

State Conservation Commission Minutes
January 25, 2022
Northern State University Campus – Aberdeen, SD
Library Room #1117

Call to Order: Chairman Doug Hansen called the meeting to order at 1:16 PM CT.

Chairman Hansen welcomed Dean Odden to the State Conservation Commission.

Roll Call of Members:

Members Present in Person: Doug Hansen and Bruce Haines

Members Present on the Conference Call:

Mike Konechne, Gene Williams, Tom Glover, Dusty Rodiek, Charlie Moe, and Dean Odden.

Members Absent:

Bill Coburn

Others present in person:

Kim Paxton (DANR), Alex Roeber (DANR), Brenda Sievers (DANR), Judy Skoglung (Brown-Marshall Conservation District), Lindsey Simon (South Brown Conservation District Manager), David Dutenhoffer (District Tech), Duane Schneider (South Dakota Association of Conservation Districts), Allen Ryckman (South Brown Conservation District), Robert Braun (James River Water Development District), Davie Bartel (James River Water Development District), Dana Dennert (Brown-Marshall Conservation District), Roy Mikkonen (Brown-Marshall Conservation District), Lynn Ruenz (Brown-Marshall Conservation District), Randy Wiedebush (South Brown Conservation District), Leo Thompson (South Brown Conservation District), and Laurie Rindels (NRCS).

Others present Via Teleconference:

Angela Ehlers (SDACD) and Bill Smith (DANR).

Conflict of Interest Disclosure: Chairman Hansen asked the Commission members if they had any conflicts of interest to disclose at this time.

Election of Chair:

Chairman Hansen turned over the gavel to Bill Smith to open the floor for nominations for Chairman. Motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to nominate Doug Hansen to serve as the chairman. Roll call vote: Mike Konechne-aye, Gene Williams-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Doug Hansen-abstained, Charlie Moe-aye, Bruce Haines-aye. Dean Odden-aye, Bill Coburn-absent. **Motion carried**

Election of Vice Chair:

Motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to nominate Gene Williams as Vice Chairman. Roll call vote: Mike Konechne-aye, Gene Williams-abstained, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Bill Coburn-absent. **Motion carried**

Approval of the November 10 Minutes:

Motion was made by Dusty Rodiek and seconded to approve the November 10 minutes as submitted. Roll call vote: Mike Konechne-aye, Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Bill Coburn-absent. **Motion carried**

Corrections and or additions to the minutes: None

Upcoming travel: Alex Roeber gave an update for upcoming travel.

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

Correspondence: None

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

Revolving Loan Application: None

Grant Program/Updates/Changes/Amendments: Alex Roeber gave an update on the grants program.

Grant Extensions Request:

A one-year extension request was received from the Fall River Conservation District Grant #2021-CSW-026 Thinning for a for a Healthy Forest.

A motion was made by Gene Williams and seconded to approve the one-year extension. Roll call vote: Mike Konechne-aye, Gene Williams-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Dean Odden-absent. Bill Coburn-absent. **Motion carried.**

Brown-Marshall and South Brown Hearing:

Motion was made by Bruce Haines and seconded to approve the merger resolutions as presented during the Brown-Marshall and South Brown hearing. Roll call vote: Mike Konechne-aye, Gene Williams-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Bruce Haines-aye. Dean Odden-absent, Bill Coburn-absent. **Motion carried**

Spring Grant Round Date: The Spring Grant Round date will be held in Pierre on April 21. April 20 is the alternate date if April 21 doesn't work.

Division Report: Alex Roeber updated the Commission on division activities.

Advisory Board members Reports: Angela Ehlers gave the SDACD report.

Open Forum and Public Comment: None

New Business: The State Conservation Commission will need to provide a judge for upcoming speech contest set for April 23, 2022. Gene Williams volunteered to be a judge and Doug Hansen will be the backup if Gene is not able to attend.

Next Meeting location and place: The next commission meeting will be held in Pierre on April 20 or 21.

Ending Remarks: None

Meeting Adjourned at: 1:53 PM CDT meeting was adjourned.