating wildlife, reducing their natural habitats and survival. Trails provide that important link between these island populations and habitats and increase the available land to many wildlife species.

The educational benefits of this trail are numerous. From site seeing, to identifying trees, shrubs, insects, flowers, and etc. educational instructors will have an ample supply of hands on examples readily available at no cost to them.

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

In the current state the trail consist of non-native brome grass, this will be sprayed out, leveled and prepped for walking, riding and handicap accessibility. Planting native grasses, flowers, shrubs, and trees along with displaying educational information on signs.

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

N/A

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

The Kingsbury Conservation, GF&P, Ingalls Homestead and a local group of volunteers will keep the walkways clear of snow, weeds and debris, utilizing local donations for upkeep along the trail.

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

All permits and approvals have been warranted through the DOT, GF&P, Kingsbury County, and the City of DeSmet.

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

We are encouraged to introduce all the educational advantages this trail will provide to our local educators, conservation district employees, foresters, etc., and for the many tourists who come to the area. The trail has endless educational opportunities to assist with socio economic trials and developments. From an ecological concept we hope to receive a diverse culture of people who are encouraged to stop for a peaceful picnic, enjoy the vibrant views and enjoy the fresh air for mental clarity.

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

Word of mouth from is what we are looking for our visitors to do to increase tourism into Kingsbury County and the state of South Dakota. This trail is in between Hwy 14 and Silver Lake where Laura Ingells Wilder wrote her book (On the shores of Silver Lake). Teacher - student use of project area (and opportunity to learn where to improve) will be measured through an end of year teacher-student survey, 2) students demonstrate enthusiasm for learning through active participation in classroom lessons instructed on the Schoolyard Conservation Project site, 3) each teacher integrates the Schoolyard Conservation Project area into at least two lesson a year 4) students use field guides to identify plants and animals found in/near the school yard, 5) each grade will report annually on their specific Project lessons and responsibilities to the Leadership Team to help refine, improve, and share future learning and maintenance opportunities.

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

Kingsbury Conservation has been planning and planting habitat plots for the last 5 years for local producers and Youth gardening kids. GF&P has established sites all over South Dakota for grass land and wild flowers; they are also knowledgeable partners when it comes to trail building and upkeep.

March 2022 - Minutes
KINGSBURY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
Conservation District Office

March 9th, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. the Chairman called the meeting to order.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Erland Weerts – Vice Chairman
Alan Vedvei – Chairman
Richard Abrahamson - Supervisor (*through conference call*)
Charlie Soeffing – Secretary
Rob Lee – Supervisor

OTHERS PRESENT: Tanya Flegel, Jim Finnegan; NRCS, **Bob & ? Montross**, Larry Beck, and Rita Anderson

APPROVE AGENDA: Rich moved to approve agenda; Rob second, motion carried.

MINUTES: Rob moved to approve minutes; Charlie second, motion carried.

NRCS REPORT: Jim Finnegan read the DC Report.

1 **TREASURER’S REPORT** : *Rob approved, Rich second, motion carried.*

Balance on hand as of: 02/28/2022	\$44,975.65
Speech Contest - \$610.99	\$44,364.66 Bal.

BILLS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL:

Payroll: \$3,998.75

Health care: \$200.00

Employee payroll taxes: \$557.91

Retirement:

K.C.D: \$163.20

Employee: \$163.20

Monthly utilities:

- Mediacom: \$96.27 *Paid*
- City of De Smet: \$40.79 *Paid*
- Otter Tail Power Co.: \$287.95

Miscellaneous expenses:

- Millborn Seed: \$3,910.40 (producer seed) *Paid*
- NACD: \$250.00 (2022 Investment Contribution) *Paid*
- DeSmet Event Center: \$95.00 (Room rental for John Ball tree workshop) *Paid*
- SDACDE: \$175.00 (2022 Leadership Conference for Tanya & 2022 membership fee) *Paid*
- SDACDE: \$175.00 (2022 Leadership Conference for Jamie & 2022 membership fee) *Paid*
- VISA: \$442.38 (office supplies, sympathy flowers and employee dinner, gas) *Paid*
- Hamlin Conservation: \$243.75 (Education Grant/Cost share promo items) *Paid*
- SD Department of Ag: \$93.13 (interest accrual on Loan 1091) *Paid*

2 **OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Erosion Complaint – Case #2019-1 *A discussion took place to contact the producer to ensure progress continues.*
- b. Supervisors Manuals *discussion took place*
- c. 2022 SDACD Membership Investment \$975.00 *discussion tabled*

- d. DeSmet Walking Path with Bob Montross (Bob will be here to talk to the board) Discussion took place with Bob & Montross, Larry Beck and Rita Anderson present. "Rich motioned for Tanya to write a grant from the DANR in the amount of \$10,000.00, Charlie, second to continue to progress on the Kingsbury Walking Trail."

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Discussion with Ty Eschenbaum on GEVO plant. Discussion tabled to request a GEVO representative for the next board meeting.
- b. Discussion on Kingsbury Conservation District Pollinator Garden workshop no action required.
- c. Discussion on "Teachers for Conservation in the Classroom" no action required.
- d. Discussion on May Adam Carbon Dioxide Pipeline no action required.

MEETINGS, TOURS AND TRAINING:

- Urban Conservation grant sign up – Saturday March 5th at 9am Kingsbury Conservation
- E. SD Soil & Water Research Farm annual meeting - Wednesday, March 16th, 2022. At the Swiftel Center, Brookings, SD
- May Adam Pipeline PUC public meeting on Thursday, March 24th, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. At DeSmet E&WC.
- DeSmet Outdoor Show April 9th-10th

5 **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

PLAN FOR NEXT MEETING: April 13th, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Conservation District.

7 **ADJOURN MEETING:** Erland made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Charlie second, motion carried. 8:00 p.m.

Lincoln Tab

State Conservation Commission

April 2022

Conservation District

Project Name:

Start Date

End Date

Total Project Amount:	\$ 258,177.00
Commission Funds:	\$ 23,557.00
District Funds:	
Landowner Cash:	
Local In-kind:	\$ 234,620.00
Other Funds:	\$

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

Description of Grant Application:

HSD and Lincoln County CD are leading an initiative to install a 10.5 acre conservation campus on site of Harrisburg's new Freshmen Academy immediately following construction of the facility during the 2022-2023 school year. Will include 3.5 acre native prairie, 2.5 acre shelter belt, and a 4.5 acre wetland, as well as 1.0 mile of walking trails to complement 0.6 miles of existing perimeter sidewalks. This will improve wildlife habitat for numerous species, conserve the presense of native grasslands and wetlands, and provide engaging outdoor campus for residents and students.

If selected for funding, RC&F suggests that:

- District match and grant funds are to be used to perform resource technician duties over and above what has been normally completed by the district. The district must submit two semi-annual reports for the technician's work activities. These reports should show landowner contacts made by the technician, miles driven, number of plans written, acres treated or any other measure to show the conservation benefit provided by the technician. These reports should be provided to the conservation commission and SDACD no later than January 12 and July 12 of each year.
- 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
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Approved:

Denied:

Reason for denial:



SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY DIVISION

523 East Capitol Avenue

Pierre, SD 57501

Phone: 605.773.3623 Fax: 605.773.3481

sdda.sd.gov

GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Applicant Information

Organization: Lincoln County District Mailing Address: 801 E 5th St, Suite 2
 Telephone: 605-987-2624 City: Canton State: SD Zip: 57013
 Tax Status: Government

Project Contact

Project Officer: James Jacobsen Telephone: 605-987-2624
 Fax: _____ Email: lincolncondistrict@gmail.com

Project Information

Project Name: Building Community Through Conserva
 Start Date: Spring 2023 End Date: Fall 2023
 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: \$23,557 Partner contributions (total): \$234,620 Total project cost: \$258,177
 Please provide a brief, descriptive summary of the project:

HSD and the Lincoln County Conservation District are leading an initiative to install a 10.5-acre conservation campus on the site of Harrisburg's new Freshmen Academy immediately following construction of the facility during the 2022-2023 school year. This land will be provided and managed through an in-kind contribution by HSD, valued conservatively at \$22,000/acre and will include a 3.5-acre native prairie, a 2.5-acre shelter belt, and a 4.5-acre wetland, as well as 1.0 mile of walking trails to complement 0.6 miles of existing perimeter sidewalks, with the intent of providing wildlife habitat for numerous species, conserving the presence of native grasslands and wetlands, and providing an engaging outdoor learning campus for the residents and students of Lincoln County – in particular, those residing in Harrisburg and Sioux Falls.

