

**State Conservation Commission Minutes**  
**Wednesday, January 31, 2024**  
**2:00 PM CT**  
**Microsoft Teams**

**Call to Order:** Chairman Doug Hansen, called the meeting to order at 2:03 PM CT.

**Introduction of the New Board Member,** Duane Schneider.

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

**Others Present:** Bill Smith (DANR), Paul Lorenzen (DANR), Alex Roeber (DANR), Jordan Turgeon (DANR) Kim Paxton (DANR), Allison Kiner (DANR), Mike Baldwin (Custer Conservation District), and Tami Moore (Miner Conservation District and SDACDE).

**Conflict of Interest Disclosure:** None.

**Election of Officers:** Doug Hansen turned over the gavel to Bill Smith for the election of officers. **A motion was made by Dusty Rodiek and seconded to nominate Doug Hansen as chairman.** Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Doug Hansen-abstain, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Duane Schneider-aye. **Motion carried.**

**A motion was made Dusty Rodiek and seconded to nominate Gene Williams as vice-chair.** Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Doug Hansen-abstain, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Duane Schneider-aye. **Motion carried.**

**Approval of the November 14, 2023 Minutes:** **A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to approve the November 14, 2023 minutes as submitted.** Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Bruce Coburn-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Duane Schneider-aye. **Motion carried.**

**Upcoming travel:** Jordan asked for a Commission member to help with the State Speech Contest. Duane Schneider volunteered. Charlie Moe will serve as a backup.

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

**Correspondence:** None

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

**Revolving Loan Applications:** Jordan Turgeon presented six revolving loan applications for the commission's consideration. These included Charles Mix's application for \$33,000, Charles Mix application for \$150,000, Codington's application for \$24,494, Fall River's application for \$10,000, Hughes application for \$17,000, and Moody's application for \$17,200.

**A motion was made by Dusty Rodiek and seconded to approve the Charles Mix Conservation District's loan application in the amount of \$33,000 to refinance a Chevrolet pickup.** Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Duane Schneider-aye. **Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to approve the Charles Mix Conservation District's loan application in the amount of \$150,000 to pay off the previous ASV skid steer and purchase a RT 135 ASV skid steer.** Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Duane Schneider-aye. **Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Dean Odden and seconded to approve the Codington Conservation District's loan application in the amount of \$24,494 to purchase a John Deere FC 15M Wing Rotary Cutter.** Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Dusty Rodiek-abstain, Bill Coburn-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Duane Schneider-aye. **Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Gene Williams and seconded to approve the Fall River Conservation District's loan application in the amount of \$10,000 to purchase a 107C hay buster.** Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Duane Schneider-aye. **Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to approve the Hughes Conservation District's loan application in the amount of \$17,000 to purchase a mulch machine.** Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Duane Schneider-aye. **Motion Carried**

**A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to approve the Moody Conservation District's loan application in the amount of \$17,200 to purchase a new fabric machine.** Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Duane Schneider-aye. **Motion Carried**

**Grant Program/Updates/Changes/Amendments:** Jordan Turgeon gave an update on the grants program: **A motion was made by Gene Williams and seconded to approve all the grant amendments asking to use the 2024 conservation commission docket. Grants requesting docket change are as follows:**

- **Custer County Conservation District “Thinning for a Resilient Forest” 2023-CSW-008**
- **Lawrence Conservation District “Thinning for Forest Health” 2024-CSW-012**
- **Miner Conservation District “Soil Health Improvement” 2024-CSW-016**
- **Pennington Conservation District “Thinning for a Healthy Forest” 2023-CSW-033**

Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Duane Schneider-aye.  
**Motion Carried**

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

**Advisory Board members Reports:** Tami Moore from SDACDE updated the commission on SDACDE’s activities.

**Open Forum and Public Comment:** None received.

**New Business:** None.

**Next Meeting location and place:** The commission will hold their next meeting on April 10 in Pierre. It will be the spring grant round.

**Ending Remarks:** None.

**The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 2:55 PM CT.**