Tentative Agenda

State Conservation Commission

Tuesday, November 17, 2026
8:15 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. CDT (approximate)
Matthew Training Center
Joe Foss Building
523 E Capitol Ave,
Pierre, SD 57501
605.773.3623

• **Conflict of Interest Disclosure**	**Commission**
• Introductions • Approval of September 21 minutes • Request for New Business to be Placed on the Agenda • Corrections/Approval of Past and Upcoming Travel • Correspondence	Division of Resource Conservation & Forestry Staff/Chair Commission
• Grant Program/Updates/Amendments/Status Reports/Reversions	Alex Roeber
• 2026 Fall Grant Application Review	Commission
• 2026 Fall Grant Funding Selection	Commission
• Revolving Loan Report • Emergency Revolving Loan Applications (if any are requested)	Jordan Turgeon
• District Name Change (Lawrence)	Commission
• 2027 Docket	Alex Roeber
• 2027 Guidelines (Commission, shelterbelt grants, and I&E guidelines) and Priorities	Commission
• Commission Member & Division Reports (if time permits)	Commission & RCF
• Advisory Board Member Reports: (SD School & Public Lands, GFP, NRCS, SDSU Extension Service, SDSU Experiment Station) **Other Partners (if time permits)	Advisory Board Members
• **Open Forum and Public Comment**	**All**
• New Business	Commission
• Location of Next Meeting • Ending Remarks & Adjourn	Chair

Additional Instructions:

**Advisory Board and other partners are requested to submit a written report due to the time restrictions we will be under with Grant Review/Selection and 2027 Docket discussion. Please send those to alex.roeber@state.sd.us by November 3.

Please let Jordan Turgeon know if you are planning to attend in person. This helps speed getting through security the morning of the meeting. Jordan's number is 605.773.6718. Jordan's email is Jordan.Turgeon@state.sd.us.

To be included in the public record, written comments must include a full name and city of residence and meeting the submission deadline of seventy-two hours before the public meeting. All commenters are required to state their name and address (city) BEFORE being allowed to speak.

To access the meeting via Microsoft Teams, please click the following link: **Join Meeting.** To access it via telephone, please dial **605.679.7263, then 608.900.73 followed by #.** We ask that participants mute their phones or computer microphones when not speaking.

This meeting is being held in a physically accessible place. Individuals needing assistance, pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, should contact the Division of Resource Conservation and Forestry (605.773.3623) at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting to make any necessary arrangements.

Because of the number of grant applications under consideration, agenda items may be moved up or down on the agenda as to make efficient use of time.

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State Conservation Commission
September 21, 2026
Cedar Shores Resort
1500 Shoreline Dr, Oacoma

Call to Order: Chairman Doug Hansen called the meeting to order at 8:01 AM CDT.

Roll Call of Members Present: Tom Glover, Bruce Haines, Gene Williams, Charlie Moe, Dean Odden, Duane Schneider, Greg Josten, Jason Preble, and Doug Hansen.

Absent: None.

Others Present: Bill Smith (DANR), Alex Roeber (DANR), Jordan Turgeon (DANR), Paul Lorenzen (DANR), Angela Ehlers (SDACD), MaryBeth Fravel (Stanley Conservation District), Ryan Wendinger (GFP), Fred Butzke (McCook Conservation District), Amy Sis (Grant Conservation District), Yvette Kirkman (Butte, Lawrence, and Elk Creek conservation districts), Jeremy Sora (NRCS), Dustin Jewett (NRCS), Nicole Poitra (NACD), Lorne Aadland (Marshall Conservation District), Jean Fagerland (Marshall Conservation District), Finn Hanson (Gregory Conservation District), Josh Wagner (Day Conservation District), Hannah Peterson (Sanborn Conservation District), Julie Kelly (Mellette and Todd conservation districts), Jody Hauge (Aurora Conservation District), Paula Holley (Jackson County Conservation District), Mitch Norman (Stanley Conservation District), Chuck Anderson (Perkins Conservation District), Mark Morlock (McPherson Conservation District), Calvin Thompson (Roberts Conservation District), Karl Jensen (Lawrence Conservation District), Bobbi Zimmerman (Bon Homme Conservation District), Ross Hudson (Bon Homme Conservation District), Stacey Frank (Bon Homme Conservation District), Tony Sunseri (NRCS), Gordon Heber (Minnehaha Conservation District), Clay Abrahamson (Kingsbury Conservation District), Chuck Pyle (USFWS), Cliff Conroy (Butte Conservation District), Kyle Reeves (Clark Conservation District), Kristin Voller (Perkins Conservation District), Mike Baldwin (Custer Conservation District), Bryan Kludt (Hutchinson Conservation District), Jake Stewart (Hand Conservation District), John Parker (Minnehaha Conservation District), Mike Langner (Minnehaha Conservation District), and Gerald Aberle (Deuel Conservation District).

Others present via Conference line: Dave Bartlett (DANR) and April Reiter (DANR)

Conflict of Interest Disclosure: None.

Approval of the April minutes: A motion was made by Bruce Haines and seconded to approve the April minutes as submitted. Roll call vote: Tom Glover-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Gene Williams-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Duane Schneider-aye, Greg Josten-aye, Jason Preble-aye, and Doug Hansen-aye. **Motion carried.**

Past & Upcoming Travel: Bill Smith provided an overview of meetings of possible interest to the conservation commission.

A motion was made by Duane Schneider and seconded to approve Bruce Haines' travel to the NREC meeting in August. Roll call vote: Tom Glover-aye, Bruce Haines-abstained, Gene Williams-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Duane Schneider-aye, Greg Josten-aye, Jason Preble-aye, and Doug Hansen-aye. **Motion carried.**

Request for new business to be placed on the agenda: Angela Ehlers requested time to present SDACD's Conservation Legacy Through Achievement Award.

Correspondence: None.

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

Grant Program: Alex Roeber provided information regarding the grants program.

Grant Extensions/Amendments: A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to approve Bennett Conservation District's request for a one-year extension to grant 2026-CSW-004 Bennett/Badlands tree planting. Roll call vote: Tom Glover-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Gene Williams-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Duane Schneider-aye, Greg Josten-aye, Jason Preble-aye, and Doug Hansen-aye. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Gene Williams and seconded to approve Mellette Conservation District request to use NRCS 90% HU rate of $53.78 at a 50% cost-share on fabricated windbreaks, for a one time use on one

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landowner for grant 2026-CSW-038 Multi-practices. Roll call vote: Tom Glover-nay, Bruce Haines-aye, Gene Williams-aye, Charlie Moe-abstain, Dean Odden-aye, Duane Schneider-aye, Greg Josten-aye, Jason Preble-aye, and Doug Hansen-aye. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Bruce Haines and seconded to approve Mellette Conservation District's request to provide 50% cost-share for four portable water tanks for grant 2026-CSW-038 Multi-practices with an added stipulation which the landowner must keep the tanks for at least five years. Roll call vote: Tom Glover-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Gene Williams-aye, Charlie Moe-abstain, Dean Odden-aye, Duane Schneider-aye, Greg Josten-aye, Jason Preble-aye, and Doug Hansen-aye. **Motion carried.**

Annual Review of the State Open Meeting Laws: Bill Smith provided an overview of what was required for the Commission to comply with SB 74A and HB 1059B from the 2025 State Legislative Session. **A motion was made by Bruce Haines and seconded to certify that the State Conservation Commission reviewed the guide "Conducting the Public's Business in Public" prepared by the South Dakota Attorney General's Office that was revised in July 2026**. Roll call vote: Tom Glover-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Gene Williams-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Duane Schneider-aye, Greg Josten-aye, Jason Preble-aye, and Doug Hansen-aye. **Motion carried.**

2027 Cost-Share Docket: Jordan Turgeon informed the Commission that DANR sent out a memo to all conservation districts, notifying them to submit proposals for changes to the 2027 Cost-Share Docket.

Division Report: Jordan Turgeon updated the Commission on division activities.

Commission Member Reports: None.

Advisory Board Member Report: Chuck Pyle (USFWS), Tony Sunseri (NRCS), Josh Wagner (SDACDE) updated the Commission on their groups' activities.

Open Forum and Public Comments: No request for public comments were received.

New Business: Angela Ehlers (SDACD) presented Commissioner Gene Williams with SDACD's Conservation Legacy Through Achievement Award.

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Location and Date of the Next Meeting: TBD.

Ending Remarks: None.

Chairman Hansen declared the meeting adjourned at 9:06 AM CDT.

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Upcoming Travel & Meetings

November 2026

- Game, Fish and Parks Commission Meeting – November 5 – 6 – Sioux Falls/Zoom.
- State Conservation Commission Meeting – November 17, Pierre.
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December 2026

- SD Grasslands Coalition meeting – December 3 – 4 – Box Elder.
- SDACD Board meeting – December 7 – Pierre
- Game, Fish and Parks Commission Meeting – December 3 – 4 – Pierre/Zoom.
- Nonpoint Task Force Meeting – December 10 – Pierre.
- NRCS State Technical Committee Meeting – TBD.

January 2027

- State Conservation Commission Meeting (Loan Round) – TBA.
- Game, Fish and Parks Commission Meeting – TBA.
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February 2027

- Ag Fest – TBA – Ramkota, Pierre._____
- Game, Fish and Parks Commission Meeting – TBA.
- NACD Annual Meeting – February 6 – 10 – Las Vegas, Nevada._____
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September 30, 2026

State Conservation Commission
Division of Resource Conservation & Forestry
523 E. Capitol Ave.
Pierre, SD 57501-3182

State Conservation Commission,

The Hutchinson County Conservation District is requesting a one-year extension for Grant #2026-CSW-017, HCD Shelterbelt Grant.

Due to a producer not completing a portion of the tree planting plan that was originally quoted, we will have remaining grant funds that we would like to utilize for other tree plantings in 2027.

The current grant expiration date is December 31, 2026. We request that the grant be extended for one additional year to allow us to utilize the remaining funds for additional tree plantings in 2027.

Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,

Bryan Kludt
Hutchinson Conservation District Manager

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NRCS Personnel:
Tyan Palmer, District Conservationist
Mike O'Dea, Civil Engineering Technician

September 28, 2026

SD Conservation Commission
SD Department of Agriculture
Resource Conservation & Forestry
523 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501

Re: A 1 year, no cost extension on the Cover Crop Initiative #2025-CSW-029

Dear Conservation Commissioners,,

Jackson County Conservation District is submitting a request for a 1 year no cost extension to this cover crop grant. With the ongoing drought we did not get the amount of producers to plant this year that we had hoped for. In fact, Governor Larry Rhoden declared a statewide drought emergency covering Jackson County and the rest of South Dakota on July 16, 2026 and later signed Executive Order 2026-10 on August 18, 2026, extending this drought-mitigation through November 15, 2026.

We feel strongly that this project is a great way for producers to work with the Conservation District to implement farming practices that impact soil health.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this extension.

Sincerely,

Paula J Holley
District Manager, Jackson County Conservation District

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October 27, 2026

South Dakota Conservation Commission
South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources

RE: Request for Extension of Grant #2026-CSW-024

The Miner Conservation District would like to request an extension of Grant #2026-CSW-024. There were a number of reasons the grant funds did not completely get used up this year. Tree Planting was the lowest in Miner County since 1993 – drought was probably the primary reason for a low number of acres planted. Shelterbelt Renovations were also down, again due to the drought we have been experiencing. Cover crop planting was also down, at the time of small grain harvest our sites were very dry. We have since had some beautiful rains, but they came too late for many to try planting cover crops. We had quite a few people sign up for Grazing Management, but we were able to find funding for them in other sources.

For these reasons, we would like to request a 6-month extension of this grant. If this extension is granted, we would like to ask that our "Miner CD: Healthy Soil & Strong Communities" grant application be reduced by $7,000.

Thank you for your time concerning this issue.

Sincerely,

Tami Moore

Tami Moore *for the*
Miner Conservation District

DATE	GRANT FUND DEPOSITS	SB170 (2022) DEPOSITS	PESTICIDE DEPOSITS	OTHER DEPOSITS	INTEREST	GRANTS AWARDED	SB 170 GRANTS AWARDED	DIVISION FUNDING	REVERTED FUNDS	DEOBLIGATED FUNDS	OTHER DEDUCTIONS	ACCOUNT BALANCE	
FY 2027												$ 3,665.20	Commission Balance
	$ 500,000.00											$ 503,665.20	
SUBTOTAL	$ 500,000.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	503,665.20	
CUMMULATIVE TOTALS	$ 21,215,428.83	$ 100,000.00	$ 1,011,263.98	$ 803,406.27	$ 1,969,945.90	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00		

Total revenues FY2027	$ 500,000.00
Total revenues to date	$ 25,100,044.98

Commission Reversions	$86,087.50
Total Funds Available:	$589,752.70

Fall FY2027 reversions

District	Grant #	Amount	Grant End date	Fund Type
Beadle	2026-CSW-003	$ 1,581.57	12/31/2026	Commission
Brule Buffalo	2025-CSW-004	$ -	06/30/2026	Commission
Butte	2025-CSW-005	$ -	06/30/2026	Commission
Charles Mix	2025-CSW-008	$ -	12/31/2026	Commission
Charles Mix	2025-CSW-009	$ -	12/31/2027	Commission
Clark	2025-CSW-009	$ -	06/30/2026	Commission
Douglas	2024-CSW-025	$ 3,070.68	06/30/2026	Commission
Bon Homme	2024-CSW-001	$ 1,734.44	06/30/2026	Commission
Turner	2023-CSW-036	$ 5,062.50	06/30/2026	Commission
Hyde	2024-CSW-027	$ -	06/30/2026	Commission
Lawrence	2025-CSW-030	$ 1,150.00	06/30/2026	Commission
Mellette	2024-CSW-013	$ 18,555.06	06/30/2026	Commission
Pennington	2024-CSW-028	$ 12,301.49	06/30/2026	Commission
Pennington	2025-CSW-032	$ 1,240.00	06/30/2026	Commission
Spink	2025-CSW-033	$ -	06/30/2026	Commission
Lincoln	2026-CSW-021	$ 1,454.75	06/30/2026	Commission
Corson	2026-CSW-010	$ 6,752.44	12/31/2026	Commission
Stanley	2025-CSW-034	$ 26,333.00	06/30/2026	Commission
Davison	2025-CSW-026	$ 1,914.44	06/30/2026	Commission
Kingsbury	2025-CSW-018	$ 4,937.13	06/30/2026	Commission
Total		$86,087.50		

