

**State Conservation Commission  
November 17, 2025 Matthews Training Center  
523 East Capitol Ave, Pierre**

**Call to Order:** Chairman Doug Hansen called the meeting to order at 8:19 AM CST.

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

**Absent: None.**

**Others Present:** Bill Smith (DANR), Alex Roeber (DANR), Jordan Turgeon (DANR), Paul Lorenzen (DANR), April Reiter (DANR), Angela Ehlers (SDACD), Zach Zimprich (Brule-Buffalo Conservation District), Tanya Flegel (Kingsbury Conservation District), Tami Moore (Miner Conservation District), Hanna Peterson (Sanborn Conservation District) Eric Hanson (Lawrence Conservation District), and David Smith (Farmers Union)

**Others present via Teams:** Yvette Kirkman (Butte Conservation District), Robin Viestenz (Beadle Conservation District), Dawn Schulte (Charles Mix Conservation District), Annie Walker (Corson Conservation District), Angie Jones (Dewey Conservation District), Peggy Loomis (Hamlin Conservation District), Jewell Bork (Mellette Conservation District), Mike Baldwin (Custer Conservation District), Kat Rowe (DANR), Patricia Weyrich (DANR), Patty Beck (Bennett and Badlands conservation districts), Eva Chase (Pennington Conservation District), Jody Hauge (Aurora Conservation District), Allison Kiner (DANR), Josh Wagner (Day Conservation District), Lisa Sall (Jerauld Conservation District), Amy Sis (Grant Conservation District), Meshele Townsend (Edmunds Conservation District), and Molly Hauck (Bon Homme Conservation District).

**Conflict of Interest Disclosure: None.**

**Approval of the September 22, 2025, Minutes: A motion was made by Dusty Rodiek and seconded to approve the September 22, 2025, meeting minutes as submitted.** Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye Doug Hansen-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Charlie Moe-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 provided the list of upcoming meetings. **A motion was made by Gene Williams and seconded to send Duane Schneider to the Grasslands Coalition convention in Box Elder on December 4 – 5 and Bruce Haines to the Nutrient Research and Education Council (NREC) meeting in Brookings on December 11.** Roll call vote: Tom Glover-aye, Bruce Haines-abstain, Gene Williams-aye, Charlie Moe-nay, Dean Odden-aye, Duane Schneider-abstain, Bill Coburn-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, and Doug Hansen-aye. **Motion carried.**

**Correspondence:** Bill Smith informed the commission that Jason Weinerman from Stewardship Systems emailed the commission and the division. A copy of the email was shared with the commission.

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

#### **Grant Extensions and Amendments**

**A motion was made by Bruce Haines and seconded to approve Bon Homme Conservation District's 2024-CSW-001 BH Conservation Enhancement grant and for the Charles Mix Conservation District's 2025-CSW-008 Shelterbelt grant to use the 2025 docket.** Roll call vote: Tom Glover-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Gene Williams-aye, Charlie Moe-nay, Dean Odden-aye, Duane Schneider-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, and Doug Hansen-aye. **Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Dusty Rodiek and seconded to approve the Butte Conservation District's 2025-CSW-005 Multi-County Ditch to Pipe Conversion grant for a six-month extension.** Roll call vote: Tom Glover-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Gene Williams-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Duane Schneider-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, and Doug Hansen-aye. **Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Gene Williams and seconded to approve the Pennington Conservation District's 2025-CSW-032 Black Hill's Forest Stewardship Plans grant to add Fall River County.** Roll call vote: Tom Glover-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Gene Williams-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Duane Schneider-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, and Doug Hansen-aye. **Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Duane Schneider and seconded to approve the Perkins Conservation District's 2025-CSW-024 NWA Tree Planting grant for a one-year extension.** Roll call vote: Tom Glover-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Gene Williams-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Duane Schneider-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, and Doug Hansen-aye. **Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Tom Glover and seconded to revert \$133,195.63 from expired grants and made available for new grant applications.** Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Duane Schneider-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, and Bill Coburn-aye. **Motion carried.**

**Fall Grant Round:** There was a total of twenty-six grant applications received for consideration. The below reflects the alphabetical order of the grants as submitted by conservation districts rather than in chronological order in which they were acted upon.

