

State Conservation Commission Meeting Outline

April 6, 2021

Matthews Training Center

Call to Order: meeting was called to order at 8:20 am by Chairman Doug Hansen.

Roll Call of members present: Gene Williams, Dusty Rodiek, Tom Glover, Doug Hansen, Gerald Thaden, Bruce Haines.

Members present via teleconference: Charlie Moe.

Members Absent: Bill Coburn and Mike Konechne.

Others present: Bill Smith (SDDA), Bailey Kaskie (SDDA), Kim Paxton (SDDA), Angela Ehlers (SDACD), Malisa Niles (Fall River Conservation District), Mary Beth Fravel (Stanley Conservation District), Annette Steilen (Hanson Conservation District), Blaine Brakke (SDACD), Josh Wagner (Day Conservation District), Tonja Jessen (Hyde Conservation District), Tami Moore (Miner Conservation District)

Others present Via Teleconference: Brian Scott (SDDA), Lisa Paulson (Clark Conservation District), Peggy Loomis (Hamlin Conservation District), Kristine Meyer (Faulk Conservation District), Amy Sis (Grant Conservation District), Valerie Feddersen (Jones Conservation District), Ivy Pazour (Spink Conservation District), Tanya Flegel (Kingsbury Conservation District), Laura Broyles - Acting State Conservationist (NRCS)

Approval of February 11, 2021 Minutes: A motion was made by Gerald Thaden and seconded to approve the February 11, 2021 as submitted. All ayes. **Motion carried.**

Corrections and or additions to the minutes: None

Upcoming travel: Angela Ehlers provided information on the upcoming 2021 SDACD area meetings and the NACD Northern Plains Regional meeting, July 24-27 in Chicago. The board members were asked which meeting or meetings they could attend.

The Hills area meeting - June 15, 2021, Bill Coburn will represent the Commission at this meeting. The Northwest area meeting - June 16, 2021, Gene Williams will represent the Commission at this meeting. The Coteau area meeting - June 17, 2021, Gerald Thaden and Doug Hansen will represent the Commission at this meeting. The Vermillion-Big Sioux area meeting - June 21, 2021, Tom Glover will represent the Commission at this meeting. The Prairie area meeting - June 21, 2021, Charlie Moe will represent the Commission at this meeting. The North Missouri area meeting - June 23, 2021, Dusty Rodiek will represent the Commission at this meeting. The South James - Missouri area meeting- June 21, 2021. Bruce Haines will represent the Commission at this meeting.

Request for New Business to be placed on the agenda: None

Correspondence: None

Revolving Loan Report: Bailey Kaskie gave the Revolving Loan Report.

Revolving Loan Applications: Bailey Kaskie presented the three Revolving Loan applications received from Hamlin, Day, and Kingsbury conservation districts.

A motion was made by Gene Williams and seconded to approve the three loan requests at 50%, the districts will need to apply for the other 50% at the next round if funds are available. Day Conservation District for a tractor \$40,000.00 requested, \$20,000.00 approved; Hamlin Conservation District to purchase a 45' Mandako Land Roller for \$30,000.00

requested, \$15,000.00 approved; and Kingsbury Conservation District to purchase a No Till John Deere Drill for \$15,000.00 requested, \$7,500.00 approved. Roll Call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Gerald Thaden-aye, Bruce Haines-aye. **Motion carried.**

Grant Program/Updates/Changes/Amendments/Reports Brian Scott gave a grant status report.

Motion was made by Dusty Rodiek and seconded to revert the \$94,119.31. Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Gerald Thaden-aye, Bruce Haines-aye. **Motion carried.**

One-year extension request from the Hamlin Conservation District for Grant # 2021-CSW-011 Tree Planting A motion was made by Bruce Haines and seconded to approve the one-year extension. **Roll call vote:** Gene Williams-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Gerald Thaden-aye, Bruce Haines-aye. **Motion carried.**

One-year extension request from the Kingsbury Conservation District Grant for # 2020-CSW-037 Urban Forestry: A motion was made by Gene Williams and seconded to approve the one-year extension. Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Gerald Thaden-aye, Bruce Haines-aye. **Motion carried.**

