

**State Conservation Commission Minutes**  
**Tuesday, April 8, 2025**  
**8:15 PM CT**  
**Matthews Training Center**  
**523 East Capitol Ave, Pierre**

**Call to Order:** Chairman Doug Hansen called the meeting to order at 8:15 AM CT.

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

**Others Present:** Bill Smith (DANR), Alex Roeber (DANR), Jordan Turgeon (DANR), Paul Lorenzen (DANR), Betty Dunaway (DANR), Angela Ehlers (SDACD), MaryBeth Fravel (Stanley County), David Smith (SDFU), Ken Steele (Gregory County), Matt Hayes (Davison County) Colette Kessler (NRCS).

**Conflict of Interest Disclosure:** None.

**Approval of the January 15, 2025, Minutes:** Chairman Hansen noted that Bill Coburn was noted as voting “aye” on the Dewey and Mellette conservation districts grant amendments in the January 25 minutes when Bill was recorded as absent during the meeting. **A motion was made by Bill Colburn and seconded to approve the January 15, 2025 minutes as corrected.** Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Duane Schneider-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, and Charlie Moe-aye. **Motion carried.**

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

**Upcoming travel:** Bill Smith and Angela Ehlers gave the upcoming travel and meetings.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Request for new business to be placed on the agenda:** Bill Smith requested to provide the commission with the new requirements about open meeting laws during the New Business section of the agenda.

**Revolving Loan Report:** Jordan Turgeon gave the revolving loan report. There are no new applications.

**Coddington Conservation District Loan Withdrawal:** The Coddington Conservation District communicated with Division staff that they found a fabric machine to lease this year and wished to withdrawal their loan that was approved in January. **A motion was made by Gene Williams and seconded to cancel the loan for a fabric machine for the Coddington Conservation District.** Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dusty Rodiek-abstain, Dean

Odden-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Duane Schneider-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, and Charlie Moe-aye. **Motion carried.**

**Grant Extension/Amendment requests:** Seven grant amendments were present by Alex Roeber.

**A motion was made by Duane Schneider and seconded to approve the Bon Homme Conservation District's request for a one-year extension to their Conservation Enhancement Grant #2024-CSW-001.** Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Duane Schneider-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, and Charlie Moe-aye. **Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Bruce Haines and seconded to approve the Charles Mix Conservation District's request to add the Douglas Conservation District to their Brush Management Grant #2025-CSW-007.** Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Duane Schneider-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, and Charlie Moe-aye. **Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Bruce Haines and seconded to approve the Day Conservation District's request for a one-year extension to their Prairie Coteau Watershed Project Grant #2024-CSW-024.** Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Duane Schneider-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, and Charlie Moe-aye. **Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Gene Williams and seconded to approve the Douglas Conservation District's request for a one-year extension to their Tree and Fabric Project Grant #2024-CSW-025.** Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Duane Schneider-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, and Charlie Moe-aye. **Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Bruce Haines and seconded to approve the Kingsbury Conservation District's request to add Brookings County Conservation District to their Conservation for Everyone Grant #2025-CSW-007.** Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Duane Schneider-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, and Charlie Moe-aye. **Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Gene Williams and seconded to approve the Miner Conservation District's request to use the 2025 Conservation Commission Cost-Share Docket for their Soil Health Improvement for Miner County Grant #2024-CSW-016.** Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Duane Schneider-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bill Coburn -aye, and Charlie Moe-nay. **Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Bruce Haines and seconded to approve the Pennington Conservation District's request for a one-year extension to their Thinning for Forest Health Grant #2024-CSW-028.** Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dusty

Rodiek-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Duane Schneider-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, and Charlie Moe-aye. **Motion carried.**

**Grant Program/Updates/Changes/Amendments:** Alex Roeber provided the commission with an update on the grants program.

**Grant Reversions:** A motion was made by Tom Glover and seconded to revert \$104,940.10 to be available for grants approved in the spring grant round. Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Duane Schneider-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, and Charlie Moe-aye. **Motion carried.**

