

**State Conservation Commission Minutes**  
**Wednesday, April 10, 2024**  
**8:15 AM 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:** Dusty Rodiek, Tom Glover, Dean Odden, Doug Hansen, Charlie Moe, Bill Coburn (via teleconference), Bruce Haines, and Duane Schneider. Gene Williams joined the meeting after the roll call.

**Others Present:** Bill Smith (DANR), Paul Lorenzen (DANR), Alex Roeber (DANR), Jordan Turgeon (DANR), Kim Paxton (DANR), Zach Zimprich (Brule-Buffalo Conservation District), Dorn Barnes (Hyde Conservation District), Tanja Jessen (Hyde Conservation District), John Blanton (SDSU), Brock Green Greenfield (School and Public Lands).

**Others Present by Teleconference:** Jody Hauge (Aurora Conservation District), Ivy Pazour (Spink Conservation District), Matthew Hayes (Davison Conservation District), Angela Mendel (Douglas Conservation District), Josh Wagner (Day Conservation District), and Patricia Weyrich (DANR).

**Conflict of Interest Disclosure:** None.

**January 31, 2024, Minutes:** A motion was made by Bruce Haines and seconded to approve the January 31, 2024 minutes as submitted. Roll call vote:

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

**Approval of Travel:** Approval was given for Duane Schneider to attend the SD Grasslands Summit that was March 17-19, 2024 in Oacoma. No roll call taken Commission approved this past travel.

**Other Upcoming travel:** The commission assigned members to attend the SDACD Area Meetings in June.

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

**Correspondence:** None.

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

**Revolving Loan Applications for Emergency Consideration:**

**A motion was made by Bruce Haines and to approve the Deuel Conservation District's Revolving Loan emergency application in the amount of \$20,000 to repair their drill.** 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, and Bruce Haines-aye. **Motion carried.**

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

**Grant Extension/Amendment requests:** Three grant extensions and five amendments were present by Alex Roeber. **A motion was made by Bruce Haines and seconded to approve the Charles Conservation District to add the Douglas Conservation District to their Brush Management Grant.** Roll call vote: Tom Glover-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Duane Schneider-aye, and Bruce Haines-aye. **Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Dean Odden and seconded to approve the Charles Mix Conservation District's request to use the 2024 Conservation Commission Cost-Share Docket for their Brush Management Grant #2024-CSW-003.** 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, and Bruce Haines-aye. **Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Dean Odden and seconded to approve the Charles Mix Conservation District's request the use of the 2024 Conservation Commission Docket for their Shelterbelt Grant # 2024-CSW-04.** 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, and Bruce Haines-aye. **Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Duane Schneider and seconded to approve the Custer Conservation District's request for a one-year extension on their Thinning for a Resilient Forest Grant #2023-CSW-03-08.** 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, and Bruce Haines-aye. **Motion carried**

**A motion was made by Dean Odden and seconded to approve the Hyde Conservation District's request to use the 2024 Conservation Commission Cost-Share Docket on the Hyde/Faulk Enhancement Project Phase 2 Grant #2022-CSW-33.** 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, and Bruce Haines-aye. **Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Dean Odden and seconded to approve the McPherson Conservation District's request to use the 2024 Conservation Commission Cost-Share Docket on the North Missouri Shelterbelt Grant #2023-CSW-030.** 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, and Bruce Haines-aye. **Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to deny the Jones County District's request for a one-year extension on their North Dam Urban Grant #2023-CSW-015 due to needing more time for assistance from the forester.** Roll call vote: 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, and Bruce Haines-aye. **Motion carried. The reason for the denial was the intended planting would be around a golf course.**

**A motion was made by Dean Odden and seconded to approve the Spink Conservation District's request for a six-month extension for their Informational and Education Promotional Grant #2023-CSW-035 due to their taking a year off from hosting the workshops and focus more on urban and at home conservation education for this coming summer.** 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, and Bruce Haines-aye. **Motion carried.**

**Historical Grant Report:** Alex Roeber provided the historical grant report.

**Project Milestones Report:** Alex Roeber provided the Milestone report.

**Final Reports:** Alex Roeber provided the final reports of closed projects for the commission to review.

**Open Grant Report:** Alex Roeber provide the commission with the report of open grants.

**A motion was made by Bruce Haines and seconded to revert \$121,898.35 from expired grants and made available for new grant applications.** 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, and Bruce Haines-aye. **Motion carried.**

**Spring Grant Round Review:** There were a total of ten grant applications received for the Spring Grant Round. Nine were for regular conservation commission grants and one was for the resilient forest grants for funding consideration. The below reflect the alphabetical order of the grants as submitted by conservation districts rather than in order chronologically in which they were acted upon.