Grant Summary & Milestones Ending June 30, 2026

District	Grant Title	Funds Awarded	Cost-Share	Match	Fabric (LF)	Windbreaks (Acres)	Tanks #	Pipeline (LF)	Solar Pumps #	Wells #	Fence (LF)	Grass Seeding (Acres)	Forest Thinning (Acres)
Bon Homme	BHCD Conservation Enhancement	$22,160.00	$20,425.56	$35,246.25	21,054	17	1	1,462				61	
Brule-Buffalo	Renovation & Tree Planting	$25,200.00	$25,200.00	$31,844.09	29,387	21							
Butte	Multi-County Ditch to Pipe	$30,000.00	$30,000.00	$35,484.18				3,314					
Clark	Tree Shelterbelt	$11,825.50	$11,825.50	$13,590.46	16,187	6							
Davison	Awareness & Outreach	$3,000.00	$1,085.56	$1,085.56									
Douglas	Tree & Fabric Project	$17,000.00	$13,929.32	$25,419.54	22,341	15							
Hyde	Hyde/Faulk Enhancement Project	$28,273.50	$28,273.50	$34,583.87	47,999	25							
Kingsbury	Conservation for Everyone	$49,000.00	$44,062.87	$85,022.92	38,940	28						22	
Lincoln	Windbreak Renovation Spring	$2,750.00	$1,295.25	$1,694.50	1,485	1							
Mellette	2024 MC Multi-Practice Grant	$60,000.00	$41,444.94	$83,256.00	35,822	20	4	944	2	1	5,911	252	
Pennington	Thinning for Forest Health	$46,000.00	$33,698.51	$37,058.51									49
Pennington	Black Hills Forest Stewardship	$9,500.00	$8,260.00	$8,260.00									
Spink	Education & Promotion	$6,000.00	$6,000.00	$6,855.30									
Turner	Shelterbelt Renovation	$9,067.00	$5,062.50	$11,901.30	4,389	2							
Total		**$319,776.00**	**$270,563.51**	**$411,302.48**	**213,213**	**132**	**5**	**5,720**	**2**	**1**	**5,911**	**335**	**49**

Applic #	District	Project Title	Project Start	Project End	Approved Amt	Total Project	Payment Amount	Total Match	Leverage	Reverted $
202632	HAND	HAND-HYDE ENHANCEMENT	07/01/2026	06/30/2028	$30,000.00	$60,000.00				$0.00
202633	HUTCHINSON	Awareness, EDU, Outreach	07/01/2026	12/31/2027	$3,000.00	$6,000.00	$1,710.37	$1,897.37	$1.11	
202634	Hyde	Hyde/Faulk Enhancements Proj 4	07/01/2026	06/30/2028	$32,000.00	$64,000.00				
202635	Jackson	Dam Repair and Cleanout	07/01/2026	12/31/2027	$10,000.00	$20,000.00	$0.00	$0.00	#Num!	
202636	Jackson	Conservation Awareness & EDU	07/01/2026	12/31/2026	$2,100.00	$4,200.00	$0.00	$0.00	#Num!	
202637	Lincoln	Windbreak Renovation Spring	07/01/2026	12/31/2026	$10,000.00	$28,666.00	$0.00	$0.00	#Num!	
202638	Mellette	2026 MC Multi-Practice Grant	01/01/2026	06/30/2027	$50,000.00	$111,100.00	$0.00	$0.00	#Num!	
202639	Roberts	2026 Outreach	07/01/2026	06/30/2027	$8,000.00	$18,000.00				
202640	Stanley	Stanley County Tree Planting	07/01/2026	06/30/2027	$25,000.00	$75,000.00	$0.00	$0.00	#Num!	
	Grand Total:				**$26,849,618.70**	**$110,638,156.60**	**$19,763,639.45**	**$57,434,880.56**	$2.91	$5,993,586.94

Leverage is $3.60 (NOT including Big Sioux Nursery Grants of $1,097,350.18)

ALL CAPS indicates project is complete

Number in (1) indicates how many districts are active co-sponsors

Applic #	District	Project Title	Project Start	Project End	Approved Amt	Total Project	Payment Amount	Total Match	Leverage	Reverted $
202605	Brule-Buffalo	Multi-County Brush MGMT	01/01/2026	06/30/2027	$18,250.00	$18,250.00	$6,562.50	$6,862.50	$1.05	
202606	Brule-Buffalo	Renovation and Tree Planting	01/01/2026	06/30/2027	$50,000.00	$103,200.00	$41,124.92	$42,719.86	$1.04	
202607	Butte	Multi-County Ditch & Pipe	01/01/2026	12/31/2026	$30,000.00	$60,000.00	$12,764.84	$12,764.84	$1.00	
202608	Charles Mix	Brush Management	01/01/2026	12/31/2027	$21,875.00	$43,750.00	$6,212.50	$9,762.50	$1.57	
202609	Charles Mix	Shelterbelts	01/01/2026	12/31/2027	$18,000.00	$36,000.00	$14,787.12	$29,344.13	$1.98	$0.00
202610	Corson	Tree Planting Grant	01/01/2026	12/31/2026	$20,400.00	$42,400.00	$13,647.76	$13,665.93	$1.00	$6,752.24
202611	Davison	Microirrigation	01/01/2026	12/31/2026	$5,000.00	$10,000.00	$2,805.00	$3,102.00	$1.11	
202612	Davison	Davison/Hanson Tree Planting	01/01/2026	12/31/2026	$20,000.00	$40,000.00	$11,911.13	$12,079.88	$1.01	
202613	DEWEY	Windbreak/Shelterbelt	01/01/2026	12/31/2026	$4,878.00	$14,758.00	$0.00	$0.00	#Num!	
202614	Fall River	Forest Resiliency Health	01/01/2026	12/31/2028	$15,000.00	$30,000.00	$0.00	$0.00	#Num!	
202615	Hamlin	2026 Tree Plantings	01/01/2026	12/31/2027	$11,033.00	$35,243.00	$0.00	$0.00	#Num!	
202616	Hughes	2026/27 Tree Initiative	01/01/2026	06/30/2027	$15,000.00	$53,250.00	$0.00	$0.00	#Num!	
202617	HUTCHINSON	HCD Shelterbelt Grant	01/01/2026	12/31/2026	$11,000.00	$22,000.00	$8,505.33	$13,402.02	$1.58	
202618	Jerauld	Multi-Purpose	01/01/2026	06/30/2027	$41,996.50	$91,275.00	$5,814.70	$6,210.75	$1.07	
202619	Kingsbury	Conservation Practice	01/01/2026	06/30/2027	$69,000.00	$138,000.00	$0.00	$0.00	#Num!	
202620	Lawrence	Forest Resiliency Project	01/01/2026	12/31/2027	$93,000.00	$186,000.00	$20,245.50	$20,245.50	$1.00	
202621	Lincoln	Windbreak Renovation Spring	01/01/2026	06/30/2026	$2,750.00	$11,590.00	$1,295.25	$1,694.50	$1.31	$1,454.75
202622	Mellette	2025 MC Multi-Practice Grant	01/01/2026	06/30/2027	$40,000.00	$181,600.00	$0.00	$0.00	#Num!	
202623	Miner	SDACDE Promoting Conservation	01/01/2026	12/31/2026	$8,200.00	$16,400.00	$0.00	$0.00	#Num!	
202624	Miner	Conservation Practices for MC	01/01/2026	12/31/2026	$29,975.00	$61,975.00	$11,204.38	$29,761.42	$2.66	
202625	Perkins	Perkins County Tree Planting	01/01/2026	12/31/2026	$3,740.10	$18,280.00	$3,740.10	$5,080.79	$1.36	$0.00
202626	SANBORN	Conservation Reborn	01/01/2026	12/31/2026	$2,850.00	$5,700.00	$0.00	$0.00	#Num!	
202627	Custer	Thinning for Resilient Forest	07/01/2026	06/30/2028	$35,000.00	$70,000.00				
202628	Day	Prairie Coteau Watershed Proje	07/01/2026	12/31/2028	$55,000.00	$575,080.00	$0.00	$0.00	#Num!	
202629	DEWEY	DCCD Wind & Water Grant	07/01/2026	12/31/2027	$35,000.00	$80,750.00	$0.00	$0.00	#Num!	
202630	Edmunds	Conservation Education	07/01/2026	12/31/2026	$1,500.00	$3,000.00	$722.65	$742.64	$1.03	$692.93
202631	Haakon	Haakon County Tree Planting	07/01/2026	12/31/2027	$35,000.00	$116,625.00	$0.00	$0.00	#Num!	$38,176.00

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202512	Custer	Thinning for Resilient Forest	01/01/2025	12/31/2027	$61,200.00	$122,400.00	$27,130.00	$33,465.00	$1.23	
202513	Davison	Microirrigation	01/01/2025	12/31/2025	$2,000.00	$4,000.00	$2,000.00	$5,430.00	$2.72	$1,255.00
202514	Davison	DCD Tree Planting	01/01/2025	12/31/2025	$10,000.00	$20,000.00	$10,000.00	$12,423.27	$1.24	$0.00
202515	DEWEY	Dewey County Tree Grant	01/01/2025	12/31/2025	$11,201.89	$23,010.72	$9,452.27	$10,857.28	$1.15	
202516	Edmunds	Conservation Education	01/01/2025	12/31/2025	$1,500.00	$3,000.00	$807.07	$950.46	$1.18	$692.93
202517	Fall River	Forest Resiliency Health	01/01/2025	12/31/2027	$15,000.00	$30,000.00	$0.00	$0.00	#Num!	
202518	Kingsbury	Conservation For Everyone	01/01/2025	06/30/2026	$49,000.00	$179,000.00	$44,062.87	$85,022.92	$1.93	$4,937.13
202519	LAKE	Improve Soil Health by Conserv	01/01/2025	12/31/2025	$15,000.00	$30,000.00	$0.00	$0.00	#Num!	$15,000.00
202520	Lawrence	Thinning for Forest Health	01/01/2025	12/31/2027	$167,000.00	$334,000.00	$39,077.50	$41,377.90	$1.06	
202521	Miner	Conservation Edu & Awareness	01/01/2025	12/31/2025	$2,550.00	$5,100.00	$2,550.00	$6,978.48	$2.74	$0.00
202522	Miner	Pollinator Planting	01/01/2025	12/31/2025	$1,650.00	$3,300.00	$1,650.00	$1,748.40	$1.06	$0.00
202523	Miner	SDACDE 2025 Promoting Conserva	01/01/2025	12/31/2025	$8,000.00	$16,000.00	$8,000.00	$9,339.25	$1.17	$0.00
202524	Perkins	NWA Tree Planting	01/01/2025	12/31/2026	$19,389.55	$66,362.86	$19,389.55	$24,742.28	$1.28	$0.00
202525	Clark	Tree Shelterbelt	07/01/2025	06/30/2027	$26,874.13	$75,135.28	$5,694.94	$6,601.26	$1.16	
202526	Davison	Awareness & Outreach Activity	07/01/2025	06/30/2026	$3,000.00	$6,000.00	$1,085.56	$1,085.56	$1.00	$1,914.44
202527	Davison	Multi-County Brush MGMT	07/01/2025	12/31/2026	$15,000.00	$30,000.00	$6,199.98	$6,528.87	$1.05	
202528	Gregory	County Projects 9	07/01/2025	12/31/2026	$100,000.00	$200,000.00	$49,026.02	$83,209.28	$1.70	
202529	Jackson	Cover Crop Initiative	07/01/2025	12/31/2026	$20,000.00	$40,000.00	$2,752.20	$2,514.20	$0.91	
202530	Lawrence	Walk in the Forest	07/01/2025	06/30/2026	$1,150.00	$2,300.00	$0.00	$0.00	#Num!	$1,150.00
202531	Marshall	Multi-purpose & Multi-practice	05/01/2025	06/30/2027	$42,000.00	$190,445.00	$17,126.57	$31,352.63	$1.83	
202532	Pennington	Black Hills Forest Stewardship	07/01/2025	06/30/2026	$9,500.00	$19,000.00	$8,260.00	$8,260.00	$1.00	$1,240.00
202533	Spink	Education & Promotion	07/01/2025	06/30/2026	$6,000.00	$12,000.00	$6,000.00	$6,855.30	$1.14	$0.00
202534	Stanley	Stanley County Tree Planting	07/01/2025	06/30/2026	$26,333.00	$76,532.00	$0.00	$0.00	#Num!	$26,333.00
202601	AURORA	SHELTERBELTS	01/01/2026	12/31/2027	$12,500.00	$25,000.00	$5,000.00	$7,004.00	$1.40	
202602	Beadle	Livestock Water	01/01/2026	12/31/2026	$51,325.00	$159,025.00	$10,809.58	$40,060.14	$3.71	
202603	Beadle	Shelterbelt	01/01/2026	12/31/2026	$9,300.00	$21,750.00	$7,718.43	$8,932.50	$1.16	$1,581.57
202604	Bennett	Tree Plantings 2026	01/01/2026	12/31/2026	$11,914.00	$26,103.00	$2,655.49	$19,615.63	$7.39	