One-year extension request from the Stanley Conservation District Grant for # 2020-CSW-039 Tree Planting: A motion was made by Bruce Haines and seconded to approve the one-year extension. Roll Call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Gerald Thaden-aye, Bruce Haines-aye. **Motion carried.**

Spring Grant Round Review of the 16 Grant Applications received (the following are in alphabetical order by district rather than chronologically as they were taken up):

A motion was made by Gene Williams and seconded to approve the Clark Conservation District's application for the Conservation Education & Awareness grant in the amount of \$1,500.00. Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Gerald Thaden-aye, Bruce Haines-aye. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Tom Glover and seconded to approve the Custer Conservation District's application for the Thinning for a Resilient Forest grant in the amount of \$26,175.00. Roll Call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Gerald Thaden-aye, Bruce Haines-aye. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Dusty Rodiek and seconded to approve the Davison Conservation District's application for the Multi-District Brush Management grant in the amount of \$10,000.00. Roll Call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Gerald Thaden-aye, Bruce Haines-abstain. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Dusty Rodiek and seconded to approve the East Pennington Conservation District's application for the Multi-Purpose grant in the amount of \$75,000.00. Roll call vote taken: Gene Williams-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Gerald Thaden-aye, Bruce Haines-aye. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Gene Williams and seconded to approve the Fall River Conservation District's application for the Thinning for a Healthy Forest grant in the amount of \$13,000.00. Roll call vote taken: Gene Williams-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Gerald Thaden-aye, Bruce Haines-aye. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Gene Williams and seconded to approve the Grant Conservation District's application for the Conservation Education & Awareness grant in the amount of \$2,400.00. Roll call vote taken: Gene Williams-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Gerald Thaden-abstain, Bruce Haines-aye. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Gene Williams and seconded to approve the Hanson Conservation District's application for the Brush Management grant in the amount of \$18,000.00. Roll call vote taken: Gene Williams-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Gerald Thaden-aye, Bruce Haines-aye. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Gene Williams and seconded to deny the Hughes Conservation District's application for the Soil Health and Productivity grant in the amount of \$41,089.00. Roll call vote taken: Gene Williams-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Gerald Thaden-aye, Bruce Haines-aye. **Motion carried. Reason for the denial is because of less than 25% local match was in the budget and the Commission is not in a position to approve a grant request for research salaries.**

A motion was made by Tom Glover and seconded to approve the Hyde Conservation District's application for the Hyde/Faulk Enhancement grant in the amount of \$53,490.00. Roll call vote taken: Gene Williams-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Gerald Thaden-aye, Bruce Haines-aye. **Motion carried**

A motion was made by Gene Williams and seconded to waive the deadline on the Jones Conservation District application. Reason for the approval was an emergency request from the recent Jones County Fire. Roll call vote taken: Gene Williams-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Gerald Thaden-aye, Bruce Haines-aye. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Tom Glover and seconded to approve the Jones Conservation District applications for the Dry Creek Fire Recovery grant in the amount of \$20,000.00 and waive the minimum match requirement. Roll call vote taken: Gene Williams-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Gerald Thaden-aye, Bruce Haines-aye. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Bruce Haines and seconded to approve the Miner Conservation District's application for the East Central Range Stewardship grant in the amount of \$48,000.00. Roll call vote taken: Gene Williams-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Gerald Thaden-aye, Bruce Haines-aye. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Gene Thaden and seconded to approve the Pennington Conservation District's application for the Thinning for Forest Health grant in the amount of \$32,500.00. Roll call vote taken: Gene Williams-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Gerald Thaden-aye, Bruce Haines-aye. **Motion carried**

A motion was made by Dusty Rodiek and seconded to approve the Roberts Conservation District's application for the 2020 Trees grant in the amount of \$9,550.00. Roll call vote taken: Gene Williams-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Gerald Thaden-aye, Bruce Haines-aye. **Motion carried**

A motion was made by Gene Williams and seconded to approve the Roberts Conservation District's application for the Conservation Education & Awareness grant in the amount of \$3,282.75. Roll call vote taken: Gene Williams-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Gerald Thaden-aye, Bruce Haines-aye. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Gerald Thaden and seconded to approve the Spink Conservation District's application for the 80th Anniversary Education & Awareness grant in the amount of \$4,900.00. Roll call vote taken: Gene Williams-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Gerald Thaden-aye, Bruce Haines-aye. **Motion carried**