**Spring Grant Round Review:** There were a total of ten grant applications received for the Spring Grant Round.

A motion was made by Tom Glover and seconded to approve the Clark Conservation District's grant application for their Tree Shelterbelt project for \$26,874.13. Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Duane Schneider-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, and Charlie Moe-aye. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Gene Williams and seconded to approve the Gregory Conservation District's grant application for their County Projects 9 for \$100,000. Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-abstain, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Duane Schneider-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, and Charlie Moe-aye. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Gene Williams and seconded to approve the Davidson Conservation District's grant application for their Multi-County Brush Management project for \$15,000. Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Bruce Haines-abstain, Duane Schneider-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, and Charlie Moe-aye. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Bill Coburn and seconded to approve the Jackson Conservation District's grant application for their Cover Crop Initiative project for \$20,000. Roll call vote: Gene Williams- abstain, Tom Glover-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Bruce Haines- aye, Duane Schneider-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, and Charlie Moe-nay. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Duane Schneider and seconded to approve the Spink Conservation District's grant application for their Education and Promotion project for \$6,000. Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-nay, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Duane Schneider-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, and Charlie Moe-nay. **Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Bill Coburn and seconded to approve the Davidson Conservation District's grant application for their Awareness & Outreach project for \$3,000. Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Bruce Haines-abstain, Duane Schneider-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, and Charlie Moe-aye. Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Bruce Haines and seconded to approve Lawrence Conservation District's grant application for their Walk in the Forest project for \$1,150.00. Roll call vote: Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Duane Schneider-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bill Coburn-abstain, and Charlie Moe-aye. Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to approve the Pennington Conservation District's grant application for their Black Hills Forest Stewardship Plans for \$9,500.00 as requested with a May 1 start date.**

**A motion to amend was made by Duane Schneider and seconded to amend the original motion to keep the start date of the Pennington Conservation District's grant application for the Black Hills Forest Stewardship Plans on July 1. Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dusty Rodiek -aye, Dean Odden-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Duane Schneider-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bill Coburn- abstain, and Charlie Moe-aye. Motion carried.**

**Action on the motion as amended to approve the Pennington Conservation District's grant application for the Black Hills Forest Stewardship Plans for \$9,500.00 with a start date of July 1. Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Duane Schneider-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bill Coburn-abstain, and Charlie Moe-aye. Motion carried.**

**A motion as made to allocate the remaining \$1,417.50 in Forest Resiliency Funds (SB 170) to the Pennington Conservation District's grant application for the Black Hills Forest Stewardship Plans was made by Bruce Haines and seconded. Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dusty Rodiek -aye, Dean Odden-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Duane Schneider-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bill Coburn-abstain, and Charlie Moe-aye. Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Gene Williams and seconded to approve the Marshall Conservation District's grant application for their Multi-Purpose, Multi-County \$42,000 as requested with a May 1, 2025 start date because they already have the trees. Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Duane Schneider-abstain, Doug Hansen-aye, Bill Coburn aye, and Charlie Moe-aye. Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Bruce Haines and seconded to approve the Stanley Conservation District's grant application for their Tree Planting for \$26,333.00. Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Duane Schneider- aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, and Charlie Moe-aye. Motion carried.**

**Soil Conservation Award:** A motion was made by Dean Odden and seconded to approve the Beadle Conservation District's nomination of Chris Heim for the Soil Conservation Award program. Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Duane Schneider-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bill Coburn -aye, and Charlie Moe-aye. **Motion carried.**

**Progress Reports:** Chairman Doug Hanson and Commissioner Bruce Haines provided updates on the commission's shelterbelt and information & education guidelines.

**Division Report:** Paul Lorenzen updated the Commission on DANR activities.

**Advisory Board Members Reports:** Angela Ehlers (SDACD), Colette Kessler (NRCS), Tami Moore (SDACDE), and Ryan Wendinger (GFP) updated the commission on their organizations' activities.

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

**New Business:** Bill Smith provided the commission an update on new requirements about open meeting laws. More details to follow at the July commission meeting.

**Next Meeting location and place:** To be determined but will be in July.

**Ending Remarks:** None.

**Chairman Hansen declared the meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM CT.**