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

Applicant Signature [Signature] Title District Manager Date 2/16/2022

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	\$2,500	
2.	Travel		
3.	Contractual Services		
4.	Supplies		
5.	Equipment (list major equipment)		
6.	Consultation Services		
Total Project Costs		0	This total must equal <u>0</u>

B. Activity Budget

Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
1. Salary/Benefits			\$2,500		\$2,500
2. Supplies/Resour	\$23,557		\$1,120		\$24,677
3. Land			\$231,000		\$231,000
4. _____					0
5. _____					0
6. _____					0
7. _____					0
8. _____					0
Totals	\$23,557	0	\$234,620	0	\$258,177
This total must equal					<u>\$258,177</u>

C. Project Partners

Partners	Amount Cash	Amount In-Kind	Total
1. RCF	\$23,557		\$23,557
2. HSD		\$234,620	\$234,620
3. _____			0
4. _____			0
5. _____			0
6. _____			0
7. _____			0
8. _____			0
Totals	0	0	0
This total must equal			<u>\$258,177</u>

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

Resource Conservation and Forestry

Grant Application Guidelines

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

Project Partners

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

Project Descriptions and Need

- Explain who will be the primary beneficiaries of this project.
- Define who will be responsible for the implementation, maintenance, and follow-up stages of the project.
- Indicate where this project will be located (district, watershed, community, etc.). Attach maps as relevant.
- Describe the specific environmental, natural resource, ecological, educational, and/or socio-economic need(s) that the project will address.
- Briefly describe the specific on-the-ground restoration activities to be undertaken on-site to achieve the project objectives and why it is needed.
- Explain if this project is part of a larger regional and/or local watershed effort.
- Describe provisions to ensure long-term management and protection of the project (e.g., conservation easements on private land, long-term monitoring program).
- Please indicate if any federal, state, or local permits are required to complete the project and the status of efforts to secure necessary authorization.

Final Products

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

Partner Justification

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tree species selected must be at least 1¼ inch caliper and at least 10 feet tall in accordance with the American Standard for Nursery Stock (ANSI Z60.1 – 2006).

**Building Community Through Conservation
of Natural Resources:
Creating a Native Prairie, Wetlands, and Shelter Belt in Support of
Wildlife Habitat and Educational Opportunities
in Lincoln County**

Presented for Consideration to the
Conservation Commission of the
South Dakota Department of Agriculture & Natural Resources

February 14, 2022

PROJECT NARRATIVE

The Harrisburg School District (HSD) has long been known for its “outside of the box” approach to innovative and effective educational opportunities. Through various initiatives, development opportunities, and dedication to excellence, HSD has made it a priority to find ways to engage every community member, regardless of ability, interest, background, future pathway, or hurdles that might stand in the way of achieving their goals and aspirations. It has also been a priority to listen to, and partner with community organizations to find ways to ensure that the work of its staff and students makes a positive impact and builds toward a better future and better opportunities for all. In this spirit, HSD and the Lincoln County Conservation District are leading an initiative to install a 10.5-acre conservation campus on the site of Harrisburg’s new Freshmen Academy immediately following construction of the facility during the 2022-2023 school year. This land will be provided and managed through an in-kind contribution by HSD, valued conservatively at \$22,000/acre and will include a 3.5-acre native prairie, a 2.5-acre shelter belt, and a 4.5-acre wetland, as well as 1.0 mile of walking trails to complement 0.6 miles of existing perimeter sidewalks, with the intent of providing wildlife habitat for numerous species, conserving the presence of native grasslands and wetlands, and providing an engaging outdoor learning campus for the residents and students of Lincoln County – in particular, those residing in Harrisburg and Sioux Falls. A scaled rendering can be found in **Appendix A**.

PROJECT PARTNERS AND JUSTIFICATION

*A list of SD Coordinated Plan for Natural Resources Conservation goals achieved through the coordination of these project partners can be found in **Appendix B**.*

James Jacobsen, District Manager, Lincoln Conservation District: Will provide leadership and coordination on selection of plants and educational opportunities.

Kory Kezar, District Manager, District Conservationist: Will provide leadership and coordination on selection of plants and educational opportunities.

Michael Amolins, Director of Instruction and Federal Programs, Harrisburg School District: Will oversee school district coordination of installation, maintenance, and upkeep of the site, and will plan and coordinate educational opportunities for students and community members through courses, extracurricular activities, and community learning events.

David O’Hara, Professor of Environmental Studies and Director of Sustainability, Augustana University: Will provide consultation and expertise regarding native plant species, pollinators, outdoor learning spaces, and community impact. Will incorporate this process into his Environmental Studies courses at Augustana University.

Brad Seamer, Assistant Principal, Harrisburg High School: Will oversee day-to-day administration and facilities operations for CTE staff, facilities, and courses.

Devin Christiansen, Facilities and Grounds Supervisor, Harrisburg School District: Will manage upkeep and maintenance of grounds and will work with project managers to support all projects.

Harrisburg High School FFA: Will collaborate to provide learning experiences, opportunities for installation/maintenance/upkeep, as well as long-term student and community education and projects.

Brad Hartzler, Assistant Principal, Harrisburg South Middle School, and Amateur Beekeeper: Will provide consultation on support of pollinator efforts in the native prairie section of the campus.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND NEED

The Harrisburg School District has begun construction of a new high school facility, known as Freshmen Academy, on 70-acres of cropland located 0.5 miles north of the 271st St and Cliff Ave intersection of Lincoln County, just south of Sioux Falls and within the Lincoln Conservation District. A map of this location, along with a rendering of the property, can be found in **Appendix A** of this proposal. This region is primarily made up of farmland and new residential construction intended to meet the needs of a population boom taking place in the greater Sioux Falls area. While this growth has been beneficial to the community in many ways, it has placed significant pressure on an already minimal presence of native prairie, woodland, and wetlands in the area that provide habitat for wildlife, as well as outdoor learning opportunities for community members. In light of this, it is an overarching goal of this project to address the ever-growing need for conservation land and education by installing a 10.5-acre conservation learning campus on the site of Harrisburg's Freshmen Academy. This conservation learning campus will include approximately 3.5 acres of pollinator-focused native prairie, complemented with a small grove of apple trees intended to further promote pollinator habitat, 2.5-acres of shelter belt that will incorporate 10-12 species each of shrubs, medium-height trees, tall trees, and conifers (3-4 examples of each) intended to increase the diversity of species in the area, and 4.5 acres of wetland that will incorporate hydrophytic vegetation such as cattails, waterlilies, and sedges intended to attract various species of aquatic wildlife, birds, and other native species. We anticipate that this installation will have a significant impact on the environmental, natural resource, and ecological standing of this area, specifically including conversion of cropland to perennial vegetation and wetland, enhanced pollinator habitat, an increased diversity of both plant and animal species in the area, and an opportunity for forest and shelterbelt sustainability in a region where this is significantly lacking.

Complementing this conservation project will be approximately one mile of walking trails that will provide community member access to education/demonstration areas within the conservation land intended to provide instructional space for students and community members. As mentioned previously, a scaled rendering of plans can be found in **Appendix A**, while an itemized list of resources and summary budget can be found in **Appendices C & D**. These plans, along with all associated educational opportunities, will be implemented, maintained, and coordinated by members of the Harrisburg School District with consultation from the Lincoln Conservation District (approval motion can be found in **Appendix E**). The impact is projected to be far spread, including members of both the Sioux Falls and Harrisburg communities, as well as a direct daily connection to the

students and staff of the Harrisburg School District. Student organizations and courses, such as the FFA, Environmental Science, and HOSA will develop and lead community education opportunities in conjunction with the school's Director of Instruction, Michael Amolins, which will assist in promoting the campus itself throughout the region. Examples will include demonstration seminars on effective shelterbelts, supporting pollinators, an introduction to native SD plants and wildlife, and education on various shrub and tree species. The district and its respective organizations will utilize numerous communication pathways, such as social media, email, community partners such as SD Game, Fish, and Parks, and local news agencies to promote these opportunities. These platforms will also be used to raise awareness and education on important conservation initiatives throughout the social network.