Applic #	District	Project Title	Project Start	Project End	Approved Amt	Total Project	Payment Amount	Total Match	Leverage	Reverted $
202413	Mellette	2024 MC Multi-Practice Grant	01/01/2024	06/30/2026	$60,000.00	$140,000.00	$41,444.94	$83,255.94	$2.01	$18,555.06
202414	Miner	Conservation Edu & Awareness	01/01/2024	12/31/2024	$2,500.00	$5,000.00	$2,500.00	$7,300.22	$2.92	$0.00
202415	Miner	SDACDE 2024 Promoting Conserva	01/01/2024	12/31/2024	$7,900.00	$15,800.00	$7,900.00	$7,756.57	$0.98	$0.00
202416	Miner	Soil Health Improvement	01/01/2024	12/31/2025	$21,840.00	$50,142.00	$21,839.99	$60,932.19	$2.79	$0.00
202417	Perkins	2024 Fencing Pipeline	01/01/2024	12/31/2025	$12,488.52	$71,187.40	$5,421.38	$21,612.23	$3.99	$7,067.32
202418	Perkins	Community Outreach	01/01/2024	12/31/2024	$5,150.00	$20,465.00	$5,150.00	$10,358.05	$2.01	$0.00
202419	Perkins	Perkins County Tree Planting	01/01/2024	12/31/2025	$23,722.11	$78,928.66	$23,223.50	$23,282.94	$1.00	
202420	AURORA	Conservation Education & Aware	07/01/2024	12/31/2026	$1,500.00	$3,000.00	$1,076.88	$1,554.84	$1.44	
202421	Brule-Buffalo	Multi-County Brush MGMT	07/01/2024	12/31/2025	$18,250.00	$36,500.00	$18,003.00	$22,083.00	$1.23	$247.00
202422	Davison	Multi-County Brush MGMT	07/01/2024	12/31/2025	$40,000.00	$80,000.00	$40,000.00	$42,278.23	$1.06	$0.00
202423	Davison	Awareness & Outreach	07/01/2024	06/30/2025	$1,500.00	$3,000.00	$1,245.81	$1,245.81	$1.00	$254.19
202424	Day	Prairie Coteau Watershed Proje	07/01/2024	12/31/2026	$10,000.00	$423,940.00	$8,659.00	$30,924.03	$3.57	
202425	Douglas	Tree & Fabric Project	01/01/2024	06/30/2026	$17,000.00	$34,000.00	$13,929.32	$25,887.39	$1.86	$3,070.68
202426	Hamlin	2025 Tree Plantings	07/01/2024	12/31/2025	$8,975.00	$21,555.00	$8,541.35	$12,588.55	$1.47	
202427	Hyde	Hyde/Faulk Enhancements Proj 3	07/01/2024	06/30/2026	$28,273.50	$58,473.50	$28,273.50	$34,583.87	$1.22	$0.00
202428	Pennington	Thinning for Forest Health	07/01/2024	06/30/2026	$46,000.00	$92,000.00	$33,698.51	$37,058.51	$1.10	$12,301.49
202501	Beadle	Livestock Water	01/01/2025	12/31/2025	$28,290.00	$93,310.00	$28,290.10	$89,708.87	$3.17	$0.00
202502	Beadle	Shelterbelt	01/01/2025	12/31/2025	$8,256.00	$21,190.00	$6,403.12	$11,398.75	$1.78	$1,852.88
202503	Bennett	Tree Plantings 2025	01/01/2025	12/31/2025	$10,444.00	$23,351.00	$0.00	$0.00	#Num!	$10,444.00
202504	Brule-Buffalo	Renovation and Tree Planting	01/01/2025	06/30/2026	$25,200.00	$54,400.00	$25,200.00	$32,998.04	$1.31	$0.00
202505	Butte	Multi-County Ditch & Pipe	01/01/2025	06/30/2026	$30,000.00	$60,000.00	$30,000.00	$35,484.18	$1.18	$0.00
202506	Butte	SD Envirothon	01/01/2025	12/31/2025	$15,500.00	$62,000.00	$15,500.00	$9,247.01	$0.60	$0.00
202507	Charles Mix	Brush Management	01/01/2025	12/31/2026	$15,000.00	$30,000.00	$15,000.00	$25,950.12	$1.73	$0.00
202508	Charles Mix	Shelterbelts	01/01/2025	12/31/2026	$10,000.00	$20,000.00	$10,000.00	$19,283.15	$1.93	$0.00
202509	Clark	Tree Shelterbelt	01/01/2025	06/30/2026	$11,825.50	$34,519.50	$11,825.00	$13,590.55	$1.15	$0.00
202510	Codington	Public Awareness	01/01/2025	12/31/2025	$2,000.00	$4,000.00	$1,905.54	$1,905.55	$1.00	$94.46
202511	Corson	Tree Planting Grant	01/01/2025	12/31/2025	$1,265.75	$2,531.50	$1,118.98	$1,163.00	$1.04	$146.77

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Beadle Conservation District Shelterbelt Program Grant

2026-CSW-003 Final Report

The Beadle Conservation District has completed a 1 year Shelterbelt Grant with success.

We were able to assist 5 producers with trees/shrubs and fabric who otherwise would not have been able to do so. Thank you for your assistance with this project.

Grant Summary

5 acres
4 – field windbreaks
1 - renovation

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June 17, 2026

South Dakota Conservation Commission
C/O Jordan Turgeon, SD Department of Ag
523 East Capitol Ave
Pierre, SD 57501

RE: Bon Homme Conservation District Conservation Enhancement Program
2024 CSW 001

Enclosed is the final report describing all activities related to the grant. The project was completed according to the application and work plan. The practices installed were designed to improve water quality, improve soil health and reduce wind and water erosion in Bon Homme County. The Bon Homme Conservation District Board believes that through the funding of this grant we have reached the overall mission that we intended. That mission being to conserve, develop and enhance natural resources and the environment for the benefit of all. Thank you (Conservation Commission Board) for all your time and effort that you put into this grant process. As always, thanks to Jordan for all the work he puts into the grant projects and for all his help with the paperwork & practice questions. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

David Walloch

David Walloch, Chairman
Bon Homme Conservation District

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June 16, 2026

SD State Conservation Commissioner

RE: BHCD Conservation Enhancement Program #2024-CSW-001

Enclosed is a progress report on our BHCD conservation grant.
Projects are completed.

NAME	Project	Total cost	C/S	Local funds	Local Inkind	Partner Inkind
Pat Bame	Tree Planting	$1,365.48	$682.74	$682.74	3 hrs @ $15 = $45	2 hrs @ $20 = $40
	Fabric	$2,814.00	$1,407.00	$1,407.00		
John Baumiller	Tree Planting	$824.32	$192.00	$632.32	3 hrs @ $15 = $45	2 hrs @ $20 = $40
	Fabric	$1,816.50	$420.00	$1,396.50		
Dawson Colony	Tree Planting	$1,473.76	$736.88	$736.88	3 hrs @ $15 = $45	2 hrs @ $20 = $40
Charlie Zacharias	Grass Seeding	$1,761.00	$880.50	$880.50	1 hrs @ $15 = $15	1 hrs @ $20 = $20
Jason Chenoweth	Tree Planting	$2,216.40	$1,108.20	$1,108.20	3 hrs @ $15 = $45	2 hrs @ $20 = $40
Kevin DeJong	Tree Planting	$430.00	$215.00	$215.00	3 hrs @ $15 = $45	2 hrs @ $20 = $40
	Fabric	$821.25	$410.63	$410.62		
Chad Kokesh	Tree Planting	$864.00	$432.00	$432.00	3 hrs @ $15 = $45	2 hrs @ $20 = $40
	Fabric	$1,635.75	$817.87	$817.88		
Chris Konrad	Grass Seeding	$720.00	$216.00	$504.00	2 hrs @ $15 = $30	1 hrs @ $20 = $20
Steve Mertens	Tree Planting	$2,339.20	$1,169.60	$1,169.60	3 hrs @ $15 = $45	2 hrs @ $20 = $40
Jason Pechous	Tree Renovation	$2,907.00	$726.75	$2,180.25	2 hrs @ $15 = $30	2 hrs @ $20 = $40
Arlyn Ploen	Tree Planting	$630.80	$315.40	$315.40	3 hrs @ $15 = $45	2 hrs @ $20 = $40
David Walloch	Pipeline & tank	12069.54	1466.61	10602.93	2 hrs@ $20= $40	2 hrs@ $20= $40

Nathan Fischer	Tree/Shrub Planting	$375.96	$187.98	$187.98	3 hrs @ $15 = $45	2 hrs @ $20 = $40
	Fabric	$855.95	$427.97	$427.98		
	Shrub planting	$143.10	$71.55	$71.55		
Ben Hajek	Tree Planting	$2,269.28	$1,134.64	$1,134.64	3 hrs @ $15 = $45	2 hrs @ $20 = $40
	Fabric	$3,912.55	$1,956.28	$1,956.27		
Mike Hajek	Tree Planting	$331.76	$165.88	$165.88	3 hrs @ $15 = $45	2 hrs @ $20 = $40
	Fabric	$546.55	$273.28	$273.27		
Jason Pechous	Tree Planting	$1,793.48	$896.74	$896.74	3 hrs @ $15 = $45	2 hrs @ $20 = $40
	Fabric	$3,536.00	$1,768.00	$1,768.00		
	Shrub Planting	$354.78	$177.39	$177.39		
Tyler VanWinkle	Tree Planting	$1,111.24	$555.62	$555.62	3 hrs @ $15 = $45	2 hrs @ $20 = $40
	Fabric	$1,827.50	$913.75	$913.75		
Anthony Zimmerman	Native Grass Seeding	$1,800.00	$540.00	$1,260.00	3 hrs @ $15 = $45	2 hrs @ $20 = $40
	Tame Grass Seeding	$500.00	$150.00	$350.00		
Aaron Berndt	Waterway Grass	$290.00	$145.00	$145.00	3 hrs @ $15 = $45	2 hrs @ $20 = $40
	TOTALS	$54,337.15	$20,561.26	$33,775.89	$790.00	$720.00
*Administration 0 hrs @ $20 =						
Total grant reimbursement request		$20,561.26				
Partner Inkind		$720.00				
Local Inkind		$790.00				
Local Match		$33,775.89				
Molly Hauck, Administration						
District Manager, BHCD						
Tyndall, SD 57066						

Butte Conservation District

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July 23, 2026

RE: Open Ditch to Pipe Final Report

Alex Roeber
SD DANR
Resource Conservation & Forestry
523 E. Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501

Alex:

This letter is to serve as a final report for our Coordinated Soil & Water Conservation Grant, Multi County Ditch to Pipe project, #2025-CSW-005a. We matched $30,000.00 in grant funds with $33,791.14 in other funds for a total of $63,791.14 invested.

A total of 4 projects were completed with these funds. It converted 3314 feet of open ditch to buried pipe, increasing water efficiency, reducing field erosion, and limiting the amount of total suspended solids entering the Belle Fourche River. These projects saved a total of 15 acre-feet of water. This ongoing project has been successful for many landowners who don't have the capacity for larger conversions from flood to center pivot.
We continue to have a list of landowners in need of these conversions further confirming the need for these grants.

Thank you for your continued support of our conservation efforts and we look forward to working with you on our next grant.

Sincerely,

Yvette Kirkman

Yvette Kirkman, District Manager
Butte Conservation District

Corson Conservation District

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September 29, 2026

Corson Conservation District Final Report
Tree Grant 2026-CSW-010

We are happy to submit our final report for our tree grant. This grant helped a producer plant four shelter belts. We were successfully able to install over 20,000 ft of trees and fabric, which amounted to 11 acres.

This project took years to plan and execute. The level of detail the producer put into this project is amazing. On top of trees and fabric, he and his family spent hours picking rocks, building fence, and installing water-line without any cost-share assistance. The patience and perseverance of the producer has paid off and the District has built a great working relationship with him and his family. You cannot place a dollar amount on the ability of a Conservation District to make positive working connections within the community it serves.

I regret to report that due to a planning measuring error, I will be turning back about $5,700. I deeply regret this error and have changed measuring and labeling techniques on my imaging software to prevent it from happening again.

Thank you for your support of 2026-CSW-010. We hope to work with the Conservation Commission again soon.

Annie Walker

Annie Walker, Business Manager
Corson Conservation District

Davison Conservation District
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September 30, 2026

South Dakota Conservation Commission
c/o Alex Roeber
Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources
523 E. Capitol Ave.
Pierre, SD 57501

Dear South Dakota Conservation Commission:

The Davison Conservation District would like to present the final report for Grant number 2025-CSW-026 that was for awareness and outreach. The following items are what have been accomplished with the funds that the district received from the commission grant.

- Printing and mailing of annual newsletter
- Soil Health meeting in Mitchell

If there are any further questions you may have concerning this grant, please feel free to contact our office.

Sincerely,

Debbie Bartscher

Debbie Bartscher
Asst. District Manager

Douglas Conservation District
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605-724-2846

Dear Conservation Commission,

Thank you for this opportunity and funding to help landowners benefit from the land, as well as livestock and wildlife protection.

We were able to help a total of 6 producers from 2024-2026. We completed 1 shelter belt in 2021, 3 in 2025, and 2 in 2026.

On behalf of the Board and the producers within our county, I would like to thank you for assisting these landowners with cost share with little to no CRP the past few years we were able to help assist them.

Thank You,

Angela Mendel

Angela Mendel
District Manager

CHARLES MIX CONSERVATION DISTRICT

FINAL REPORT

COST SHARE GRANT # 2025-CSW-008

The Charles Mix Conservation District would like to submit the final report on the Shelterbelt Cost Share Grant #2025-CSW-008. This grant was provided to assist producers with a method to acquire financial assistance to help plant trees. The new shelterbelts for our producers will give them Livestock and farmstead protection, also helped wildlife habitats.

The Charles Mix Conservation District provided administrative costs involved with the grant along with technical assistance to producers.

Producers were very accommodating and were thrilled when the final project was finished. We worked with 3 producers throughout the county. Two of our producers worked also with Game, Fish and Parks which they planted a couple sites through their Woody Habitat program and wanted to add a couple additional sites which is where they used our grant funding. The last producer put in a shelterbelt for wind protection and wildlife. So we planted 13,400 ft of trees, 13,720 ft of shrubs and laid 14,915 ft of fabric for our producers

Charles Mix Conservation District considers this project very beneficial to producers in helping improve their livestock protection and energy costs but also improving erosion control, wildlife habitat, and water quality for everyone.

The in kind/administrative was site visits, preparing tree plans, flagging sites.

Sincerely,

Dawn Schulte, District Manager

Charles Mix Conservation District

CHARLES MIX CONSERVATION DISTRICT

FINAL REPORT

COST SHARE GRANT # 2026-CSW-009

The Charles Mix Conservation District would like to submit the final report on the Shelterbelt Cost Share Grant #2026-CSW-009. This grant was provided to assist producers with a method to acquire financial assistance to help plant trees. The new shelterbelts for our producers will give them Livestock and farmstead protection, also help wildlife habitats.

The Charles Mix Conservation District provided administrative costs involved with the grant along with technical assistance to producers.

Producers were very accommodating and were thrilled when the final project was finished. We worked with 5 producers throughout the county. The producers put in a shelterbelts for wind protection, field windbreaks and wildlife. So we planted 17,275 ft of trees, 4,250 ft of shrubs and laid 21,525 ft of fabric for our producers

Charles Mix Conservation District considers this project very beneficial to producers in helping improve their livestock protection and energy costs but also improving erosion control, wildlife habitat, and water quality for everyone.