A motion was made by Gene Williams and seconded to approve the Todd Conservation District's application for 2022 the TC Tree grant in the amount of \$25,000.00. Roll call vote taken: Gene Williams-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Gerald Thaden-aye, Bruce Haines-aye. **Motion carried**

2020 COVID FUNDS: Angela Ehlers gave a brief update on HB 1171 and Covid relief funds for conservation districts. The legislators approved a one-time funding via HB 1171 in the amount of \$106,000 for the COVID related expenses. A motion was made by Gene Williams and seconded to approve all the COVID Grant applications that provided documentation to Angela. Requests were made as follows: Aurora Conservation District \$5,141.76; Beadle Conservation District \$6,397.60; Bennett Conservation District \$1,525.00; Brookings Conservation District \$1,130.89; Charles Mix Conservation District \$8,154.50; Codington Conservation District \$11,448.00; Corson Conservation District \$684.44; Day Conservation requested \$1,563.36 request was approved for \$1,411.85; Edmunds Conservation District \$872.45; Faulk Conservation District \$2,368.55; Grant Conservation District \$5,433.66; Hand Conservation Commission District \$4,450.83; Hanson Conservation District \$1,200.00; Hughes Conservation Commission \$5,992.20; Jerauld Conservation District \$1,933.77; Jones Conservation Commission \$5,509.58; Kingsbury Conservation District \$1,639.34; Lincoln Conservation Commission \$2,337.78; McCook Conservation District \$4,801.83; McPherson Conservation District \$3,218.75; Mellette Conservation District \$2,220.29; Miner Conservation District \$5,164.43; Minnehaha Conservation District \$9,216.40; Moody Conservation Commission \$1,535.00; Potter Conservation District \$2,047.00; Roberts Conservation District \$1,377.52; Stanley Conservation District \$737.50; Sully Conservation District \$350.00; Todd Conservation District \$1,529.55; Turner Conservation District \$1,950.00; Walworth Conservation District \$2,786.00. Any funds remaining will be given to Tri-County or other districts if they provide documentation of their costs. Roll call vote taken: Gene Williams-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Gerald Thaden- abstain, Bruce Haines-aye. **Motion carried.**

Coordinated Plan for Natural Resources Conservation-Bill Smith

2021 Soil Conservation Farm and Ranch Award Review and Selections: A total of nine applications were received. Those included Beadle Conservation District Joe Fritzsche, Grant Conservation District David and Nancy Kruger, Jerauld Conservation District Scott Kolousek, Robert Conservation District Tim Gleason, Hughes Conservation District Dennis "Swede" Larson, Hughes Conservation District Ken Korkow, Hughes Conservation District Will & Kathy Hettinger, Hughes Conservation District Mona and Brent Pries, and Hughes Conservation District Gerald Walzel. A motion was made by Gerald Thaden and seconded to approve seven of the nine Soil Awards. Mona and Brent Pries and Tim Gleason are not eligible because they are current conservation district supervisors. Roll call vote taken: Gene Williams-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Gerald Thaden- aye, Bruce Haines-aye. **Motion carried.**

NACD Tech Assistance Priority Grants: Angela Ehlers informed the Commission that there would be future discussion on considering new areas for the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) Technical Assistant grants. Currently, the Northwest Area uses one of these grants to fund part of the Northwest Area Natural Resources Specialist position.

SDACD Committee Assignments: Gene Williams and Gerald Thaden will serve on the Natural Resources Stewardship Committee. Tom Glover and Doug Hansen will serve on the District Capacity Committee. Bruce Haines and Charlie Moe will serve on the Public Relations Committee.

Division Report & Merger Status: Bill Smith provided an update on the status of the department merger. The merger will take effect on April 19, 2021.

Commission Member & Division Report: Reports were given by Laura Broyles and Colette Kessler (NRCS-Huron Office), Paul Coughlin (GFP), Angela Ehlers (SDACD), and Blaine Brakke (SDACD).

Open Forum and Public Comment: none.

New Business: none.

Next Meeting date: will be held during the annual SDACD meeting. The annual SDACD meeting will be held on September 19-21, 2021 in Spearfish.

Ending Remarks: none.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:00pm CT