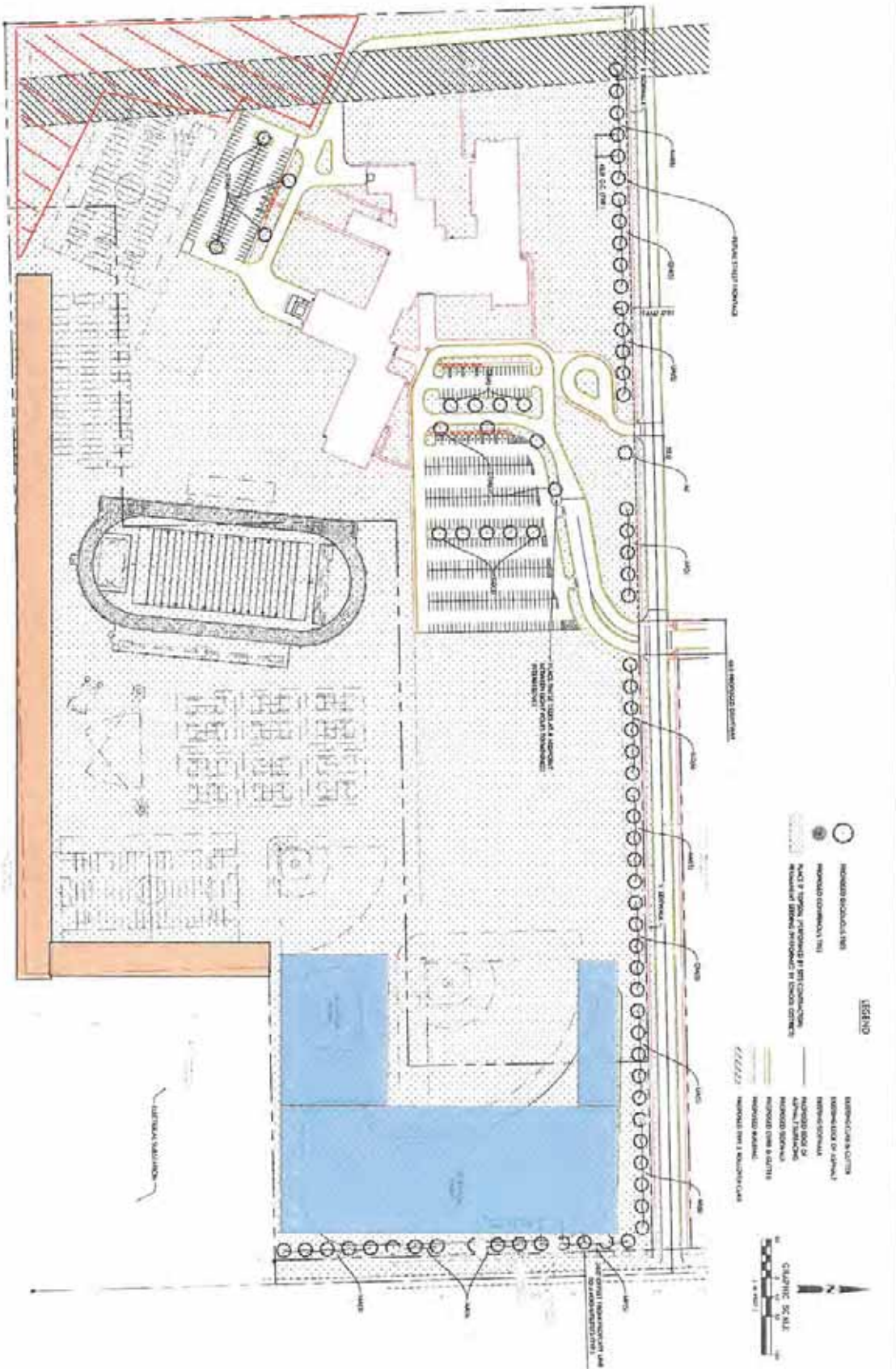
FINAL PRODUCTS

Collectively, installation and management of a conservation learning campus at the site of the Harrisburg School District Freshmen Academy, along with a concerted effort to engage and educate Sioux Falls and Harrisburg members, will collectively meet *eleven* objectives set forth by the South Dakota Coordinated Plan for Natural Resources Conservation (listed in *Appendix B*). These objectives will easily be the most significant outcome of this project and will be monitored by Lincoln Conservation District and the Harrisburg School District. Measurable successes to support this project will include data and documentation recording the number and types of plant and animal species being observed, types and frequency of classes being offered, participants enrolling in and successfully completing community learning opportunities, and demographics associated with participants. HSD will also monitor enhancements to its science, agriculture, and environmental course programming, its FFA program and other student organizations, and its overarching footprint through partnerships with community organizations and on social media. Anticipated ecological benefits will include:

- Conversion of cropland to wetland/pond (4.5 acres), shelterbelt (2.5 acres), and native prairie (3.5 acres) with perennial vegetation.
- Increased pollinator habitat through native prairie and a small apple tree orchard, to be documented through Pollinator.org
- Introduction of 30-40 tree and shrub species as part of a shelterbelt (3-4 examples of each).
- Enhanced opportunity to promote introduction and diversification of plant and wildlife species.
- Promotion of community support through education courses and distribution of information through various media channels.
- Conservation of land and natural resources in a region where construction and development is predominant.
- An opportunity for the Sioux Falls and Harrisburg communities to actively engage in conservation, thereby enhancing a vested interest in the cause.

APPENDIX A

Maps of the Project Location and Conservation Site Plan



- Shelter Belt
- Native Prairie and Small Orchard
- Wetlands

NATIVE PRRAIRIE AND SMALL ORCHARD

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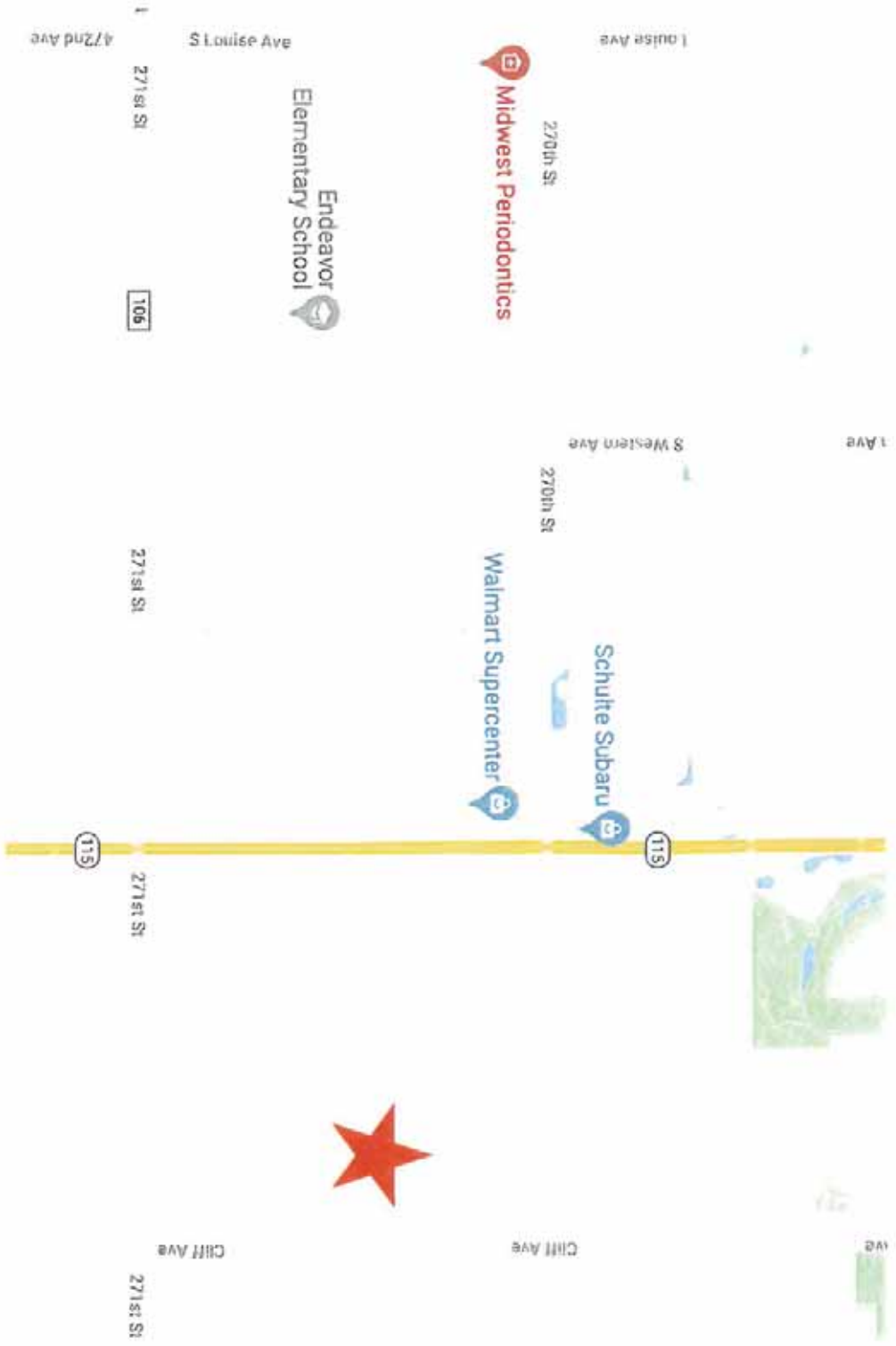
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Architectural