The in kind/administrative was site visits, preparing tree plans, flagging sites.

Sincerely,

Dawn Schulte, District Manager

Charles Mix Conservation District

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FINAL REPORT
Conservation Practice Grant
2025-CSW-018
January 1st, 2025 – June 30th, 2026

The Kingsbury County Conservation District received grant funds in the amount of $69,000 from the Department of Agriculture to assist area Kingsbury County land owners. The program began January 1st, 2025 and ran through June 30th, 2026. The funds were used to assist area producers with establishing and renovating dilapidated shelter belts; along with planting windbreaks for habitat, crop protection, soil erosion, and riparian buffers. Additional funding assisted the communities with replacement trees helping our watershed, pollinator /native gardens and rain barrel/compost bins. We were able to reach out to the schools for earth day and Arbor Day and educate our students on conservation and how to prevent erosion.

The funds were distributed to more than 18 area land owners with more than 27 acres of shrubs and trees planted while utilizing cost share grant dollars. In addition, more than 100 acres were planted into native grasses or cover crops to assist with soil erosion and improving the quality of our soil.

The Kingsbury Conservation Board of Directors is grateful for the opportunity to invest in our area farmer's and their legacy. The cost-share dollars are vital to this county in effort to continue to conserve our lands with clean, clear, conservation.

Thank you for your continued conservation support in Kingsbury County!

Sincerely,

Tanya Flegel

Tanya Flegel
District Manager

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SPINK CONSERVATION DISTRICT
628 2nd STREET WEST
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PHONE (605) 472-0102 Ext. 3

Final Report- 2025-2026 Education and Promotion
2025-CSW-033

This grant is a great asset to our District. It helps us get our name out to the public in many ways. We started this grant in July of 2025 and ended it at the end of June 2026. In that year we did a lot of things in our county thanks to this grant.

After the grant started, we hosted a garden tour in Frankfort at Traci and Dennis Clemens' home garden. They were in their first year operating a hoop house that was an EQIP project. Along with the hoop house they also had a water catchment system and a no-till garden to tour. We had a great attendance with around 60 people attending. There were people from Aberdeen, Wolsey, and Brookings that made the trek to Frankfort to see the gardens. Thanks to this grant we were able to keep this event free to the public.

To round out the year 2025, we helped host the Coteau Legislative Banquet in Webster and we participated in Christmas at the Courthouse. We decorated a tree with ornaments filled with seed mixes and dried flowers. We also made clay seed ornaments that people could take and plant at home. It was a fun way to end the year and celebrate the holidays.

In early 2026, we worked with Shane Jordan from the NRCS to help nominate the Hamilton Family for the Leopold Award. Unfortunately, they were not chosen but we did have Connie Groop do a wonderful write up on them. We also hosted a Seed Starting Workshop with Chris Goldade from the Soil Health Coalition in early 2026. Around 30 people attended that evening. A lot of good information was presented, and it got people ready for spring!

And spring soon arrived. Thanks to this grant we were able to purchase seedling plugs for every FFA Chapter in the county. The three smaller schools passed out seedling plugs to every elementary student in the school. Redfield was able to pick a class of 30 and gave them seedlings as well. Between the FFA chapters and the Arbor Day class we visited, around 425 trees were placed in the hands of Spink County students. We had three 5th-6th grade classes participate in the South Dakota Arbor Day Creative Writing contest this year as well. Books were purchased for the top three winners in the county. We also purchased books for the teachers this year as well. They are the ones that deserve the biggest thank you for taking the time to do these essays in their classrooms. Both sets of books were focused on the importance of trees.

To wrap our grant year, we hosted the second Rangeland Day in Spink County. This was for younger kids that wanted to learn about Rangeland plants but didn't want to go out to the state Rangeland and Soil Days in Butte. Our board member, Jamie Johnson, let us use their pasture for the 20 or so kids that attended. Our instructors, Jay Hermann, Tom Nadgwick from NRCS and Dennis from the District did a wonderful job with the kids and made it a fun day.

These are just the highlights that this grant helped us with. We also were able to donate to local fundraisers, publish a newsletter, print our Tree Order Form for the press, and more. This grant is such a huge help to us. We enjoy hosting events and being able to engage with the youth in our country. We greatly appreciate your support in our district and your help in the promotion our business and helping educate people on soil health and conservation.

Thank you,

Ivy Pazour
Spink Conservation District Manager

Hyde County Conservation District

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July 28, 2026

DANR
Joe Foss Bldg
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To Whom it May Concern:

Please find enclosed a final report for the Hyde/Faulk Enhancement Project Phase III grant number #2024-CSW-027. I am happy to report that we used all our awarded grant money.

If you have any questions regarding this report please call Rachell at 605-222-6977.

Thank you for your time and to the commission members for allowing Hyde and Faulk Counties the opportunity to have this grant available to our area landowners and producers.

Sincerely,

Rachell Fletcher

Rachell Fletcher, District Manager
Hyde County Conservation District

Enclosed: Final Report

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Hyde County Conservation District
Hyde/Faulk Enhancement Project Phase III

Grant Summary:

The Hyde County Conservation District was awarded $28,273.50 for a two-year grant, which provided Hyde and Faulk County landowners/producers the needed assistance for renovating and bringing new life to shelterbelts or to install new belts that did not qualify for assistance under any other programs.

Through this grant we were able to assist ten landowners/producers to install just over thirteen acres. 42,362 feet of trees and shrubs were planted, and 41,189 feet of fabric were installed. We also had one producer use the grant for handplants. This grant's plantings showed a good mix of new belts being installed, and old belts being completely replanted or 'beefed up' to be a thicker, stronger shelter.

Considering the wet spring we had in 2025 and the loss of acres to other programs, we are pleased to still be able to help all the producers in our counties. The amount of time and costs that the producers were willing to donate to get the trees in the ground is always great to see. Overall, the Hyde/Faulk Enhancement Project Phase III was very successful, allowing our producers and landowners to enhance the land, leaving it better for future generations. Thank you for your part in helping to beautify our counties.





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Lawrence Conservation District
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605-642-3590 lawrencecd@sdconservation.net

July 22, 2026

RE: Walk in the Forest Final Report

Alex Roeber
Resource Conservation & Forestry Div.
523 E Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501

Mr. Roeber:

This letter is to serve as the final report for our Coordinated Soil and Water Conservation Grant, Walk in the Woods #2025-CSW-030. The partnership between Lawrence Conservation District and Project Learning Tree intended to provide field day learning experiences for students in grades 3-12, allowing them to explore local forests, exercise and learn about natural resources and professions in those fields. Unfortunately, the partner agency in this case was unable to complete the objectives and Lawrence Conservation District will revert the full amount of the grant, $1150.00

Thank you for the opportunity to pursue an educational venture for area students.

Sincerely,

Yvette Kirkman

Yvette Kirkman, District Manager
Lawrence Conservation District

Windbreak Renovation Spring 2026 - Final Report - June 2026
Grant Number 2026-CSW-021

The Lincoln Conservation District worked with landowners to implement Tree Windbreaks on Windbreak Renovation sites. For this Grant, only one landowner was approved. Other potential sites that were considered for this Grant decided to be planted without funding from this Grant.

Financial Information

Grant Reimbursement funds requested:	$747.43	(less than 25%)
Partner/Landowner contributions total:	$2,242.32	(more than 75%)
Total project cost:	$2,989.75	

Lincoln Conservation District worked with SD DANR Forester, John Hartland to develop tree plan. As part of their Windbreak Renovation project, the Landowner incurred expense of $21,747.49 for tree removal before Sept. 2025, (invoice attached). Forester, John Hartland visited the Windbreak Renovation site on Sept. 29, 2025, and approved site as prepared, and mailed approval letter (letter attached).

Tree seedlings were picked up from Nursery on April 13 & 14, and planted on April 15. Lincoln Conservation District manager called Forester John Hartland and reviewed Tree Plan as planted. Fabric was installed on May 26, and Tree Tubes installed on May 29, as shown on invoice (invoice attached).

On July 16, Lincoln Conservation District called Forester John Hartland and Mr. Hartland mailed letter of approval for Tree Plan as planted (letter attached).

The landowner did buy a few seedlings to plant and have for future replacements in the Windbreak. The cost for those replacement seedlings were included in the reimbursement request.

Also included are the Landowner Conservation Application for cost share, and the District's approval letter.

Thank you for your consideration,

Jeremy S.
Lincoln Conservation District
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Mellette County Coservation District

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2024 Mellette County Multi-Practice Grant 1/1/2024 – 6/30/2026

(2024-CSW-013) – Final Report

The Mellette County Conservation District was awarded grant funds in funds in the amount of $60,000 from the DANR to assist landowner and operators with the conservation practices installed in both Mellette and Todd county. The 2024 MC Multi-Practice Grant served 11 producers and 14 projects. Projest completed under this grant include:

- 4 Pipeline and Tanks
- 6 Tree Planting
- 2 Seedings
- 2 Fencing

Being new to the position we had 6 months to work on the grant and get as many projects done as possible in that time. We did have more practice that where approved but would have not meet the deadline. Those projects have been moved to the next grant. We feft the we was able to successfully complete all that we could in the short amount of time. We do understand that some of the funding is being reverded back to DANR that was not used. Even though we did not fulfull the full grant funding we do fell it was a huge success and we was able to help with cost share to help the producers.

Thank you for your continued support of our conservation efforts. We look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

Julie Kelly

Julie Kelly

District Manager

Todd/Mellette County Conservation Districts

Pennington Conservation District Final Report 2025-2026

Grant Number: 2025-CSW-032

Black Hills Forest Stewardship Plans Project

Landowners hired private professional foresters, using the South Dakota Registry of Private Professional Foresters to create management plans for their properties. This encourages continued and planned management into the future, with plans averaging 10 years in length. This supports South Dakota's Forest Action Plan and gives landowners a guide to manage their property in the future.

This grant is applied to 624 acres in Meade, Fall River, Lawrence, Pennington, and Custer Counties. Administration was provided by the Pennington Conservation District, with certifications completed by SD DANR employees.

Balance of unused grant funds will revert back to the Commission.

Pennington Conservation District Final Report 2025-2026

Grant Number: 2024-CSW-028a

Forest Health Thinning Project

Forest health practices were completed on 46 acres in Pennington County, addressing dense ponderosa pine, possible beetle infestation concerns, fire concerns, forage concerns, and regeneration concerns.

Administration was provided by the Pennington Conservation District, with work verification completed by SD DANR forestry staff. Balance of unused grant funds will revert back to the Commission.

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10/13/2026

Project Summary: 2023 -CSW-036a

Turner Conservation would like to thank the State Commission for the Shelterbelt Renovation Grant.

The Shelterbelt Renovation Grant was received by two producers not eligible for Equip program. Four hundred sixty-four trees planted equaling 1.9 acres of trees planted

Having Grant Funds available allowed us to offer this program through the District and offer the landowner/producers a great opportunity to establish and renovate a shelterbelt to a conservation practice.

This is a great program, and we look forward to the next grant program.

Thanks,

District Manager



Carter Robinson

* Area to be renovated outlined in white
* Area planted to trees in rows of gray
* Soils in area ChB + ChA
* Plan for 4 rows on north side of renovated area 30' from dripline of existing trees
* 1st North row Honeylocust
* 2nd row Hackberry
* 3rd row Burr Oak
* 4th row Amur Maple

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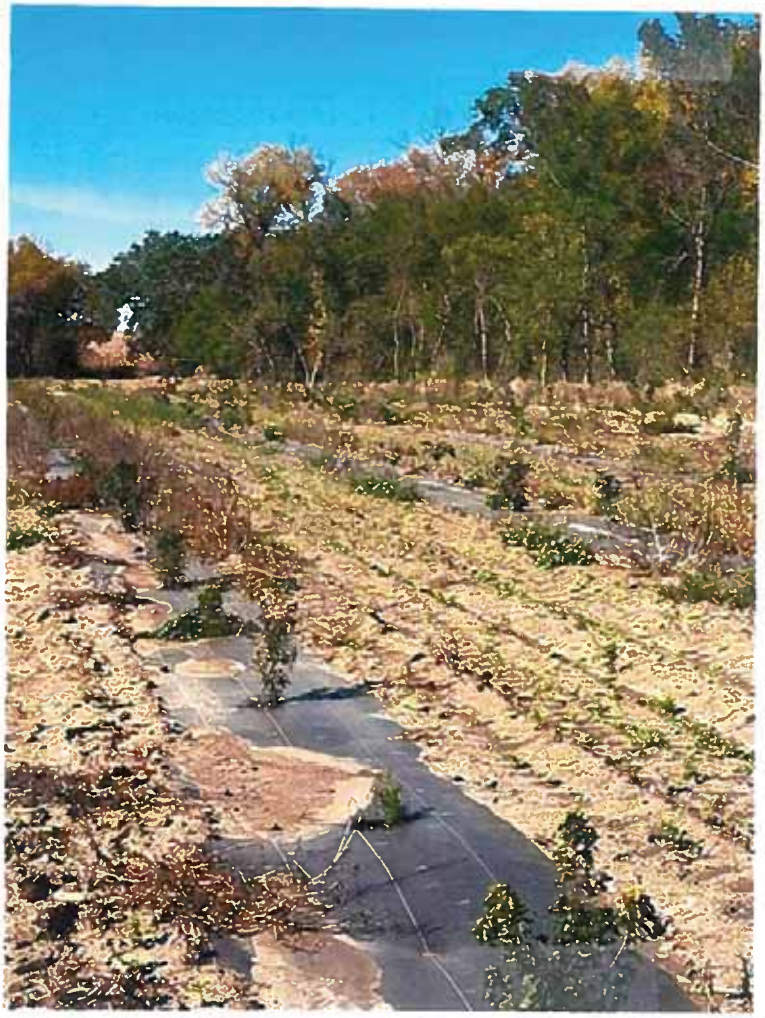