**A motion was made by Gene Williams and seconded to approve the Aurora Conservation District's Shelterbelts Grant application in the amount of \$12,500.** Roll call vote: Tom Glover-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Gene Williams-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, and Duane Schneider-aye. **Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Bruce Haines and seconded to approve the Beadle Conservation District's Livestock Water Grant application in the amount of \$51,325.** Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, and Duane Schneider-aye. **Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Bruce Haines and seconded to approve the Beadle Conservation District's Shelterbelt Program 2025 Grant application in the amount of \$9,300.** Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, and Duane Schneider-aye. **Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Gene Williams and seconded to approve the Bennett/Badlands Conservation District's Tree Planting Grant application in the amount of \$11,914.** Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, and Duane Schneider-aye. **Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Bill Coburn and seconded to approve the Brule/Buffalo Conservation District's Multi-County Brush Management Grant application in the amount of \$18,250.** Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, and Duane Schneider-aye. **Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to approve the Brule/Buffalo Conservation District's Renovation & Tree Planting Grant application in the amount of \$50,000.** Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, and Duane Schneider-aye. **Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Dusty Rodiek and seconded to approve the Butte Conservation District's Multi-County Ditch to Pipe Conversion Grant application in the amount of \$30,000.** Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, and Duane Schneider-aye. **Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Gene Williams and seconded to approve the Charles Mix Conservation District's Brush Management Grant application in the amount of \$21,875.** Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-abstain, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, and Duane Schneider-aye. **Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Tom Glover and seconded to approve the Charles Mix Conservation District's Shelterbelt Grant application in the amount of \$18,000.** Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, and Duane Schneider-aye. **Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Bruce Haines and seconded to approve the Corson Conservation District's Tree Grant application in the amount of \$20,400.** Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, and Duane Schneider-aye. **Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Dusty Rodiek and seconded to approve the Davison Conservation District's Micro irrigation Grant application in the amount of \$5,000.** Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bruce Haines-abstain, Bill Coburn-aye, and Duane Schneider-aye. **Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Gene Williams and seconded to approve the Davison Conservation District's Davison/Hanson Tree Planting Grant application in the amount of \$20,000.** Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bruce Haines-abstain, Bill Coburn-aye, and Duane Schneider-aye. **Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Bruce Haines and seconded to approve the Dewey Conservation District's Windbreak/Shelterbelt Grant application in the amount of \$4,878.** Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, and Duane Schneider-aye. **Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to approve the Fall River Conservation District's Forest Resiliency Project Grant application in the amount of \$15,000.** Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, and Duane Schneider-aye. **Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to approve the Hamlin Conservation District's 2026 Tree Plantings Grant application in the amount of \$11,033.** Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, and Duane Schneider-aye. **Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Dusty Rodiek and seconded to approve the Hughes Conservation District's Conservation 2025-2027 HCCD Tree Initiative Grant application in the amount of \$15,000.** Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, and Duane Schneider-aye. **Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to approve the Hutchinson Conservation District's HCD Shelterbelt Grant application in the amount of \$11,000.** Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye,

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

**A motion was made by Bruce Haines and seconded to approve the Jerauld Conservation District's Multipurpose Grant application in the amount of \$41,996.50.** Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, and Duane Schneider-aye. **Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Gene Williams and seconded to approve the Kingsbury Conservation District's Conservation Multi Practice Grant application in the amount of \$69,000.** Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, and Duane Schneider-aye. **Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Dean Odden and seconded to approve the Lawrence Conservation District's Forest Resiliency Project Grant application in the amount of \$93,000.** Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Bill Coburn-abstain, and Duane Schneider-aye. **Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Dusty Rodiek and seconded to approve the Lincoln Conservation District's Conservation Windbreak Renovation Spring 2026 grant application in the amount of \$2,750.** Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, and Duane Schneider-aye. **Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Gene Williams and seconded to approve the Mellette Conservation District's 2025 MC Multi-Practice Grant application in the amount of \$40,000.**

**A motion to amend the previous motions was made by Dusty Rodiek and seconded to exclude cost-share for fabricated windbreaks in the Mellette Conservation District's 2025 MC Multi-Practice Grant application.** Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Charlie Moe-abstain, Dean Odden-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, and Duane Schneider-aye. **Motion carried.**

**The vote on the amended motion to fund the Mellette Conservation District's 2025 MC Multi-Practice Grant for \$40,000 as amended.** Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Charlie Moe-abstain, Dean Odden-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, and Duane Schneider-aye. **Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to approve the Miner Conservation District's 2026 SDACDE Promoting Conservation in 2025 Grant in the amount of \$8,200.** Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, and Duane Schneider-aye. **Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to approve the Miner Conservation District's Conservation Practices for Miner County Grant in the amount of \$29,975.** Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, and Duane Schneider-aye. **Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Gene Williams and seconded to approve the Perkins Conservation District's Perkins County Tree Planting Grant in the amount of \$3,740.10.** Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, and Duane Schneider-aye. **Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to approve the Sanborn Conservation District's Conservation Reborn in Sanborn Grant in the amount of \$2,850.** Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, and Duane Schneider-aye. **Motion carried.**

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

**2026 Cost Share Docket:** A motion was made by Bruce Haines and seconded to accept the South Dakota Association of Conservation District Employees recommendation to increase the cost of trees and shrubs to \$0.60 per linear foot, handplants to \$3.00 per bareroot tree and \$4.00 per container tree, fabric installation to \$0.90 per linear foot, and the cost share rate to 40% for both below ground removal and above ground removal for shelterbelt renovation. Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, and Duane Schneider-aye. **Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Bruce Haines and seconded to change the docket for grazing management prices as recommended by the Custer Conservation District. Motion was withdrawn.**

**A motion was made by Bruce Haines and seconded to extend further changes to the docket until the April meeting.** Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, and Duane Schneider-aye. **Motion carried.**

**2026 Guidelines and Priorities: No action.**

**Commission Member Reports:** Doug Hansen attended the Coteau Area Legislative Banquet in Webster on October 20.

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

**Advisory Board Members Reports:** Angela Ehlers provided SDACD report. Tami Morre provided a SDACDE report.

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

**Next Meeting location and place:** The next commission meeting and time will be determined.

**Ending Remarks: None.**

**Chairman Hansen declared the meeting adjourned at 12:17 PM CST.**