Interoperated

1111 East Main Street
Harrisburg, PA 17104
Tel: 717.651.1111



APPENDIX B

**A List of Goals Achieved Through this Project in Alignment with the
South Dakota Coordinated Plan for Natural Resources Conservation**

Objective 2.3: Repair, renovate, replace, or build 500 ponds and dams for livestock water and wildlife by 2025. *(This plan includes installation of wetlands/a pond)*

Objective 3.2: Convert 10,000 acres of cropland to perennial vegetation cover annually through 2025. *(This plan involves converting 10.5 acres of land previously used as cropland into a native prairie, wetlands, and a grove/shelterbelt).*

Objective 5.2: Create or restore 77,000 acres of wetlands and associated upland areas by 2025. *(This plan includes creation of wetlands/a pond)*

Objective 5.4: Increase pollinator habitat in urban and rural South Dakota. *(This plan includes installation of a native prairie and apple trees that will be specifically designed to increase pollinator habitat. HSD will use Pollinator.org to track development of this pollinator habitat).*

Objective 5.5: Increase tree species diversity in urban and rural South Dakota to provide a variety of habitats and increase the survival rate of trees from disease and invasive species. *(This plan includes installation of approximately 10-12 species of trees, 20 of each).*

Objective 5.6: Establish 500 new shelterbelts by 2025. *(This plan involves installation of a shelterbelt).*

Objective 6.4: Utilize social media to educate, spread awareness, and advertise programs/events agencies have available to the public. *(This plan involves the development and implementation of education and awareness opportunities for students in the Harrisburg School District, and members of the Sioux Falls and Harrisburg communities).*

Objective 6.5: Utilize social media to educate, spread awareness, and advertise programs/events agencies have available to the public. *(This plan involves the development and implementation of education and awareness opportunities for students in the Harrisburg School District, and members of the Sioux Falls and Harrisburg communities).*

Objective 8.2: Provide educational opportunities to private landowners about the importance of forests, forest management, planning, programs, availability of assistance, and how to implement plan recommendations to accomplish landowner objectives. *(This plan involves the development and implementation of education and awareness opportunities for students in the Harrisburg School District, and members of the Sioux Falls and Harrisburg communities, including installation of a demonstration area for various species of trees).*

Objective 8.5: Support conservation education about the importance of forest sustainability and management. *(This plan involves the development and implementation of education and awareness opportunities for students in the Harrisburg School District, and members of the Sioux Falls and Harrisburg communities, including installation of a demonstration area for various species of trees).*

Objective 9.2: Provide technical assistance to landowners regarding planting, managing, and renovating shelterbelts and riparian areas in the state. *(This plan includes installation of approximately 10-12 species of trees, 20 of each, which will include direction and consultation by the Lincoln Conservation District).*

APPENDIX C

**Itemized Plan and Budget for Installation of
Native Prairie, Wetland, and Shelterbelt**

Harrisburg School District-Lincoln Conservation District

Trees and Shrubs

Site Charge: (Tree Machine):	\$100
Site Charge: (Fabric Machine):	\$100
RotoTilling:	\$600
Trees/Shrubs: (1,630 x \$5.85):	\$9,535.50
Machine Plant	
Tree Tubes (150 x \$4.50)	\$675
(Bur Oak, Black Walnut, Hackberry)	
Stakes (150 x \$2)	\$300
Fabric Installation (10,440 x \$.75):	7,830
Total	\$19,140.50

*Customer will disk site

Tree Order:

-Amur Maple	63
-Bur Oak	50
-Black Walnut	50
-Hackberry	50
-Black Hills Spruce	36
-Scotch Pine	36
-Western Sand Cherry	310
-Redosier Dogwood	207
-Lilac	207
-Caragana	207
-American Cranberrybush	207
-Chokecherry	207
Total	1,630

Native Prairie/Upland Seeding

Upland seed. 3.5 ac native prairie. Plus up to 2 acres around the upland portion of wetland creation. Total 5.5 acres

Site Charge \$100 for drill setting.
Native grass seed \$150/ ac. \$825
Drilling: 10ac or less \$350

Total: \$1,275

Wetland Seeding

Handplant or broadcast- HHS students (8 hrs x \$14/hr x 10 students = \$1,120 in-kind)
Wetland vegetation \$400/ac \$1,000

Total \$1000 + \$1,120 in-kind

Overall Project

Trees and Shrubs	\$19,140.50
Upland Seeding	\$1,275
Wetland Seeding	\$1,000
10% Inflation Est for 2023	\$2,141.55

GRAND TOTAL \$23,557.05 + \$1,120 in-kind

APPENDIX D

Overall Budget Summary for this Project

Project Itemization	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Contributors
10.5 acres of cropland			\$231,000	Harrisburg School District
Maintenance/Upkeep of grounds – approximately 100 hours annually (labor and supplies)			\$2,500 annually	Harrisburg School District
Plants, Seed, and Installation (Appendix C)	\$23,557		\$1,120	Resource Conservation Grant + HSD
TOTAL	\$23,557		\$234,620	

APPENDIX E

**Motion of Official Action by the Board of the Lincoln County Conservation District to
Approve this Project and Grant**

Lincoln Conservation District
801 E 5th St. Suite 2
Canton, SD 57013

February 15, 2022

Supervisors Present

Lorin Brass, Chairman

Jim Jacobsen

Gene Thormodsgaard, Treasurer

Dr. Michael Amolins

Greg Huffman

Eric Poppens

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Brass at 6 pm.

Public Input: No public comments

Minutes of the January 18 meeting were approved with a motion by Gillespie and second by Poppens.

District Supervisor Reports:

NRCS Report: -Kory submitted a report.

District Manager Report:

-Equipment Updates: Pick up maintenance

-Employee Leadership Conference will be June 27 & 28 in Pierre

-Machine Plant Customers: Total 15

-Total Trees Ordered: 10,369

-Jim developed and distributed flyers and applications for summer help to area high schools

Administration: No reports.

Financial Report: Bills were approved to be paid. Motion by Huffman, second by Poppens. Financial reports were approved. Last year's final budget report was also approved.

New Business: -Dr. Michael Amolins, Director of Instruction & Federal Programs for the Harrisburg School District presented the Coordinated Natural Resources Grant Proposal and Discussion in Collaboration with the Harrisburg School District. Project includes proposed wetlands, shelterbelt, and native prairie. Mike asked for approval to apply for a Coordinated Natural Resources Grant through the State of South Dakota. Motion by Huffman, second by Thormodsgaard to support the Harrisburg School District submission of grant proposal. Motion passed with full support of the board.
-Lorin gave an update on the work that has been done to upgrade the website
-Lorin gave an update on the District Manager job search.

-Website Update: Suggestion to have Melanie Raine serve as the website manager. She submitted a proposal for \$1,000 for an annual contract. Board supports Melanie to serve as website manager.

-The Water Festival is March 8 & 9, and they are looking for volunteers to help with the event.

-Jim gave an update on the seasonal adult position.