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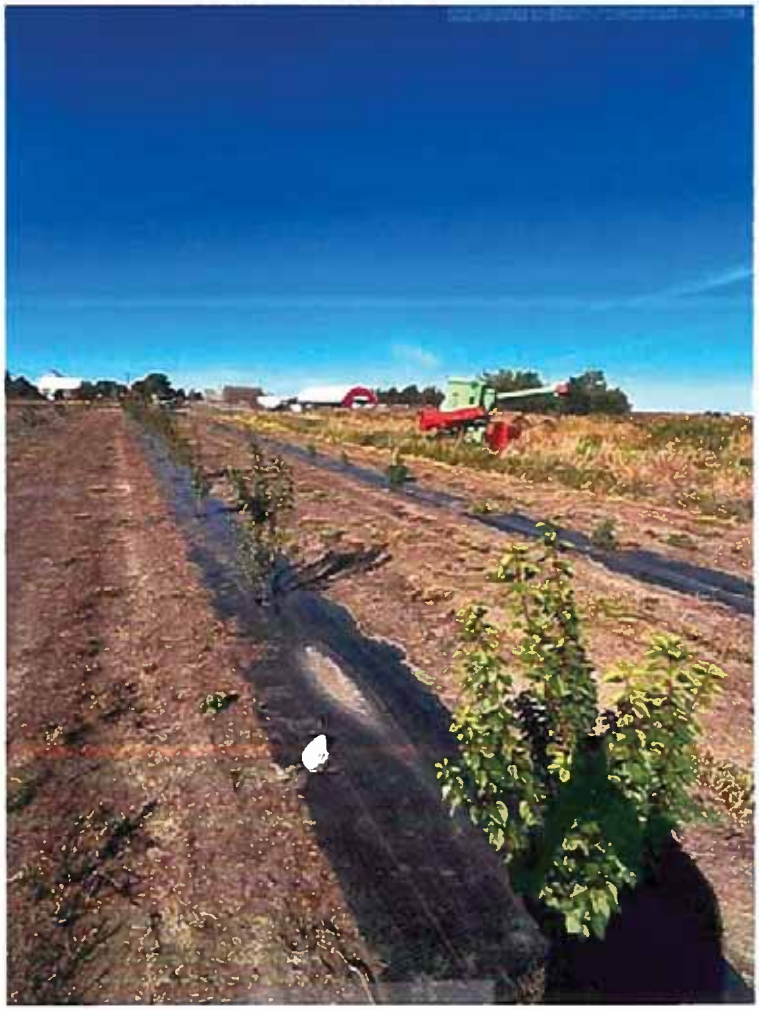

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Conservation District	American Creek	Project Name:	Shelterbelts
Start Date	01/01/2027	End Date	06/30/2028

		Other funds:	Cash	In-kind
Total Project Amount:	$ 32,000.00	Total:	$ -	$ -
Commission Funds:	$ 16,000.00	RC&F:		
District Funds:		DANR:		
Landowner Cash:	$ 16,000.00	GF&P:		
Local In-kind:		USFWS:		
Other Funds:	$ -	NRCS:		
		OTHER:		

Description of Grant Application:

The proposed project, sponsored by American Creek Conservation District, will make funds available to farmers/ranchers in Lyman County to plant trees on sites that are not eligible for cost-share through other programs. Many livestock producers do not have eligible areas to plant trees under current program guidelines. The shelterbelts will provide erosion control, protection for livestock, farmstead protection, improved water quality and wildlife habitat.

If selected for funding, RC&F suggests that:

- The Conservation Commission will not reimburse any costs that exceed the current Conservation Commission Cost-share Docket. Please note other restrictions as listed there.
- All tree and shrub planting plans be reviewed and approved by one of the SDDANR RCF foresters prior to planting.
- Stand alone farmstead/homestead windbreaks do not qualify for cost-share from the Commission.
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- The district provide a copy of the Joint Powers Agreement with all the conservation districts involved.
- The district provide timesheets or other documentation to demonstrate the actual time spent on salary/administration of the grant.
- Final report must be submitted before final reimbursement will be processed. This report must be submitted no more than 30 days after the end of the grant.

DANR:

GF&P:

Other current grants:	Project	Start date		End Date	Original Award	Balance	Extensions
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Approved: Denied:

Reason for denial:

SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY DIVISION
523 East Capitol Avenue
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GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Applicant Information

Organization: American Creek Conservation District Mailing Address: PO Box 156

Telephone: 605-869-2238 City: Kennebec State: SD Zip: 57544

Tax Status: government

Project Contact

Project Officer: Cody Palmer, chair Telephone: 605-280-6646

Fax: _____ Email: cpalmer@fbfs.com

Project Information

Project Name: Shelterbelts

Start Date: 01/01/2027 End Date: 06/30/2028

Legal description: County: Lyman

Township: _____ Range: _____

Section: _____ Qtr: _____

Type of Grant

- (●) Conservation Grant
- ( ) Community Forestry
- ( ) Insect/Disease
- ( ) Invasive Species
- ( ) Forest Stewardship
- ( ) Mountain Pine Beetle
- ( ) Other (specify): _____

Financial Information

Grant funds requested: $16,000 Partner contributions (total): $16,000 Total project cost: 32,000

Please provide a brief, descriptive summary of the project:

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I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, this application is true and correct. I further agree to comply with the provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and regulations issued thereunder relating to nondiscrimination in federally assisted programs.

Applicant Signature Cody Palmer Title chair Date 9/30/26

A copy of the state required W-9 form must be attached to this application.

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Signature of Reviewer _____ **Title** _____ **Date** _____

Signature of Approval _____ **Title** _____ **Date** _____

BUDGET SHEET

The total for each of these three sections should equal the "Total Project Cost" on page 1.

A. Operating Budget

1. Salary/Benefits	
2. Travel	
3. Contractual Services	32000.00
4. Supplies	
5. Equipment (list major equipment)	
6. Consultation Services	
Total Project Costs	32000

This total must equal 32,000

B. Activity Budget

	Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
1.	tree planting	4500.00	4500			900
2.	fabric & installation	9000.00	9000			18,000
3.	tree tubes	2500.00	2500			5000
4.						0
5.						0
6.						0
7.						0
8.						0
	Totals	16000	16,000	0	0	32000

This total must equal 32,000

C. Project Partners

	Partners	Amount Cash	Amount In-Kind	Total
1.	DANR	16000.00		16000
2.	Landowners	16000.00		16000
3.				0
4.				0
5.				0
6.				0
7.				0
8.				0
	Totals	32000	0	32000

This total must equal 32,000

Please send application and attachments to the South Dakota Department of Agriculture & Natural Resources.

Shelterbelt narrative – American Creek Conservation District – Sep 2026
Project description and need

Primary beneficiaries
This project is designed to make funds available to landowners to plant trees on sites not eligible for other cost-share programs. Landowners and operators who establish new shelterbelts will see many benefits. The new shelterbelts will provide protection for livestock of all ages reducing health costs and death loss to producers. The new shelterbelts will reduce energy needs by sheltering buildings and livestock from harsh weather conditions. Livestock feed costs will be reduced by providing more comfortable areas for livestock.

Other benefits of the newly established shelterbelts include increased wildlife habitat and increased hunting areas for hunters. The general public will benefit by the improved aesthetics a properly designed shelterbelt can provide.

Implementation, maintenance and follow-up
American Creek Conservation District will be responsible for the implementation of this project. Maintenance of the project areas will be monitored by American Creek Conservation District and provided by either the Conservation District or the producer. Follow-up activities will be done by the Conservation District through personal interviews with the producers to closely monitor savings and benefits of the projects.

Project location
The project will be required to be located anywhere within the boundaries of American Creek Conservation District (Lyman County).

Special needs addresses
This project is designed to assist in the establishment of new shelterbelts in those areas that do not qualify for other program assistance. The absence of adequate shelter that trees can provide increases energy needs to everyone. Snow storage is an important part of every operation to reduce the time, labor, equipment and fuel cost to remove unwanted snow. Adequate shelter can significantly reduce the death loss of livestock operations and provide other benefits such as energy and feed-saving. Many producers without adequate shelter for livestock are utilizing wooded creeks and stream areas for shelter. This has an extreme negative impact on the conditions of the riparian areas allowing pollutants including the waste from the livestock to wash downstream and adversely affect other private and public areas. Providing a means of adequate shelter to keep livestock out of these areas will greatly improve the ease and safety of caring for livestock in harsh conditions. It will also protect water quality by giving livestock producers a way to preserve fragile riparian areas and floodplains. Many of these areas have a direct effect on the Missouri River (Lyman County borders the Missouri River) which is an important source of public recreation and Mni Wiconi drinking water.

Site specific activities
Soils, data, proper site preparation principles and prior chemical use with be monitored carefully to ensure that the tree planting is successful and the newly established plants have the best possible chance to survive. Cultural resource data and utility line location will also be part of the project to ensure the producers meet these requirements. Plans will be designed to provide the maximum benefit for the producer, the type of livestock, wildlife, and erosion control needs in each specific area.

Project management and protection
Producers receiving financial assistance for these projects will be required to sign a contract with American Creek Conservation District to maintain and protect the practice for a minimum of ten years in consideration for cost-share.

Required permits
No federal, state, or local permits will be required prior to the establishment of these projects in Lyman County.

Final products
Shelterbelts greatly diminish the effect of cold temperatures on livestock. This significantly lowers stress on animals and consequently reduces feed energy requirements. Livestock producers and ranchers will see better animal health and greater financial gain.

As soon as two years, shelterbelts can effectively protect buildings and roadways from drifting snow. These projects will add diversity to the landscape and beautify farmsteads, cost-effectively increasing property values. Trees also provide diverse habitat and cover for many species of wildlife. Fish and other aquatic animals benefit as trees reduce erosion and filter pollutants and agricultural runoff. With this greater plant diversity, trees create a healthier ecosystem.

Partner justification
The SD Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Division of Resource Conservation and Forestry will provide Natural Resources Conservation Grants funds to supplement landowner and American Creek Conservation District funds. The Division's field foresters will be utilized to approve the tree plans and follow up procedures of the grant.

Lower Brule Sioux Tribe will be involved in all sites that are located on tribal lands assisting in the cultural resources determinations and technical assistance. They may also provide financial assistance to appropriately located tribal sites.

American Creek Conservation District will provide technical assistance, inspection, application, follow-up and reimbursement to the projects in the grant. All scheduling, reporting and record keeping will be provided by the Conservation District.

Landowners will provide the balance of costs associated with the tree planting projects. They will also assume the responsibility for all replacement trees and tree maintenance costs after trees are planted.

Measuring the success
American Creek Conservation District will monitor the shelterbelts for survival and maintenance. Landowners will be interviewed to determine how the shelterbelt complimented overall operation of the farm/ranch. Livestock health and feed and energy savings as well as wildlife use and erosion reduction will be monitored by each landowner. Information on the projects will be shared through social media and local news outlets.

AMERICAN CREEK CONSERVATION DISTRICT
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
September 30, 2026

CALL TO ORDER: called the meeting to order at 2:30 pm, September 30, 2026, by remote.

PRESENT: Cody Palmer, Brian Miller, Matt Bogue, Blaine Brakke
ABSENT: Evan Smith
ALSO PRESENT: Angela Ehlers

For the purposes of continuity, these minutes are not necessarily in chronological order.

Agenda approval: MOTION: Brakke moved, Bogue seconded, to approve the agenda. Voting aye: Palmer, Miller, Bogue, Brakke. Motion carried.

2026 Natural Resources Conservation Grant: MOTION: Miller moved, Brakke seconded, to approve the 2026 American Creek Tree Planting Grant and to submit to the Conservation Commission for its consideration during the 2026 fall grant round. Amount to be requested is $16,000.00 for trees, shrubs, fabric and installation and tree tubes. Voting aye: Palmer, Miller, Bogue, Brakke. Motion carried.

Public input: No public input was received.

ADJOURN: Chair Palmer adjourned the meeting at 2:36 pm.

State Conservation Commission | November 2025

Conservation District: Beadle | Project Name: Livestock Water

Start Date: 01/01/2027 | End Date: 12/31/2027

		Other funds:	Cash	In-kind
Total Project Amount:	$ 176,225.00	Total:	$ -	
Commission Funds:	$ 56,835.00	RC&F:		
District Funds:		DANR:		
Landowner Cash:	$ 119,390.00	GF&P:		
Local In-kind:		USFWS:		
Other Funds:		NRCS:		
		OTHER:		

Description of Grant Application:

This project will provide cost share to local livestock owners/landowners for installing grazing and water practices on their property.

If selected for funding, RC&F suggests that:

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DANR:

GF&P:

Other current grants:	Project	Start date	End Date	Original Award	Balance	Extensions
Livestock Water	2026-CSW-002	01/01/2026	12/31/2026	$ 51,325.00	$ 40,515.42	

Approved: | Denied:

Reason for denial:

SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY DIVISION
523 East Capitol Avenue
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Phone: 605.773.3623 Fax: 605.773.3481
sdda.sd.gov

GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Applicant Information

Organization: Beadle Conservation District Mailing Address: 1386 Lincoln Ave SW Ste B
Telephone: 605-352-2998 ext3 City: Huron State: SD Zip: 57350
Tax Status: Exempt

Project Contact

Project Officer: Robin Viestenz Telephone: 605-936-8384
Fax: _____ Email: beadlecd@sdconservation.net

Project Information

Project Name: LIVESTOCK WATER
Start Date: 01/01/2027 End Date: 12/31/2027
Legal description: County Beadle
Township: _____ Range: _____
Section: _____ Qtr: _____

Type of Grant

- (●) Conservation Grant
- ( ) Community Forestry
- ( ) Insect/Disease
- ( ) Invasive Species
- ( ) Forest Stewardship
- ( ) Mountain Pine Beetle
- ( ) Other (specify): _____

Financial Information

Grant funds requested: 56835 Partner contributions (total): 119390 Total project cost: 176225

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Applicant Signature Title Chairman Date 9/24/26

A copy of the state required W-9 form must be attached to this application.

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Signature of Approval _____ Title _____ Date _____

BUDGET SHEET

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2. Travel	
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4. Supplies	
5. Equipment (list major equipment)	
6. Consultation Services	
Total Project Costs	176225

This total must equal 176225

B. Activity Budget

	Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
1.	WATER DEVELOPMENT	47760		111440		159200
2.	GRAZING MANAGEMENT	7950		7950		15900
3.	T/A	625				625
4.	ADMIN	500				500
5.						0
6.						0
7.						0
8.						0
Totals		56835	0	119390	0	176225

This total must equal 176225

C. Project Partners

	Partners	Amount Cash	Amount In-Kind	Total
1.	RC&F	56835		56835
2.	PRODUCERS		119390	119390
3.				0
4.				0
5.				0
6.				0
7.				0
8.				0
Totals		56835	119390	176225

This total must equal 176225

Please send application and attachments to the South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

D. PROJECT DESCRIPTION & NEED

Primary Beneficiaries

- The projects primary goal is grassland management and protection. Developing a reliable watering source is the key factor within a successful managed grazing system.
- This project will provide 30% cost share for producers within Beadle County for water development. 50% cost share will be provided for grazing management in an effort to protect and improve water quality and grazing lands.
- Most ranchers want to maximize the return of their livestock enterprise while sustaining the resources through economic and environmental aspects.