**Regular Conservation Commission Grant Application Review:**

**A motion was made by Bruce Haines and seconded to approve the Aurora Conservation District's application for their Information and Education project in the amount of \$1,500. Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, Charlie Moe-nay, Duane Schneider-nay, and Bruce Haines-aye. Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded by to approve the Brule-Buffalo Conservation District's application for their Multi County Brush Management project in the amount of \$18,250 with the condition that the land treated under this grant is only treated once using grant funds. 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, and Bruce Haines-aye. Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Dusty Rodiek and seconded to approve the Davison Conservation District's application for their Awareness & Outreach Activities project in the amount of \$1,500. Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, Charlie Moe-nay, Duane Schneider-aye, and Bruce Haines-abstain. Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Gene Williams and seconded to approve the Davison Conservation District's application for their Multi County Brush Management project in the amount of \$40,000 with the condition that the land treated under this grant is only treated once using grant funds. 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, and Bruce Haines-abstained. Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Tom Glover and seconded to approve the Day Conservation District's application for their Prairie Coteau Watershed p-roject in the amount of \$10,000. Roll Call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Doug Hansen-abstained, Dusty Rodiek-abstained, Bill Coburn-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Duane Schneider-abstained, and Bruce Haines-aye. Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Dean Odden and seconded by to approve the Douglas Conservation District's application for their Tree and Fabric p in the amount of \$17,000 with a start date of January 1, 2024 due to them having a new employee and having projects ready to go. Roll Call: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Duane Schneider-aye, and Bruce Haines-aye. Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Dusty Rodiek and seconded to approve the Hamlin Conservation District's application for their 2025 Tree Plantings project in the amount of \$8,975. Roll**

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

**A motion was made by Gene Williams and seconded to approve the Hyde Conservation District's application for their Hyde/Faulk Enhancement Project Phase 3 in the amount of \$28,273.50.** 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, and Bruce Haines-aye. **Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to deny the Kingsbury Conservation District's application for their Conservation Practices project in the amount of \$5,000.** Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Dusty Rodiek-nay, Bill Coburn-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Duane Schneider-aye, and Bruce Haines-aye. **Motion carried. Reason for denial was that the grant was not well written for a specific project, outcome, or goal. The conservation district should re-write their project with this in mind and resubmit for consideration during the 2024 fall grant round.**

#### **Resilient Forest Grant Application Review:**

**A motion was made by Gene Williams and seconded to approve the Pennington Conservation District's application for their Forest Resiliency Thinning for Forest Health project in the amount of \$46,000 with \$24,141.08 from the Forest Resiliency funds and remaining \$21,858.92 from the regular conservation commission grant fund.** 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, and Bruce Haines-aye. **Motion carried.**

**Administrative Rule Change:** A subcommittee consisting of Angela Ehlers, Doug Hansen, Tom Glover, Charlie Moe, and Bill Smith were appointed to recommend changes to administrative rules that might need to be updated with the passage of HB 1033 during the 2024 legislative session.

**2024 Soil Conservation Award Review: A total of three nominations were received. Those included:** Beadle Conservation District Toby Koziolk, and Hughes Conservation District - Bernie Lauing and Marvin Schumacher. **A motion was made by Bruce Haines and seconded to approve all the nominations.** Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, Charlie Moe-nay, Duane Schneider-aye, and Bruce Haines-aye. **Motion carried.**

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

**State Speech Contest:** Duane Schneider thanked the committee for asking him to help judge the 2024 Speech contest. Jordan Turgeon was the MC this year.

**Advisory Board members Reports:** Brock Greenfield updated the commission on School and Public Lands' activities. John Blanton with SDSU gave an update for the SDSU Agriculture Experiment Station.

**Subcommittee Review:** Doug Hansen provided an update from the subcommittee examining stand-alone windbreaks and whether these should be considered eligible for cost-share by the commission.

Bruce Haines provided an update from the subcommittee examining developing guidance for commission cost-share eligibility on information and education grants.

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

**New Business:** None.

**Next Meeting location and place:** To be determined based on if the commission receives any new loan applications.

**Ending Remarks:** None.

**The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM CT.**