Executive Session: -Board went into Executive Session to discuss District Manager candidates.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Next Board Meeting: March 15, 2022

Meeting adjourned

Lorin Brass

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Perkins Tab

State Conservation Commission

April 2022

Conservation District: Perkins

Project Name: 2022 Seeding and Pipeline Grant

Start Date: 07/01/2022

End Date: 06/30/2023

Total Project Amount:	\$	50,745.00
Commission Funds:	\$	16,675.00
District Funds:		
Landowner Cash:	\$	33,828.00
Local In-kind:	\$	242.00
Other Funds:	\$	

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

Description of Grant Application:

The funds, if selected, from this grant will provide technical assistance and cost share opportunities to Perkins Co. producers to install pipeline, tanks, alternative energy pumps, fencing, grass and cover crops in an effort to improve and protect the county's resources, farm and ranch sustainability and livestock and grassland health.

If selected for funding, RC&F suggests that:

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DANR:

GF&P:

	Project	Start date	End Date	Original Award	Balance	Extensions
Other current grants:						
NW Area Tree Planting	2021-20	01/01/2021	12/31/2022	\$ 29,923.22	\$ 6,390.00	1 year
NW Area Tree Planting	2022-22	01/01/2022	12/31/2022	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 33,000.00	

Approved: []

Denied: []

Reason for denial: []



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GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Applicant Information

Organization: Perkins County Conservation District Mailing Address: PO Box 189

Telephone: 605-244-7160 City: Bison State: SD Zip: 57620

Tax Status: _____

Project Contact

Project Officer: Shauna Kopren Telephone: 605-244-5222 ext.101

Fax: _____ Email: shauna.kopren@usda.gov

Project Information

Project Name: 2022 Seeding and Pipeline Grant

Start Date: 7/1/2022 End Date: 6/30/22

Legal description: County Perkins

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: 16675 Partner contributions (total): 34070 Total project cost: 50745

Please provide a brief, descriptive summary of the project:

The monies from this grant will provide technical assistance and cost share opportunities to Perkins Co producers to install pipeline, tanks, alternative energy pumps, fencing, and cover crops and grass in an effort to improve and protect the county's resources, farm and ranch sustainability, and livestock and grassland health. The purpose of applying for this grant is to assist landowners and producers who do not qualify or are denied financial assistance through other state or federal programs.

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 *Lyndel Johnson* Title chairman Date 3-10-22

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

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Signature of Reviewer _____ Title _____ Date _____

Signature of Approval _____ Title _____ Date _____

BUDGET SHEET

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

A. Operating Budget

1. Salary/Benefits	_____	
2. Travel	_____	
3. Contractual Services	50745	
4. Supplies	_____	
5. Equipment (list major equipment)	_____	
6. Consultation Services	_____	
Total Project Costs	50745	This total must equal <u>50745</u>

B. Activity Budget

Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
1. HDPE Below Gro	6336	14784	_____	_____	21120
2. Standard Tank In	1920	4480	_____	_____	6400
3. Alternative Energy	1080	2520	_____	_____	3600
4. Fencing	3358	7836	_____	_____	11194
5. Cover Crop Seedi	1408	1408	_____	_____	2816
6. Grass Seeding-ta	1200	2800	_____	_____	4000
7. Admin	1373	_____	_____	242	1615
8. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	0
Totals	16675	33828	0	242	50745
				This total must equal	<u>50745</u>

C. Project Partners

Partners	Amount Cash	Amount In-Kind	Total
1. DANR	16675	_____	16675
2. Perkins Co Landowner(s)	33828	_____	33828
3. Perkins Conservation District	_____	242	242
4. _____	_____	_____	0
5. _____	_____	_____	0
6. _____	_____	_____	0
7. _____	_____	_____	0
8. _____	_____	_____	0
Totals	50503	242	50745
			This total must equal <u>50745</u>



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2022 March MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Perkins County Conservation District was held Thursday, March 10 at 1:02 P.M. at the Bison NRCS office. Supervisors present were Chairman Lyndel Johnson, Vice-chairman Drew Anderson, Secretary/Treasurer Veronica Kari, Chuck Anderson, and Peggy Veal. District Manager Shauna Kopren, Natural Resource Specialist Maddy Hendrickson, NRCS staff Sarah Eggebo and Shane Yalowizer were also present.

A motion was made by Supervisor Peggy Veal and seconded by Supervisor Chuck Anderson to approve the agenda; motion carried.

The February 2022 minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Supervisor Chuck Anderson and seconded by Supervisor Drew Anderson to approve the minutes from February; motion carried.

The employee timesheets from February were reviewed. A reminder to get approval of comp time accumulation over 2 hours a week. A motion was made by Supervisor Veronica Kari and seconded by Supervisor Peggy Veal to approve employee timesheets; motion carried.

The financial report was reviewed. A motion was made by Supervisor Drew Anderson and seconded by Supervisor Veronica Kari to accept the financial report and to pay monthly bills; motion carried.

NWA Natural Resource Specialist Update: *Natural Resource Specialist Maddy Hendrickson updated the board on activities and trainings that she has been doing.*

NRCS Update: *District Conservationist Sarah Eggebo provided the board with an update on the current NRCS programs and deadlines.*

FSA Update: *County Executive Director Kristen Miles provided an update to the board on current FSA programs and deadlines.*

SDACD Update: *Supervisor Drew Anderson updated the board on current SDACD activities. The Northwest Area meeting will be held in Bison on June 15, 2022 @ 10:00AM at the Grand Electric Social Room. District Manager Shauna Kopren provided the board with the NACD TA2022 Grant. A motion was made by Supervisor Drew Anderson and seconded by Supervisor Veronica Kari to apply for the 2022 TA grant.*

QuickBooks update: District Manager Shauna Kopren updated the board on the QuickBooks Balance Sheet. She is still planning on getting another district manager to see if she can help her. SDACDE is also planning on doing trainings.

Employee Policy: District Manager Shauna Kopren provided the board with the letter sent to Maddy explaining the stipend and the email chain on protocol for health stipends from the lawyer.

2022 Spring Grant Round: The Seeding and Pipeline Grant was presented to the board. A motion was made by Supervisor Drew Anderson and seconded by Supervisor Chuck Anderson to submit the grant to the 2022 Conservation Commission Spring Grant round; motion passed.

CIS: The CIS that were submitted in Perkins County were discussed.

2022 Tree Order update: District Manager Shauna Kopren updated the board on the current tree orders.

Equipment/building update: District Manager Shauna Kopren updated the board on the current equipment and building updates. Supervisor Drew Anderson will provide the cost of the damaged X fencing equipment that will be charged. District Manager Shauna Kopren will call Tracy Buer to look at the fabric laying machine, Bison Implement to service tractor and pickup, and BL Contracting about water issue. District staff will call producers that are having trees planted about tractor driving, and creating a form for district and producers to sign.

Supervisor Training: The Supervisors completed Module 2 of the training and passed the test. District Manager Shauna Kopren will send out Module 3 and 4 in the mail for completion at the next meeting.

NACD Health Insurance: District Manager Shauna Kopren updated board on what she found out about the NACD health insurance.

The meeting adjourned at 3:03 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 14 @ 1:00 P.M. at the Bison NRCS Conference Room.

PROJECT NARRATIVE:**D. Project Description and Need**

This proposed Water Development and Seeding Project will benefit the natural resource management of agricultural producers that own or operate land within the boundary of Perkins County Conservation District, as well as livestock and wildlife. The natural resource benefits of these water development and seeding practices include improved water quality, reduced soil erosion, increased efficiency of livestock grazing, support of grassland management, increased soil health practices, and livestock health.

Project Need:

Many landowners, farmers, and ranchers in Perkins County do not qualify for financial assistance for water development or cover crop/grass seedings from federal and state cost-share programs due to the increased competitions for those funds.

The demand for water development and seeding projects by farmers and ranchers in the area continues to grow and the proposed multi-purpose projects will help provide benefits to livestock, wildlife, water and air quality, grassland health and assistance to beginning farmers and ranchers. Producers who participate in the proposed project will be required to apply for the project and seek approval for cost-share prior to site preparation. Applications will be chosen for funding based on number and priority of natural resource concerns addressed according to NRCS guidelines.