Responsible for Implementation, Maintenance & Follow-up

- Beadle Conservation District will be responsible for implementing this project. Applications will be taken and grazing systems will be established following the NRCS Tech Guide specifications. After each potential project is mutually agreed upon, the landowner will sign an agreement with the Conservation District. The agreement will outline the total project, partner contributions and landowner costs. This agreement will also provide a grazing management plan which determines the amount and grazing time of livestock while maintaining a viable grassland community.

Location of Project

- The project area is Beadle County, within the James River Watershed

Environmental, Natural Resource, Ecological, Education, and/or Social Impacts

- Environmental & Natural Resource – Livestock watering facilities are a critical component to maintaining livestock grazing areas. Grazing areas and livestock will be improved through increased water quality provided by the addition of a rural water supply for watering of livestock.

Federal, State or Local Permits Required

- Any permitting requirements will be met on a site specific basis. Consideration for cultural resources and environmental impacts will be considered when in the planning phase of this project.

E. FINAL PRODUCTS

- The project funding will enable producers/landowners to develop water needed to improve grazing systems in the project area. By promoting this project, better water quality will be provided to the livestock, which in turn will provide healthier livestock, thus resulting in an improved economic community.

F. PARTNER JUSTIFICATION

- Beadle Conservation District – The conservation district will be responsible for all aspects of the grant project. The 2026 Conservation Commission Approved Practices Costs and 2026 Conservation Commission Approved Cost-Share Percentages will be followed. The district will conform to the goals and objectives of this plan. The district will be responsible for the project management, marketing, grazing systems, technical assistance and evaluation of the project.
- Conservation Commission Grant – The grant will provide 30% cost-share for water development, 50% cost-share for grazing management and all of the technical assistance and administrative costs.
- Natural Resource Conservation Service - The NRCS Tech Guide will be followed when developing grazing systems.
- Landowner – The landowner will have the most to gain from this project. He will provide at least 25% of the total cost of any water development, and 50% of the total cost of any grazing management or cover crops. Even if other funding is found by the producer, he must provide 25% of the total cost of the project.

G. SUCCESS OF PROJECT

- Success of this project will be measured by the number of livestock producers educated on the importance of water quality for livestock. With this grant, we hope to provide cost-share to producers/landowners interested in improving their grazing management within the Beadle County area.
- The improvement of water quality, reduction of soil erosion, protection of ground water, and the protection of range and pastureland will be the true measures of this projects success.

WATER QUALITY FOR LIVESTOCK

WATER DEVELOPMENT

practice	qty	cost	each	est contracts	total		GRANT
pipeline (2"PVC below ground)	8000	$3.60/ft			$28,800.00		
tanks	1500	$1.60/gal	$2,400	6	$14,400.00		
rural hook-up		$3,500		4	$14,000.00		
new wells (steel/copper/plastic)			$45,000	2	$90,000.00		
pumps		4000	$4,000	3	$12,000.00		
				total:	**$159,200**	0.3	$47,760.00

GRAZING MANAGEMENT

electric/Fencing (4-strand barbed wire)	15000	$1.06/ft	$15,900		$15,900.00	0.5	$7,950.00
Administration	20hr	25/hr			$500		$500.00
T/A	25hr	25/hr			625		$625.00
							$56,835.00
					$176,225.00		

BEADLE CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
September 10, 2026 @ 7:00 pm with John Wellnitz presiding.

Board of Supervisors Present:
Scott Hamilton, Chairman (phone)
John Wellnitz, Vice Chairman
Mark Goldammer, Treasurer
John Boomsma, Supervisor
Lee Klocke, Advisor

Others Present:
Robin Viestenz, District Manager

Absent:
Kent Vlieger, State Soil Health Specialist
Brady Johnson, District Conservationist

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY: Scott Hamilton @ 7:02 pm

REQUEST FOR NEW BUSINESS TO BE PLACED ON AGENDA (discussion only):

AGENDA FOR APPROVAL: Mark Goldammer moved to approve agenda. John Boomsma seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MINUTES OF REGULAR August BOARD MEETING: Mark Goldammer moved to approve minutes. John Boomsma seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: John Boomsma moved to approve accounts payable. Mark Goldammer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SUPERVISORS REPORT:

DALE FARM REPORT: Brian is willing to accept another 3 year lease, and will attend October meeting; the lease will also be reviewed and updated if needed.

CAIN CREEK REPORT:

BEADLE CD FARM REPORT:

MANAGERS REPORT: Nursery tree prices to increase 5%; handed out employee raffle tickets

FIELD REPORTS: 20 acres of trees

NRCS REPORT/NEW CONTRACTS:

COMMISSION GRANTS: Livestock Water – John Boomsma moved to approve submitting a grant for Livestock Water. Mark Goldammer seconded the motion. Motion carried. Shelterbelt Survival - Mark

Goldammer moved to approve submitting a grant for shelterbelt survival. John Boomsma seconded the motion. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT: Scott Hamilton adjourned the meeting at 8:15 pm. The next regular board meeting will be held October 8, 2026 at 7:00 pm

Robin Viestenz
Recorder

State Conservation Commission			Nov-26

Conservation District	Beadle	Project Name:	Shelterbelt Program
Start Date	01/01/2027	End Date	12/31/2027

		Other funds:	Cash	In-kind
Total Project Amount:	$ 38,000.00	Total:	$ -	$ -
Commisson Funds:	$ 14,750.00	RC&F:		
District Funds:		DANR:		
Landowner Cash:	$ 23,250.00	GF&P:		
Local In-kind:		USFWS:		
Other Funds:		NRCS:		
		OTHER:		

Description of Grant Application:

The shelterbelt program will provide resource benefits for livestock protection, increased wildlife habitat, soil health and other undertermined benefits. In an effort to protect new shelterbelts from wildlife pressure, tree protectors will also be used.

If selected for funding, RC&F suggests that:

- The Conservation Commission will not reimburse any costs that exceed the current Conservation Commission Cost-share Docket. Please note other restrictions as listed there.
- All tree and shrub planting plans be reviewed and approved by one of the SDDANR RCF foresters prior to planting.
- Stand alone farmstead/homestead windbreaks do not qualify for cost-share from the Commission.
- District must secure a landowner application to determine eligibility for cost-share funds, copy to be provided with reimbursement request.
- District must provide the landowner with notification letter indicating whether or not they have been approved for cost-share, copy to be provided with reimbursement request.
- Project reimbursement will be based on actual bill/receipts submitted for completed work. Cost-share will be based on legitimate costs up to the specified maximum.
- The district provide a copy of the Joint Powers Agreement with all the conservation districts involved.
- The district provide timesheets or other documentation to demonstrate the actual time spent on salary/administration of the grant.
- Final report must be submitted before final reimbursement will be processed. This report must be submitted no more than 30 days after the end of the grant.

DANR:

GF&P:

	Project	Start date	End Date	Original Award	Balance	Extensions
Other current grants:						
Livestock Water	2026-CSW-002	01/01/2026	12/31/2026	$ 51,325.00	$ 40,515.42	

Approved: Denied:

Reason for denial:

SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY DIVISION
523 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501
Phone: 605.773.3623 Fax: 605.773.3481
sdda.sd.gov

GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Applicant Information

Organization: Beadle Conservation District Mailing Address: 1386 Lincoln Ave SW Ste B
Telephone: 605-352-2998 City: Huron State: SD Zip: 57350
Tax Status: exempt

Project Contact

Project Officer: Robin Viestenz Telephone: 605-936-8384
Fax: _____ Email: beadlecd@sdconservation.net

Project Information

Project Name: Shelterbelt Program
Start Date: 01/01/2027 End Date: 12/31/2027
Legal description: County Beadle
Township: _____ Range: _____
Section: _____ Qtr: _____

Type of Grant

- (●) Conservation Grant
- ( ) Community Forestry
- ( ) Insect/Disease
- ( ) Invasive Species
- ( ) Forest Stewardship
- ( ) Mountain Pine Beetle
- ( ) Other (specify): _____

Financial Information

Grant funds requested: 14750 Partner contributions (total): 23250 Total project cost: 38000

Please provide a brief, descriptive summary of the project:

The shelterbelt program will provide resource benefits for livestock protection, increased wildlife habitat, soil health and other undetermined benefits. In an effort to protect new shelterbelts from wildlife pressure, tree protectors will also be used.

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, this application is true and correct. I further agree to comply with the provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and regulations issued thereunder relating to nondiscrimination in federally assisted programs.

Applicant Signature _____ Title Chairman Date 9/24/26

A copy of the state required W-9 form must be attached to this application.

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Signature of Reviewer _____ Title _____ Date _____

Signature of Approval _____ Title _____ Date _____

BUDGET SHEET

The total for each of these three sections should equal the "Total Project Cost" on page 1.

A. Operating Budget

1. Salary/Benefits	
2. Travel	
3. Contractual Services	38000
4. Supplies	
5. Equipment (list major equipment)	
6. Consultation Services	
Total Project Costs	38000

This total must equal 38000

B. Activity Budget

	Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
1.	tree planting	9375	18750			28125
2.	tree protectors	4500	4500			9000
3.						0
4.	T/A	375				375
5.	Admin	500				500
6.						0
7.						0
8.						0
	Totals	14750	23250	0	0	38000

This total must equal 38000

C. Project Partners

	Partners	Amount Cash	Amount In-Kind	Total
1.	RC&F	14750		14750
2.	landowners	23250		23250
3.				0
4.				0
5.				0
6.				0
7.				0
8.				0
	Totals	38000	0	38000

This total must equal 38000

Please send application and attachments to the South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

D. PROJECT DESCRIPTION & NEED

Primary beneficiaries

The project is designed to enhance and protect our natural resources. By installing shelterbelts we provide protection to livestock and wildlife, reduce soil erosion, and lower road maintenance issues throughout Beadle County.

Responsible for Implementation, Maintenance & Follow-up

Applications will be taken and tree plans will be established following NRCS Tech Guide specifications. Tree protectors will be discussed and installed on approved trees to reduce wildlife pressure during establishment. After each potential project is mutually agreed upon, the land owner will sign an agreement with the Conservation District.

Beadle Conservation District will be responsible for contacting clients for installation and will follow-up with the clients on proper maintenance throughout the contract.

Location of Project

The project area is Beadle County

Environmental, Natural Resource, Ecological, Education, and/or Social Impacts

Environmental & Natural Resource – Shelterbelts provide wildlife habitat, livestock protection, grassland enhancement and aid in protecting our soils from erosion. Planting shelterbelts in grasslands addresses some of our Natural Resource concerns.

Social Impact – Adds to the value of land by increasing its productivity due to healthier soil and better water retention.

Federal, State or Local Permits Required

No permits are required at this time. Consideration for cultural resources and environmental impacts will be considered when in the planning phase of this project.

E. FINAL PRODUCTS

It is anticipated that approximately 10 acres of trees will be planted in grass. This will enhance grass maintenance, wildlife and livestock protection, and soil maintenance.

F. PARTNER JUSTIFICATION

Beadle Conservation District has the equipment and knowledge to complete this project.

The NRCS Tech Guide is followed when designing shelterbelts.

G. SUCCESS OF PROJECT

By achieving our 10 acre goal.

SHELTERBELT

TREE PLANTING - MACHINE

	qty	docket	TOTAL		GRANT		actual	
shrubs (ft)	5000	$0.60	$3,000.00	50%	$1,500.00		$1.00	$5,000.00
trees (ft)	7500	$0.60	$4,500.00	50%	$2,250.00		$1.00	$7,500.00
fabric (FT)	12500	$0.90	$11,250.00	50%	$5,625.00		$1.25	$15,625.00
						$9,375.00		
								$28,125.00

TREE PROTECTORS

5ft tree protectors	600	$10.00	$6,000.00	50%	$3,000.00			
installation	600	$5.00	$3,000.00	50%	$1,500.00			
						$4,500.00		4500

Administrative costs (hr)	20	$25.00	$500.00	100%	$500.00			
Technical assistance (hr)	15	$25.00	$375.00	100%	$375.00			
			$28,625.00		$14,750.00			$32,625.00

BEADLE CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL E-MAIL MEETING
September 18, 2026

Board of Supervisors Present:
Scott Hamilton, Chairman
John Wellnitz, Vice Chairman
Mark Goldammer, Treasurer
John Boomsma, Supervisor
Lee Klocke, Advisor

Others Present:
Robin Viestenz, District Manager

Robin initiated an email on September 16 to have another grant approved for Shelterbelts.
Scott asked for a motion to approve.
Mark Goldammer on September 18, made a motion to submit a Shelterbelt Grant to the Conservation Commission. Seconded by John Wellnitz.
Mark – yes; John W – yes; Scott – yes; John B – yes. Motion carried.

Robin Viestenz
Recorder

State Conservation Commission					Nov-26
Conservation District	Beadle		Project Name:	Shelterbelt Survival	
Start Date	01/01/2027		End Date	12/31/2027	

			Other funds:	Cash	In-kind
Total Project Amount:	$ 3,050.00		Total:	$ -	$ -
Commission Funds:	$ 1,525.00		RC&F:		
District Funds:			DANR:		
Landowner Cash:	$ 1,525.00		GF&P:		
Local In-kind:			USFWS:		
Other Funds:	$ -		NRCS:		
			OTHER:		

Description of Grant Application:

To provide cost share on drip irrigation in an effort to reduce mortality of the newly planted seedlings.

If selected for funding, RC&F suggests that:

- The district provide timesheets or other documentation to demonstrate the actual time spent on salary/administration of the grant.
- Project reimbursement will be based on actual bill/receipts submitted for completed work. Cost-share will be based on legitimate costs up to the specified maximum.

