

State Conservation Commission Minutes
July 24, 2025
Microsoft Teams

Call to Order: Chairman Doug Hansen, the meeting to order at 8:17 AM CT.

Roll Call of Members: Gene Williams, Tom Glover, Dusty Rodiek, Dean Odden, Doug Hansen, Bruce Haines, and Duane Schneider.

Members Absent During Roll Call: Bill Coburn and Charlie Moe.

Others present Via Teleconference: Bill Smith (DANR), Alex Roeber (DANR), Allison Kiner (DANR), Angela Ehlers (SDACD), Tami Moore (Miner Conservation District), Kyle Reeves (Clark Conservation District), Yvette Kirkman (Lawrence and Butte conservation districts), Colette Kessler (NRCS), Tony Sunseri (NRCS), Nathan Jones (NRCS), and John Blanton (SDSU-Ag Experiment Station).

Conflict of Interest Disclosure: None.

Review of the April 8 Meeting Minutes: A motion was made by Dusty Rodiek and seconded to approve the April 8 meeting minutes as submitted. Roll call vote: Tom Glover-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Duane Schneider-aye, Bill Coburn-absent, Charlie Moe-absent, Gene Williams-aye, and Doug Hansen-aye. **Motion carried.**

Charlie Moe joined the meeting.

Upcoming travel: Bill Smith gave an update for upcoming travel.

A motion was made by Duane Schneider and seconded to approve Bruce Haines' travel to the NREC meeting in Brookings on July 10. Roll call vote: Tom Glover-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Bruce Haines-abstain, Duane Schneider-aye, Bill Coburn-absent, Charlie Moe-aye, Gene Williams-aye, and Doug Hansen-aye, **Motion carried.**

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

Correspondence: None.

Annual Review of the State Open Meeting Laws: Bill Smith provided and overview to the Commission on SB74 and HB1059. HB1059 modified the definition of an official meeting to expand the definition to include electronic mail, instant messaging, social media, text messaging, or virtual meeting platform to the definition.

In SB74, a section was added to SDCL 1-11-1 to include the Attorney General's Office would publish on their website annual an explanation of the open meeting laws each year before January 1. The bill also established that state agencies and public subdivisions, including boards and commissions, must annually review the published explanation and another information during an official meeting and included and acknowledgement that it completed this review in the official meeting minutes.

The commission was provided with the brochure "*Conducting the Public's Business in Public*" revised in 2025 as published on the Attorney General's website <https://atg.sd.gov/docs/July%202025OpenMeetingsLaw.pdf>. The commission also reviewed the brochure during this meeting.

A motion was made by Gene Williams and seconded to certify that the State Conservation Commission reviewed and acknowledged the guide "*Conducting the Public's Business in Public*" revised in 2025. Roll call vote: Tom Glover-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Duane Schneider-aye, Bill Coburn-absent, Charlie Moe-aye, Gene William-aye, and Doug Hansen-aye. **Motion carried.**

Revolving Loan Report: Alex Roeber gave the revolving loan status report.

Revolving Loan Applications: Alex Roeber presented the Brule-Buffalo Conservation District's revolving loan application for a skid steer, the Clark Conservation District's revolving loan application for a truck, the Minnehaha Conservation District's revolving loan application for no-till drill, and the Roberts Conservation District's revolving loan application for a tractor to the commission.

A motion was made by Bruce Haines and seconded to approve the Brule-Buffalo Conservation District's request to purchase a skid steer in the amount of \$65,000. Roll call vote: Tom Glover-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Duane Schneider-aye, Bill Coburn-absent, Charlie Moe-call dropped so a vote was not tallied for this action, Gene William-aye, and Doug Hansen-aye. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Duane Schneider and seconded to approve the Clark Conservation District's request to purchase a truck in the amount of \$30,000.

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

A motion was made by Bruce Haines and seconded to approve the Minnehaha Conservation District's request to purchase a no-till drill in the amount of \$40,000.

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

A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to approve the Roberts Conservation District's request to purchase a tractor in the amount of \$80,000.

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

Grant Extension/Amendment requests: Alex Roeber presented the Hyde Conservation District's request to use the 2024 Cost-share Docket for the Hyde/Faulk Enhancement Project Phase 3 grant #2024-CSW-027. **A motion was made by Bruce Haines and seconded to approve Hyde Conservation District request to use the 2024 Cost-share Docket for Grant #2024-CSW-027.** Roll call vote: Tom Glover-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Duane Schneider-abstain, Bill Coburn-absent, Charlie Moe-nay, Gene William-aye, and Doug Hansen-aye. **Motion carried.**

Division Report: Bill Smith updated the Commission on division activities. The Big Sioux Riparian Buffer Initiative (RBI) hit a milestone in June spending all \$3 million for HB 1256. Bill also mentioned that emerald ash borer was detected in Milbank and Watertown, so our quarantine area has been expanded to include Grant and Codington counties.

Advisory Board Members Reports: Angela Ehlers gave the SDACD report. Tony Sunseri and Colette Kessler also provide updates on USDA and NRCS.

Open Forum and Public Comment: None.

Next Meeting location and place: The next commission will be held during the SDACD annual conference at the Huron Event Center in Huron on September 22 starting at 8:00 am CT.

Ending Remarks: None.

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 9:21 AM CT.

Unapproved