The proposed projects below are needed to conserve the county's natural resources, and are important conservation practice used by landowners:

- The pipelines, tanks and seedings under this proposed project are very significant from an economic and social aspect to the area, as they are important to the overall economic success of the areas crop and livestock producers. The sustainability of livestock producers and the grasslands they manage are significantly impacted through use of the proposed projects through providing a reliable water supply source for proper distribution of grazing and improved overall herd health. Pipelines, tanks and seedings also provide farmers and ranchers economic opportunities through diversification of their operations and increased land values.
- The projects protect and/or improve the waters to provide needed water quality and quantity. Pipelines, tanks and seedings support clean water for people, fish, and wildlife by removing livestock from waterways and better utilizing areas of the grassland through tanks and pipelines and filtering out and/or absorbing sediments, nutrients, and chemical or bacterial contaminants through seedings.
- Seedings protect or improve soil productivity and quality. Cover crops help protect soils from wind and water erosion.

Project Goal: The proposed project's goal is to provide technical and financial assistance to landowners in Perkins County to complete pipeline, tanks, cover crop and grass seedings that are not eligible through other similar conservation programs. This would improve the county's natural resources, the sustainability of farm and ranch operations, and the health of livestock and grasslands.

Project Objective: Increase the profitability and sustainability of farm and ranch operations in Perkins County through technical and financial assistance to landowners helping to reduce erosion, improve water quality, and improve livestock and grassland health. All other project establishment costs will be provided in-kind by the landowner, or technical assistance provider, and include producer labor and equipment, site design, and follow-up as needed. The district's proposed sources of cost share funds on eligible practices will be determined from the 2021 Conservation Commission Cost-share Docket.

The district will set natural resource priorities and policy for this proposed cost-share assistance to

landowners for pipeline, tank and seeding 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 project cost-share based on the written priorities and policies they establish and are as follows:

- #1 Priority: Pipeline, tanks and seedings that improve and or protect livestock and grassland health and resources as part of a landowner's overall plan to improve or maintain good resource management.
- #2 Priority: Pipeline, tanks and seedings that improve or protect soil productivity and health.
- #3 Priority: Pipeline, tanks and seedings that improve or protect water quality in lakes, streams, and aquifers.

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 benefits of improved water quality and seedings and this proposed project, through newsletters, press releases, and on-farm contacts (in-kind).
- Activity 3:** Coordinating and/or providing technical assistance to landowners for pipeline and tank design (in-kind). The District has a close working relationship with state and federal agencies that currently provide technical and financial assistance to landowners and will be able to coordinate assistance to avoid cost-shares where existing assistance is already available.
- Activity 4:** Project financial records will be maintained, and documentation filed on the design, cost, planting etc. and follow-up records on performance of each project receiving cost-share.

E. Final Products:

The completion of this project's goals, objectives, and activities will provide the following products: pipelines, tanks, cover crops and grass seedings that are not eligible through similar conservation programs would be established in Perkins County, benefiting the natural resources of the area and the economic stability of the agricultural landowners. Most of the landowners aided would not implement these pipelines, tanks and seedings without the proposed assistance.

F. Partner Justification:

The Perkins County Conservation District will be the lead project sponsor. Project management, marketing, and design and maintenance will be provided to the project as an in-kind match. The Perkins County Conservation District will be responsible for all phases of project implementation, follow-up, and administration. Pipeline, tank and seeding planning and maintenance requirements will be based on the Natural Resources Conservation Service Technical Guide. Landowners receiving financial assistance will enter into a five-year agreement with the Perkins County Conservation District, identifying landowner maintenance requirements. The project will aid landowners who are involved in farming or ranching.

Landowners partnering with the Conservation Districts on this proposed project will provide approximately 50-70% of the cost of establishing these practices.

South Dakota Conservation Commission Soil and Water Conservation Grant is proposed to provide approximately 30-50% cost-share to landowners.

The Conservation District will work with existing sources of financial and technical assistance for new pipeline, tank and seeding 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 (NRCS staff) and financial assistance (CCRP, EQIP, CSP).

G. Project Success (Measurement)

The success of this proposed project will be measured by:

- Social and economic benefits to landowners, such as carbon sequestration, energy savings, and economic benefits to livestock and grazing enterprises.
- Natural resource benefits by acres of water bodies and/or miles of watercourse with improved water quality.

Natural resource benefits by acres of cropland, and grassland habitat benefited.

The number of landowners and acres of seedings planted.

Roberts Tab

State Conservation Commission

April 2022

Conservation District: Roberts

Project Name: Conservation Outreach and Promotion

Start Date: 07/01/2022

End Date: 12/31/2022

Total Project Amount:	\$	8,400.00
Commission Funds:	\$	4,200.00
District Funds:		
Landowner Cash:		
Local In-kind:	\$	4,200.00
Other Funds:	\$	

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

Description of Grant Application:

Roberts CD is requesting cost share assistance to aid the promotion and education of natural resource conservation in Roberts County. Some, but not all of the activities include arbor day promotional items & trees, poster contest, land judging, SD state fair, multiple speech contests, local newspaper, website, social media, quarterly newsletter, booth materials, crew attire, local workshops, Soil Stewardship week with local churches and other activities. Residents of Roberts co. will benefit from any educational materials, attire, trees, and promotional products for teaching the community.

If selected for funding, RC&F suggests that:

- District match and grant funds are to be used to perform resource technician duties over and above what has been normally completed by the district. The district must submit two semi-annual reports for the technician's work activities. These reports should show landowner contacts made by the technician, miles driven, number of plans written, acres treated or any other measure to show the conservation benefit provided by the technician. These reports should be provided to the conservation commission and SDACD no later than January 12 and July 12 of each year.
- 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
2022 Trees/shrubs	2021-33	01/01/2022	06/30/2023	\$ 9,550.00	\$ 9,550.00	

Approved:

Denied:

Reason for denial:



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GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Applicant Information

Organization: Roberts Conservation District Mailing Address: 2018 SD Hwy10 Ste A
 Telephone: 605-698-7639 ext 3 City: Sisseton State: SD Zip: 57262
 Tax Status: Government

Project Contact

Project Officer: Kristin Pester Telephone: 605-698-3923
 Fax: _____ Email: robertscd@sdconservation.net

Project Information

Project Name: Conservation Outreach and Promotion
 Start Date: 07/01/2022 End Date: 12/31/2022
 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: 4200.00 Partner contributions (total): 4200.00 Total project cost: 8400
 Please provide a brief, descriptive summary of the project:

Roberts Conservation District is requesting cost share assistance to aid in the promotion & education of natural resource conservation in Roberts County. Some, but not all of the activities include arbor day promotional items & trees, poster contest, land judging, SD State Fair, multiple speech contests, local newspaper, website, social media, quarterly newsletter, booth materials, crew attire, local workshops, Soil Stewardship Week with local churches, and other activities. We are proud to assist with a new walking park in Sisseton at Cedar Park. We continue to promote the native plantings at both roundabouts, the Nicollete Tower, and Statue Park in Sisseton. Our involvement with NRCS including local tours has been an exceptional way to reach the public. Roberts County residents will benefit from any educational materials, attire, trees, and promotional products for teaching the community and specifically the youth about soil health and preserving our natural resources.

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 Kristin Pester Title District Manager Date 3/9/22

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

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

A. Operating Budget

1.	Salary/Benefits	3200	
2.	Travel	1200	
3.	Contractual Services	_____	
4.	Supplies	4000	
5.	Equipment (list major equipment)	_____	
6.	Consultation Services	_____	
Total Project Costs		8400	This total must equal _____ 8400

B. Activity Budget

Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
1. <u>Salary</u>	1600	1600	_____	_____	3200
2. <u>Travel</u>	600	600	_____	_____	1200
3. <u>Supplies</u>	2000	2000	_____	_____	4000
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	0
5. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	0
6. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	0
7. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	0
8. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	0
Totals	4200	4200	0	0	8400
This total must equal					8400

C. Project Partners

Partners	Amount Cash	Amount In-Kind	Total
1. <u>RC&F</u>	4200	_____	4200
2. <u>Roberts CD</u>	_____	4200	4200
3. _____	_____	_____	0
4. _____	_____	_____	0
5. _____	_____	_____	0
6. _____	_____	_____	0
7. _____	_____	_____	0
8. _____	_____	_____	0
Totals	4200	4200	8400
This total must equal			8400

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

Project Partners

- Roberts County, SD producers, youth, landowners, and all residents will benefit this project. Conservation efforts in SD need to be made a priority, for both this generation and the next. We wish to continue raising awareness of services and conservation practices offered. These events are key parts of keeping our districts visible.