DANR:

GF&P:

Other current grants:	Project	Start date	End Date	Original Award	Balance	Extensions
Livestock Water	2026-CSW-002	01/01/2026	12/31/2026	$ 51,325.00	$ 40,515.42	

Approved: Denied:

Reason for denial:

SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY DIVISION
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GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Applicant Information

Organization: Beadle Conservation District Mailing Address: 1386 Lincoln Ave SW Ste B

Telephone: 605-352-2998 ext3 City: Huron State: SD Zip: 57350

Tax Status: exempt

Project Contact

Project Officer: Robin Viestenz Telephone: 605-936-8384

Fax: _____ Email: beadlecd@sdconservation.net

Project Information

Project Name: Shelterbelt Survival

Start Date: 01/01/2027 End Date: 12/31/2027

Legal description: County Beadle

Township: _____ Range: _____

Section: _____ Qtr: _____

Type of Grant

- (●) Conservation Grant
- ( ) Community Forestry
- ( ) Insect/Disease
- ( ) Invasive Species
- ( ) Forest Stewardship
- ( ) Mountain Pine Beetle
- ( ) Other (specify): _____

Financial Information

Grant funds requested: 1525 Partner contributions (total): 1525 Total project cost: 3050

Please provide a brief, descriptive summary of the project:

To provide cost share on drip irrigation in an effort to reduce mortality of the newly planted seedlings.

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, this application is true and correct. I further agree to comply with the provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and regulations issued thereunder relating to nondiscrimination in federally assisted programs.

Applicant Signature Scott Hunnicutt Title Chairman Date 9/24/26

A copy of the state required W-9 form must be attached to this application.

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Signature of Approval _____ Title _____ Date _____

BUDGET SHEET

The total for each of these three sections should equal the "Total Project Cost" on page 1.

A. Operating Budget

1. Salary/Benefits	
2. Travel	
3. Contractual Services	3050
4. Supplies	
5. Equipment (list major equipment)	
6. Consultation Services	
Total Project Costs	3050

This total must equal 3050

B. Activity Budget

	Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
1.						0
2.	irrigation	1525	1525			3050
3.						0
4.						0
5.						0
6.						0
7.						0
8.						0
Totals		1525	1525	0	0	3050

This total must equal 3050

C. Project Partners

	Partners	Amount Cash	Amount In-Kind	Total
1.	RC&F	1525		1525
2.	landowner	1525		1525
3.				0
4.				0
5.				0
6.				0
7.				0
8.				0
Totals		3050	0	3050

This total must equal 3050

Please send application and attachments to the South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

D. PROJECT DESCRIPTION & NEED

In response to requests from area landowners, Beadle Conservation District has launched a micro irrigation program to improve shelterbelt survival. Providing trees and shrubs with adequate moisture is expected to increase survival rates and reduce the need for replanting.

E. FINAL PRODUCTS

The project is expected to install irrigation systems at approximately four shelterbelt sites.

F. PARTNER JUSTIFICATION

Beadle Conservation District will be responsible for the implementation of this project. The district will also follow up with the landowners to ensure the maintenance and the projects effectiveness are addressed.

Landowners will be responsible for providing a water source for the efficient use of micro irrigation.

G. SUCCESS OF PROJECT

Project success will be measured by improved tree and shrub survival at the irrigated shelterbelt sites

Irrigation	qty	cost	total		
installation	4 sites	$150	$600		
dripline	15,000	0.15/ft	$2,250		
headline	400	0.50/ft	$200		
				$3,050	$1,525

$3,050 $1,525

BEADLE CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
September 10, 2026 @ 7:00 pm with John Wellnitz presiding.

Board of Supervisors Present:
Scott Hamilton, Chairman (phone)
John Wellnitz, Vice Chairman
Mark Goldammer, Treasurer
John Boomsma, Supervisor
Lee Klocke, Advisor

Others Present:
Robin Viestenz, District Manager

Absent:
Kent Vlieger, State Soil Health Specialist
Brady Johnson, District Conservationist

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY: Scott Hamilton @ 7:02 pm

REQUEST FOR NEW BUSINESS TO BE PLACED ON AGENDA (discussion only):

AGENDA FOR APPROVAL: Mark Goldammer moved to approve agenda. John Boomsma seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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FINANCIAL REPORT:

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BEADLE CD FARM REPORT:

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EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT: Scott Hamilton adjourned the meeting at 8:15 pm. The next regular board meeting will be held October 8, 2026 at 7:00 pm

Robin Viestenz
Recorder

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State Conservation Commission						Nov-26
Conservation District	Bon Homme		Project Name:	BHCD Conservation Enhancement Program		
Start Date	01/01/2027		End Date	06/30/2028		

			Other funds:	Cash	In-kind
Total Project Amount:	$	59,500.00	Total:	$ 3,000.00	$ -
Commisson Funds:	$	24,185.00	RC&F:		
District Funds:	$	3,500.00	DANR:		
Landowner Cash:	$	28,815.00	GF&P:		
Local In-kind:			USFWS:		
Other Funds:	$	3,000.00	NRCS:		
			OTHER:	$ 3,000.00	

Description of Grant Application:

Bon Homme County Conservation Enhancement Program is a continuation of a program starting with a grant awarded 09/01/2024. It is an effort by the BHCD to continue to put conservation practices on the land by offering to operators who are not eligible to receive assistance through any other government cost share program. Out project is designed to reduce cropland erosion, increase organic matter, improve rangeland and pasture land, improve water quality, soil health and protect ground water. Our goals address the goals identified by the SD Coordinated Soil and Water Conservation Plan. The 2026 Conservation Commission approved practice cost and percentages will be followed. Eighteen months is a practical time span to install practices and utilze the funding to achieve the proposed goals.

If selected for funding, RC&F suggests that:

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DANR:

GF&P:

Other current grants:	Project	Start date		End Date	Original Award	Balance	Extensions
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Approved: Denied:

Reason for denial:

109 W 16th Ave
PO Box 45
Tyndall, SD 57066
Phone 605-589-3232 Ext.3

September 24, 2026

South Dakota Conservation Commission
C/o Alex Roeber, Department of Ag
523 East Capitol
Pierre, SD 57501

Dear SD Conservation Commission:

The Bon Homme County Conservation District is pleased to submit a grant application for the 2026 Fall Grant Round. The following application is for our BHCD Conservation Enhancement Program that will start January 1, 2027 and end June 30, 2028. This time frame will cover 2 seasons of tree planting which is the most popular practice in Bon Homme County.

Along with the application, you will find a copy of the minutes from our board meeting, the district's W-9, spreadsheets to explain how we came up with our figures, and the narrative that goes with our application.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration on our grant application. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Bon Homme Conservation District Manager (Bobbi) at 605-519-7524

Sincerely,

David Walloch 9-24-26
David Walloch
BHCD Chairman

SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY DIVISION
523 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501
Phone: 605.773.3623
danr.sd.gov

GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Applicant Information

Organization: Bon Homme Conservation District Mailing Address: PO Box 45
Telephone: 605-519-7524 City: Tyndall State: SD Zip: 57066
Tax Status: Government

Project Contact

Project Officer: Bobbi Zimmerman Telephone: 605-519-7524
Fax: _____ Email: bonhommecd@sdconservation.net

Project Information

Project Name: BHCD Conservation Enhancement Program
Start Date: 01/01/2027 End Date: 06/30/2028
Legal description: County: Bon Homme
Township: _____ Range: _____
Section: _____ Qtr: _____

Type of Grant

- (●) Conservation Grant
- ( ) Community Forestry
- ( ) Insect/Disease
- ( ) Invasive Species
- ( ) Forest Stewardship
- ( ) Mountain Pine Beetle
- ( ) Other (specify): _____

Financial Information

Grant funds requested: 24185 Partner contributions (total): 35315 Total project cost: 59500

Please provide a brief, descriptive summary of the project:

Bon Homme County Conservation Enhancement Program is a continuation of a program starting with a grant awarded 09/01/2024. It is an effort by the BHCD to continue to put conservation practices on the land by offering to operators who are not eligible to receive assistance through any other government cost share program. Out project is designed to reduce cropland erosion, increase organic matter, improve rangeland and pasture land, improve water quality, soil health and protect ground water. Our goals address the goals identified by the SD Coordinated Soil and Water Conservation Plan. The 2026 Conservation Commission approved practice cost and percentages will be followed. Eighteen months is a practical time span to install practices and utilze the funding to achieve the proposed goals.

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, this application is true and correct. I further agree to comply with the provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and regulations issued thereunder relating to nondiscrimination in federally assisted programs.

Applicant Signature David Wallace Title Chairman Date 9-24-26

A copy of the state required W-9 form must be attached to this application.

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Signature of Reviewer _____ Title _____ Date _____
Signature of Approval _____ Title _____ Date _____

BUDGET SHEET

The total for each of these three sections should equal the "Total Project Cost" on page 1.

A. Operating Budget

1. Salary/Benefits	1400
2. Travel	
3. Contractual Services	56100
4. Supplies	2000
5. Equipment (list major equipment)	
6. Consultation Services	
Total Project Costs	59500

This total must equal 59500

B. Activity Budget

	Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
1.	Administation	400	600	400		1400
2.	Practice Installation	23785	30815			54600
3.	Technical Assistance		2500			2500
4.	Partners		1000			1000
5.						0
6.						0
7.						0
8.						0
	Totals	24185	34915	400	0	59500

This total must equal 59500

C. Project Partners

	Partners	Amount Cash	Amount In-Kind	Total
1.	RC&F	24185		24185
2.	BHCD	3100	400	3500
3.	BH Co landowners	28815		28815
4.	Partners	3000		3000
5.				0
6.				0
7.				0
8.				0
	Totals	59100	400	59500

This total must equal 59500

Please send application and attachments to the South Dakota Department of Agriculture & Natural Resources.

		TOTAL	GRANT	LOCAL	INKIND	
administration	40 hrs @ $25	1000	400	600	400	1400
40%						
tree planting (shrubs)	31,000 l.f. @ $0.60	18,600	9300	9,300		18600
	4,000 l.f. @ $0.60	2400	1200	1200		2400
50%						
fabric	19,000 ft @ 0.90	17100	8550	8550		17100
50%						
pasture/hayland seeding	45 ac @ $120	5400	1620	3780		5400
30%						
Sheltlerbelt renovaiton	2 ac @ $2800	5600	2240	3360		5600
40%						
dugout construciton	1 dugouts @ $3500	3500	875	2625		3500
25%						
BHCD employee wage to install practices	100 hrs @ $20	2000		2000		2000
district technical assistance	125 hrs @ $20	2500		2500		2500
total practices inkind hrs		1000				1000
partners	25 hrs @ $20			500		
local	25 hrs @ $20			500		
		59100	24185	34915	400	59500

BON HOMME CONSERVATION DISTRICT
CONSERVATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

PROJECT NARRATIVE

Project Description and Need

There is a need for financial assistance to implement conservation practices that are not eligible for any other cost share program, either because of lack of funding or eligibility requirements. Due to the high cost often associated with installing conservation practices, many land owners and operators will be unable to install practices needed to address soil erosion, water quality, livestock grazing, and other resource concerns unless alternative funding is available.

The BHCD Conservation Enhancement Program, BHCDCEP, is a continuation of many previous grants awarded by the Conservation Commission. These Conservation Enhancement Grants have been well received by Bon Homme County landowners.

If funding is awarded, this will make it possible for the district to accept applications for practices to be constructed in 2027 and 2028 which will continue our very successful program. Eighteen months is a reasonable time frame to complete installation of conservation practices with the funding request.

The Conservation Enhancement Program involves all of Bon Homme County. Landowners/operators in the county will be contacted and informed of the opportunity to construct eligible conservation practices using assistance from the grant. The proposed project will comply with the SD Coordinated Soil and Water Conservation Plan by addressing identified needs: reduce cropland erosion, improve wildlife habitat, rangeland/pastureland condition, soil health and improve water quality and protect ground water.

BHCD and NRCS will assist in the design, layout, and construction inspection of the practices installed. The conservation district will provide technical assistance to monitor progress of the project, and will conduct follow-up reviews of installed practices. At the end of the eighteen-month project, the landowner will assume responsibility of the applied practice.

Cost share will be based on the 2026 Conservation Commission approved cost share percentages. Practices accepted will be from the 2026 Conservation Commission approved Practice Cost list. The maximum amount of cost share funding allowed per operator is $10,000. Practices offered will be tree planting, grass seeding, tree cleaning, fabric installation and tree/shelterbelt renovation. A spreadsheet of the proposed eligible practices and the goals set forth are included on a separate sheet.

The goal of this program is to conserve, develop, and enhance natural resources and environment for the benefit of all by improving management of our soil and water resources. The installation of these practices will help with erosion control, water and air quality, soil health, reducing water and wind erosion, improve water quality, improve grassland management and wildlife habitat in Bon Homme County.

Final Products

Sediment control is a major concern in the tributaries and their water destinations. The completion of this project will provide added protection of soil and water erosion, improve water developments, and provide information and awareness. Bon Homme County has a total area of 378, 880 acres which 20,416 acres is water. Soil is the most important natural resource in the county. Approximately 25 operators will be able to improve their conservation program.

Partner Justification

Bon Homme Conservation District has excellent working relationship with Pheasants Forever, GFP, NRCS, and USFWS. Several meetings and workshops have been held to inform and educate the public of conservation programs and needs in the county. The wide scope of technical expertise offered by the partnership involved in this project eliminates the need for outside consultations.

Identify how you will measure the success of the project

The success of this project will be measured by the number of conservation practices that are implemented to improve or maintain natural resources and by the amount of landowners/operators assisted.

Bon Homme Conservation District
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S SPECIAL MEETING
Thursday, September 24, 2026 12:00 noon

Supervisors present for the meeting: Walloch, DeJong, Sutera, Hudson, Frank. Also present was District Manager Zimmerman.

Walloch called the meeting to order at 12:04 pm.

State Conservation Commission Grant – Applications for the fall grant round are due October 1. *Motion by DeJong and 2nd by Hudson to authorize Zimmerman to apply for the State Conservation Commission Grant, motion carried.*

Charles Mix County called about possibly doing some work on property in Bon Homme County belonging to Lucky Wynia. The property is close to Charles Mix County and in the past approval had been given for Charles Mix that property. *Motion by Sutera and 2nd by Frank to approve Charles Mix to complete the work for Mr. Wynia.*

Christmas Party – a brief viewing of menu items and a short discussion on attendees. Zimmerman will review prior year and present at the next regular meeting.