Project Description and Need

- This project will take place in Roberts County, SD. One of the important events will be Arbor Day, which continues to show how important education of our youth for both tree conservation as well as conservation of our natural resources. Roberts County has roughly 140 4th graders who receive free conservation trees and a tree presentation along with educational materials. The District will also have a presence at the State Fair which provides outreach and awareness. Soil judging schools, grazing schools, and various educational programs in the local schools as well as participation in Soil Stewardship Week which involves the local schools are just a few but not all the activities RCD participates in. Continuing to educate and provide outreach to our youth is a major component in our motto.

Final Products

- This needed funding will help our District educate the public and youth about the importance of conservation, soil health, and our continued conservation efforts in our future. Given the fact our District does not receive county funding, we lose opportunities to participate in and provide outreach or promotional activities.
- The goal is that we are more visible to the public, and that we can provide needed education on conservation, soil health, technical, and financial resources to Roberts County residents. Our hope is that with this education, the public will be more willing to be involved in conservation now and in the future.

Partner Justification

- Roberts Conservation District prides itself on our passion for conservation, soil health, public outreach, and education of our youth. 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 to achieve the best plan for resource conservation.



ROBERTS COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING
March 9th, 2022, at 1:30 PM

SUPERVISORS PRESENT

Calvin Thompson, Chairman
Cody Hanson, Treasurer
Lee Solberg, Supervisor
Duane Schneider, Supervisor
June Helguson, Asst. Advisor

OTHERS PRESENT

Christi Grant, DC NRCS
Carrie Ewalt, District Tech
Kristin Pester, District Manager

Absent: Kent Duerre, RUC NRCS, Lorne Aadland, NRCS Tribal Liaison

The Roberts Conservation District: The Board of Supervisors met Wednesday March 9, 2022, at the Sisseton Fire Hall. Chairman Thompson called the meeting to order at 1:37 pm.

- **Solberg** moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by **Schneider**. All voting Aye. Motion carried.
- Minutes of Feb 10th, 2022 meeting were reviewed. **Schneider** moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by **Solberg**. All voting Aye. Motion carried.

Treasurer s report was given detailing monthly checks and deposits from February 1st to February 28th, 2022. **C Hanson** made the motion and seconded by **Schneider** to accept the treasurer's report. All voting Aye. Motion carried.

NRCS Reports by Christi rant: see attachment

District Report by ristin Pester:

- Updated board on 2022 tree acres & spring seeding
- Reported on new staff, current projects, workshops, online trainings, monthly duties, submission of 2022 Soil Award Nominee
- Submitted invoice for 2022 easement monitoring

District Report by Carrie walt: See attachment

Unfinished Business:

- Pester reported findings from SD DOL on hiring 13yr old w/ parental approval. Negative.

New Business:

- Mayor Jaspers requested the RCD write support letter for Cedar Park Project. Pester completed a support letter. On a motion by **Schneider**, with a second by **C Hanson**. All voted in favor once Pester corrects one edit. Motion passed.

- Marshall CD requested permission to plant a small 2 row tree planting located ¼-1/2 mile inside Roberts County. Board discussed and approved as RCD does not have any other plantings nearby.
- Pester presented a new DU partnership with RCD regarding a site demo where the practices/mgmt. tools being used are benefitting the soil health system. Funding is available for soil sampling, planning, day of assistance, and practice cost. Discussion had, and Thompson volunteered a site he owns. Will proceed with NRCS/DU on project.
- Pester completed an application for the Spring Grant Commission Rounds for a 2022 Outreach and Promotion Grant. Motion by Schneider, second by Solberg, the new Grant application was approved to submit. Pester will phone in on Pierre call in April.

Other District Business:

- Tires & battery on Chevy truck installed at TVT. Bill paid.

Executive Session: n/a

Upcoming events:

March 31st Aberdeen Science Fair Judging
 April 20th Spring Grant Commission Meeting (Pierre, w/ phone in option)
 June 27-28th Leadership Conference (Best Western, Pierre)
 Sept 18-20 SDACD Convention- Oakama

Next Meeting Date and Time: April 1st, 2022, 1: 0 PM

Adjournment :20 PM Solberg moved to adjourn. Seconded by **Schneider**. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by

Approved by

 Kristin Pester- District Manager

 Supervisor

APP ND A

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Name of Nominee: B J McNeill
Mailing Address: 12 0 Lawnbridge Ave S
City, State, ip: Huron, SD 57 50
Conservation District: Beadle

Nomination submitted by: Beadle Conservation District
Mailing Address: 1 Lincoln Ave S
City, State, ip Huron, SD 57 50
Telephone: 05 52-2 ext

(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 (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 7, with a brief caption 50 words or less for each Digital photos are acceptable



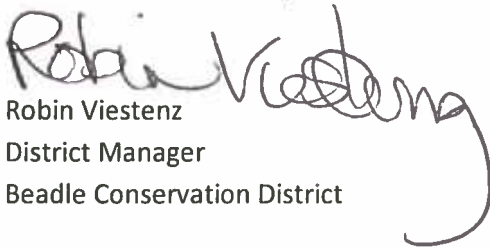
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Email: beadlecd@sdconservation.net · website: www.beadleconservationdistrict.com

Dear Conservation Commission,

I would like to submit B.J. McNeill for the 2022 Conservation Award.

Over the years, B.J. has been an active participant in NRCS conservation programs. These include EQIP, CSP and CRP. He has incorporated the use of multi-species cover crops into his crop rotation and no-till practices to aid in improving soil health on his land. Sensitive land acres have been put back into grassland and wetland acres to benefit wildlife, through CRP. Filter Strips are also used to protect the waterways and wetlands.

Thank you for your consideration,


Robin Viestenz
District Manager
Beadle Conservation District

APPENDIX A

SOUTH DAKOTA SOIL CONSERVATION AWARD

NOMINATION FORM

AWARD WINNING SOIL CONSERVATION FARM/RANCH

Name of Nominee: Calvin Finesand
Mailing Address: 12864 BIA Hwy 700
City, State, Zip: Peever, SD 57657
Conservation District: Roberts Conservation District

Nomination submitted by: Roberts Conservation District
Mailing Address: 2018 SD Hwy 15 Sta A
City, State, Zip: Sisseton, SD 57270
Telephone: 605-698-5923

(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 (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.

SOUTH DAKOTA SOIL CONSERVATION AWARD

NOMINATION FORM

AWARD WINNING SOIL CONSERVATION FARM/RANCH

Name of Nominee: Scott Thompson

Mailing Address: 23011 485th Ave.

City, State, Zip: Flandreau, SD

Conservation District: Moody County

Nomination submitted by: Harvey Shafer

Mailing Address: 202 E 3rd St

City, State, Zip: Flandreau, SD 57028

Telephone: 605-997-2949

(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 (feedlot and riparian buffers)

 Forest lands managed according to a forest stewardship plan

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Name of Nominee: Scott and Laurie Kneeland
Mailing Address: 14582 455th Ave.
City, State, ip: Summit, SD 57266
Conservation District: Grant County Conservation District

Nomination submitted by: Grant County Conservation District and Grant County NRCS Staff
Mailing Address: 1102 South Dakota St.
City, State, ip: Milbank, SD 57252
Telephone: (605) 432-6570 Ext. 3

(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 (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 7, with a brief caption 50 words or less for each Digital photos are acceptable

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TA Grantee

AK - Ahtna Intertribal Resource Commission
AK - Alaska Village Initiatives
AK - Homer Soil & Water Conservation District
AL - Barbour County Soil & Water Conservation District
AL - Lawrence County Soil & Water Conservation District
AL - Mobile County Soil & Water Conservation District
AL - National Assoc. of RC&D Councils, Inc.
AR - Arkansas RC&D Council
AR - Carroll County Conservation District
AR - Fulton County Conservation District
AZ - Apache Natural Resource Conservation District
AZ - Arizona Assoc. of Conservation Districts
AZ - Big Sandy Natural Resource Conservation District
AZ - Triangle/ Chino Winds Natural Resource Conservation District
AZ - West Pinal Natural Resource Conservation District
AZ - Whitewater Draw Natural Resource Conservation District
AZ - Willcox San-Simon Natural Resource Conservation District
CA - Amador Resource Conservation District
CA - Contra Costa Resource Conservation District
CA - East Stanislaus Resource Conservation District
CA - Honey Lake Valley Resource Conservation District
CA - Humboldt County Resource Conservation District
CA - Inland Empire Resource Conservation District
CA - Marin Resource Conservation District
CA - Napa County Resource Conservation District
CA - San Mateo Resource Conservation District
CA - Solano Resource Conservation District
CA - Sonoma Resource Conservation District
CA - Trinity County Resource Conservation District
CA - Tulare County Resource Conservation District
CO - Cope and Washington County Conservation Districts
CO - Delta Conservation District
CO - Longmont & Boulder Valley Conservation Districts
CO - San Juan Conservation District
CT - Connecticut Council on Soil and Water Conservation
DE - Sussex Conservation District
FL - Hendry Soil & Water Conservation District
FL - Suwannee County Soil & Water Conservation District
GA - Georgia Assoc. of Conservation Districts
GU - Southern Guam Soil & Water Conservation District
HI - Hawaii Assoc. of Conservation Districts
IA - Buena Vista Soil & Water Conservation District
IA - Clarke County Soil & Water Conservation District
IA - Clayton Soil & Water Conservation District
IA - Delaware Soil & Water Conservation District
IA - Dubuque Soil & Water Conservation District

IA - Fremont Soil & Water Conservation District
IA - Howard Soil & Water Conservation District
IA - Jackson Soil & Water Conservation District
IA - Johnson County Soil & Water Conservation District
IA - Madison County Soil & Water Conservation District
IA - Monroe Soil & Water Conservation District
IA - Scott Soil & Water Conservation District
IA - Warren Soil & Water Conservation District
ID - Bruneau River Conservation District
ID - Butte Soil & Water Conservation District
ID - Kootenai Shoshone Soil & Water Conservation District
IL - Champaign County Soil & Water Conservation District
IL - Clinton County Soil & Water Conservation District
IL - DeWitt County Soil & Water Conservation District
IL - Hamilton County Soil & Water Conservation District
IL - Henry County Soil & Water Conservation District
IL - Jefferson & Marion County Soil & Water Conservation District
IL - McLean County Soil & Water Conservation District
IL - Rock Island County Soil & Water Conservation District
IL - White County Soil & Water Conservation District
IN - Allen County Soil & Water Conservation District
IN - Benton County Soil & Water Conservation District
IN - Delaware County Soil & Water Conservation District
IN - Indiana Assoc. of Soil & Water Conservation Districts
IN - LaPorte County Soil & Water Conservation District
IN - Parke County Soil & Water Conservation District
IN - Tippecanoe County Soil & Water Conservation District
IN - Washington County Soil & Water Conservation District
KS - Anderson County Conservation District
KS - Barton County Conservation District
KS - Clay County Conservation District
KS - Hodgeman County Conservation District
KS - Kearny County Conservation District
KS - Kiowa County Conservation District
KS - Miami County Conservation District
KS - Nemaha County Conservation District
KS - Sumner County Conservation District
KY - Fleming County Conservation District
LA - Grant Soil & Water Conservation District
LA - Morehouse Soil & Water Conservation District
LA - St. Landry Soil & Water Conservation District
MA - Hamden-Hampshire Conservation District
MA - Worcester County Conservation District
MD - Charles Soil Conservation District
MD - Dorchester Soil Conservation District
ME - Central Aroostook Soil & Water Conservation District
ME - Maine Assoc. of Conservation Districts

- MI - Allegan Conservation District
- MI - Genesee Conservation District
- MI - Ionia Conservation District
- MI - Isabella Conservation District
- MI - Kent Conservation District
- MI - Lapeer Conservation District
- MI - Manistee Conservation District
- MI - Menominee Conservation District
- MI - Midland Conservation District
- MI - Montcalm Conservation District
- MI - Shiawassee Conservation District
- MI - Van Buren Conservation District
- MI - Washtenaw County Conservation District
- MN - Becker Soil & Water Conservation District
- MN - Benton Soil & Water Conservation District
- MN - Stearns County Soil & Water Conservation District
- MN - Wabasha Soil & Water Conservation District
- MO - Carroll County Soil & Water Conservation District
- MO - Montgomery County Soil & Water Conservation District
- MS - Hinds County Soil & Water Conservation District
- MS - Humphreys County Soil & Water Conservation District
- MT - Big Sandy Conservation District
- MT - Broadwater Conservation District
- MT - Cascade Conservation District
- MT - Custer County Conservation District
- MT - Lower Musselshell Conservation District
- MT - Petroleum County Conservation District
- NC - Duplin County Soil & Water
- NC - Mecklenburg Soil & Water Conservation District
- NC - North Carolina Division of Soil & Water Conservation
- ND - Cedar Soil Conservation District
- NE - Lewis and Clark Natural Resources District
- NE - Lower Platte South Natural Resources District
- NE - Middle Niobrara Natural Resources District
- NH - New Hampshire Assoc. of Conservation Districts
- NJ - Cape Atlantic Soil Conservation District
- NJ - Morris County Soil Conservation District
- NJ - Ocean County Soil Conservation District
- NV - Northeast Elko Conservation District
- OH - Ohio Fed of SWCD
- OK - Custer County Conservation District
- OK - Muscogee (Creek) Nation Natural Resource Conservation District
- OR - Deschutes Soil & Water Conservation District
- OR - Harney Soil & Water Conservation District
- OR - Tiicham Conservation District
- OR - Upper Willamette Soil & Water Conservation District
- OR - Wallowa County Soil & Water Conservation District

OR - Wasco County Soil & Water Conservation District
OR - West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District
PA - Bucks County Conservation District
PA - Cambria County Conservation District
PA - Jefferson County Conservation District
PA - Lehigh County Conservation District
PA - Northampton County Conservation District
PA - Pennsylvania Assoc. of Conservation Districts
PA - Tioga County Conservation District
PR - Caribe Soil Conservation District
PR - Distrito de Conservación de Suelos y Aguas del Suroeste
PR - Este Soil Conservation District
PR - Puerto Rico Assoc. of Conservation Districts
RI - Rhode Island Assoc. of Conservation Districts
SC - Anderson Soil & Water Conservation District
SC - Clarendon Soil & Water Conservation District
SC - Horry Soil & Water Conservation District
SC - Oconee Soil & Water Conservation District
SC - Orangeburg County Soil & Water Conservation District
SC - Williamsburg Soil & Water Conservation District
SD - Perkins County Conservation District
TN - Blount County Soil Conservation District
TN - Claiborne County Soil Conservation District
TN - Hamblen Soil Conservation District
TN - Washington County Soil Conservation District
TN - Wilson County Soil Conservation District
UT - Northern Utah Conservation District
UT - Rich County Conservation District
UT - Sanpete Conservation District
UT - Utah Assoc. of Conservation Districts
VA - New River Soil & Water Conservation District
VI - Virgin Islands Department of Agriculture
VT - Vermont Assoc. of Conservation Districts
VT - White River Natural Resource Conservation District
WA - Central Klickitat Conservation District
WA - Clark Conservation District
WA - Grant County Conservation District
WA - Quileute Natural Resources
WA - Snohomish Conservation District
WA - Spokane Tribe of Indians Conservation District
WA - Underwood Conservation District
WA - Whidbey Island Conservation District
WI - Ashland County Land & Water Conservation
WI - Dane County Land & Water Resources Department
WI - Glacierland RC&D Council
WI - Golden Sands RC&D Council
WI - Grant County Conservation, Planning and Zoning Dept

WI - Marathon County Conservation, Planning and Zoning Dept

WI - Rusk County Land & Water Conservation Division

WV - Elk Conservation District

WY - Cody Conservation District

WY - Crook County Conservation District

WY - Medicine Bow Conservation District

WY - Popo Agie Conservation District

WY - Sheridan County Conservation District

WY - Uinta County Conservation District

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2021 SDACD Committees

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	<u>Natural Resources Stewardship</u>	<u>District Capacity</u>	<u>Public Relations</u>
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<i>Northwest Area</i>	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant
<i>South James Missouri Area</i>	arr agner	i e onec ne	ar nede er
<i>North Missouri Area</i>	Vacant	Vacant	Glenna lement
<i>Vermillion/Big Sioux Area</i>	Gordon Heber	Darrell DeBoer	Bob oerman
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<i>SDACD Auxiliary **</i>	Ree Reic	ora Anderson	ar a ilson