There being no further business to come before the board, *Motion by Hudson and 2nd by Sutera to adjourn the meeting at 12:18 pm.*

State Conservation Commission			Nov-26

Conservation District	Brule Buffalo	Project Name:	Renovation and Tree Planting
Start Date	01/01/2027	End Date	06/30/2028

		Other funds:	Cash	In-kind
Total Project Amount:	$ 103,200.00	Total:	$ -	$ -
Commisson Funds:	$ 50,000.00	RC&F:		
District Funds:		DANR:		
Landowner Cash:	$ 53,200.00	GF&P:		
Local In-kind:		USFWS:		
Other Funds:		NRCS:		
		OTHER:		

Description of Grant Application:

Brule-Buffalo Conservation District is working with area producers to restablish deteriorating shelterbelts to protect soils from wind and water erosion while also improving winter protection for livestock and wildlife. This grant will also be used to establish new shelterbelts for producers who either do not qualify or missed deadlines for an NRCS programs. Technical assistance will be provided to the landowner by Brule-Buffalo Conservation Distrcts, NRCS, and the area forester. Brule-Buffalo Conservation District will be the administer of the project.

If selected for funding, RC&F suggests that:

- The Conservation Commission will not reimburse any costs that exceed the current Conservation Commission Cost-share Docket. Please note other restrictions as listed there.
- All tree and shrub planting plans be reviewed and approved by one of the SDDANR RCF foresters prior to planting.
- Stand alone farmstead/homestead windbreaks do not qualify for cost-share from the Commission.
- District must secure a landowner application to determine eligibility for cost-share funds, copy to be provided with reimbursement request.
- District must provide the landowner with notification letter indicating whether or not they have been approved for cost-share, copy to be provided with reimbursement request.
- Project reimbursement will be based on actual bill/receipts submitted for completed work. Cost-share will be based on legitimate costs up to the specified maximum.
- The district provide a copy of the Joint Powers Agreement with all the conservation districts involved.
- The district provide timesheets or other documentation to demonstrate the actual time spent on salary/administration of the grant.
- Final report must be submitted before final reimbursement will be processed. This report must be submitted no more than 30 days after the end of the grant.

DANR:

GF&P:

	Project	Start date	End Date	Original Award	Balance	Extensions
Other current grants:						
Multi-County Brush MGMT	2026-CSW-005	01/01/2026	06/30/2027	$ 18,250.00	$11,687.50	
Renovation and Tree Planting	2026-CSW-006	01/01/2026	06/30/2027	$ 50,000.00	$ 8,875.08	

Approved: Denied:

Reason for denial:

SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY DIVISION
523 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501
Phone: 605.773.3623
danr.sd.gov

GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Applicant Information

Organization: Brule Buffalo Conservation District
Mailing Address: 200 Paul Gust Rd. Suite 111
Telephone: 605-254-6099
City: Chamberlain State: SD Zip: 57325
Tax Status: Government

Project Contact

Project Officer: Zach Zimprich
Telephone: 605-254-6099
Fax: _____
Email: brulebuffalo@midstatesd.net

Project Information

Project Name: Renovation and Tree Planting
Start Date: 01/01/2027 End Date: 06/30/2028
Legal description: County: Brule, Buffalo, Lyman
Township: _____ Range: _____
Section: _____ Qtr: _____

Type of Grant

- (●) Conservation Grant
- ( ) Community Forestry
- ( ) Insect/Disease
- ( ) Invasive Species
- ( ) Forest Stewardship
- ( ) Mountain Pine Beetle
- ( ) Other (specify): _____

Financial Information

Grant funds requested: $50,000 Partner contributions (total): $53,200 Total project cost: $103,200

Please provide a brief, descriptive summary of the project:

Brule Buffalo CD is working with area producers to re-establish deteriorating shelterbelts to protect soils from wind and water erosion while also improving winter protection for livestock and wildlife. This grant will also be used to establish new shelterbelts for producers who either do not qualify or missed deadlines for an NRCS program. Technical assistance will be provided by BBCD, NRCS, and the Area Forester. Brule Buffalo CD will be the adminsister of this project

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, this application is true and correct. I further agree to comply with the provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and regulations issued thereunder relating to nondiscrimination in federally assisted programs.

Applicant Signature _____ Title District Manager Date 10/20/26

A copy of the state required W-9 form must be attached to this application.

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Signature of Reviewer _____ Title _____ Date _____

Signature of Approval _____ Title _____ Date _____

BUDGET SHEET

The total for each of these three sections should equal the "Total Project Cost" on page 1.

A. Operating Budget

1. Salary/Benefits	
2. Travel	
3. Contractual Services	103,200
4. Supplies	
5. Equipment (list major equipment)	
6. Consultation Services	
Total Project Costs	103.200

This total must equal $103,200

B. Activity Budget

	Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
1.	Renovation	6400	9600			16000
2.	Woody Habitat	15260	15260			30520
3.	Fabric	28340	28340			56680
4.						0
5.						0
6.						0
7.						0
8.						0
Totals		50000	53200	0	0	103200

This total must equal $103,200

C. Project Partners

	Partners	Amount Cash	Amount In-Kind	Total
1.	RC&F	50000		50000
2.	Landowners	53200		53200
3.				0
4.				0
5.				0
6.				0
7.				0
8.				0
Totals		103200	0	103200

This total must equal $103,200

Please send application and attachments to the South Dakota Department of Agriculture & Natural Resources.

Brule-Buffalo Conservation District Renovation and Tree Planting Project:

This proposed Multi-Purpose Shelterbelt project will complete 66,00 feet of shelterbelt planting that will benefit the natural resource management for 20 producers/landowners and benefit the economy of Lyman, Brule and Buffalo Counties. These benefits include improvement of surface water quality, erosion control on cropland, livestock protection to support proper grassland management, and wildlife habitat creation. Shelterbelt plantings supported by this projects cost-share will be for plantings that serve critical farm natural resource management needs.

The Brule-Buffalo Conservation District will be responsible for all phases of project: implementation, follow-up, and administration. Shelterbelt plantings will be designed by existing technical assistance providers to include Brule-Buffalo and American Creek Conservation District. All shelterbelt designs will be reviewed and approved by the SD Dept of Ag Area Forester prior to the District's approval of practice. Shelterbelt planning and maintenance requirements will be based of the NRCS Tech Guide for tree plantings. Landowners receiving financial assistance will be monitored and BBCD will identify maintenance requirements. BBCD will be responsible for completing annual follow-up shelterbelts planted under this project, by spot checking each site planted.

Many Landowners, farmer, and rancher in Lyman, Brule and Buffalo Counties do not qualify for financial assistance for shelterbelt plantings from federal and state cost-share programs, because their needed shelterbelts are:

1 Shelter belt Renovation for deteriorated shelterbelts is included in the project

2 Located on cropland (not eligible for cropland)

3 Their planned shelterbelt has natural resource benefits such as erosion control, wildlife habitat, and water quality improvement; however, it does not meet the size, location, requirements or ranking needed for cost-share.

This proposed project is a demand for shelterbelts and assistance for landowner/producers. We have a list of producers that are seeking these practices at this time. Producers/landowners who participate in the proposed project will be required to prepare their sites before tree planting and seek approval for cost-share prior to site preparation. This needed lead time for site preparation is the reason this project is proposed for 1 ½ years.

The shelterbelts to be planted are needed to conserve the counties natural resources as they are an important conservation practice used by landowners/producers to:

1 Protect and/or improve the waters to provide needed water quality and quantity, Shelterbelt plantings support clean water for people, fish, and wildlife by filtering out and/or absorbing sediment, nutrients, and chemical or bacterial contaminants.

2 protect or improve soil productivity and quality. Shelterbelts protect soils from wind and water erosion.

3 Improve wildlife habitat for game and non-game species. Shelterbelts are significant area for resident as well as migratory bird for food, nesting and cover, and provide important habitat for game species – such as deer and upland game birds.

4 Improve qualities of old shelterbelts by renovation with planting trees where they have died out.

The shelterbelts to be planted under this proposed project are also very significant from and economic and social aspect to Lyman, Brule and Buffalo Counties, as they are important to the overall economic success of the counties crop and livestock producers. The sustainability of livestock producers and the grasslands they manage are significantly impacted by the use of shelterbelts to reduce feed costs and calf death losses improved overall herd health and implement planned grazing systems on grasslands. Shelterbelts also provided landowners/producers economic opportunities through diversification of their operations for recreation uses (aesthetics and wildlife habitat) and through reduced energy use and increased land values.

Project Goal: The projects goal is to provide technical and financial assistance to landowners in Brule and Buffalo Counties to plant 20 acres of shelterbelts on private land. Completion of this project will improve the counties natural resources and the sustainability of farm and ranch operations.

Project Objective: Reduce erosion, improve water quality, increase wildlife habitat, and increase the profitability of farm and ranch operations in Brule and Buffalo Counties by providing technical and financial assistance of at least 15 producers/landowners. This would establish 20 acres of new shelterbelts by June 30, 2024. Cost-share will be provided thru the Coordinated Natural Resources Conservation Grant and other costs will be provided as cash or in-kind by the landowner, Brule-Buffalo Conservation District, and/or state or federal providers, which include: site preparation, producer labor and equipment, site design, replacement trees for death loss, follow-up, and fencing as needed. Shelterbelts where assistance is provided will include field windbreaks, livestock windbreaks, wildlife windbreaks, riparian area plantings, and farmstead/livestock windbreaks. BBCD will set natural resource priorities and policy for this proposed project to assist in shelterbelt establishment. The District will make final decision on shelterbelts based on the resource priorities.

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- New and improved wildlife habitat
- Grassland and livestock management benefits to landowners
- Shelterbelt Renovation

The Brule-Buffalo Conservation District will be the lead project sponsor, and provide project management, and shelterbelt design and maintenance.
The Landowners will provide in-kind and cash matching for this project.
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Other agencies: NRCS, State Forester will provide technical assistance

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Brule Buffalo Conservation District September 2026 board meeting

September 21, 2026, Charly's 7:00 PM

Members present, Larry Wagner, Abby Randall, Jack Freidel, Ethan Adamson, Tate Glaus, Ryan Urban, James Lindley, Trent Walrodt (NRCS), Zach Zimprich (BBCD employee)

Larry called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm Ryan made a motion to approve the agenda, Tate seconded the motion, motion carried.

Abbey made a motion to approve July minutes, Tate seconded the motion, motion carried.

In the absence of Leroy, Zach read the treasures report, Ryan motioned to approve treasurer's report, Tate seconded the motion, motion carried.

Ryan made a motion to approve the accounts payable at $13,336.58. Abbey seconded the motion, motion carried.

Trent gave the Board a handout of NRCS updates. Highlights from the handout were:

- Applications are open for the DC position in Chamberlain, applications are available at usajobs.gov
- CRP will be closed after September 30.
- Equip batching date is September 29th.

Zach Zimprich presented the district manager's report. He reported that they have been working on cedar projects and renovations, and grass/cover crop plantings. Zach is finishing up a large renovation project and will start another large project when the current one is completed. Heath is still not back at work, but it sounds like rehab is progressing and it should be soon.

Larry Wagner reported that he and Zach attended the SDACD convention held in Oacoma. Larry noted that NRCS is still pushing for input for locally led conservation and encouraged the board to get the word out in the community.

Zach presented the Board with the proposed SD Conservation Commission grant for renovation/tree planting. The application is due on Oct. 1.

Tate made the motion and Abbey seconded the motion to approve the grant and move forward with application. The motion carried

No public comment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:41 PM by Larry

State Conservation Commission			Nov-26

Conservation District	Butte	Project Name:	Multi-County Ditch to Pipe Conversion
Start Date	01/01/2027	End Date	12/31/2027

		Other funds:	Cash	In-kind
Total Project Amount:	$ 60,000.00	Total:	$ -	$ -
Commisson Funds:	$ 30,000.00	RC&F:		
District Funds:		DANR:		
Landowner Cash:	$ 30,000.00	GF&P:		
Local In-kind:		USFWS:		
Other Funds:		NRCS:		
		OTHER:		

Description of Grant Application:

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2.Reducing waste water at end of fields
3.Reducing erosion on croplands
4.Reducing suspended solid load in the Belle Fourche River
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DANR:

GF&P:

Other current grants:	Project	Start date	End Date	Original Award	Balance	Extensions
Multi-County Ditch & Pipe	2026-CSW-007	1/1/26	12/31/2026	$ 60,000.00	$ 47,235.16	

Approved: Denied:

Reason for denial:

SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY DIVISION
523 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501
Phone: 605.773.3623
danr.sd.gov

GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Applicant Information

Organization: Butte Conservation District Mailing Address: 1837 5th Ave
Telephone: (605) 892-3368 City: Belle Fourche State: SD Zip: 57717
Tax Status: _____

Project Contact

Project Officer: Tim Reich Telephone: (605) 892-3368
Fax: _____ Email: timreich@rushmore.com

Project Information

Project Name: Multi-County Ditch to Pipe Conversion Projects
Start Date: 01/01/2027 End Date: 12/31/2027
Legal description: County: Butte Lawrence Meade
Township: _____ Range: _____
Section: _____ Qtr: _____

Type of Grant

- (●) Conservation Grant
- ( ) Community Forestry
- ( ) Insect/Disease
- ( ) Invasive Species
- ( ) Forest Stewardship
- ( ) Mountain Pine Beetle
- ( ) Other (specify): _____

Financial Information

Grant funds requested: $ 30,000.00 Partner contributions (total): $ 30,000.00 Total project cost: $60,000.00

Please provide a brief, descriptive summary of the project:

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Applicant Signature _____ Title Chairman Date 09/25/2026

A copy of the state required W-9 form must be attached to this application.

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Signature of Reviewer _____ **Title** _____ **Date** _____

Signature of Approval _____ **Title** _____ **Date** _____

BUDGET SHEET

The total for each of these three sections should equal the "Total Project Cost" on page 1.

A. Operating Budget

1. Salary/Benefits	
2. Travel	
3. Contractual Services	$ 60,000.00
4. Supplies	
5. Equipment (list major equipment)	
6. Consultation Services	
Total Project Costs	$60,000.00

This total must equal $60,000.00

B. Activity Budget

	Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
1.	Pipeline Installations	30,000.00	30,000.00			$60,000.00
2.						
3.						
4.						
5.						
6.						
7.						
8.						
Totals		$30,000.00	$30,000.00			$60,000.00

This total must equal $60,000.00

C. Project Partners

	Partners	Amount Cash	Amount In-Kind	Total
1.	RC&F Conservation	30,000.00		$30,000.00
2.	Producer's Match	30,000.00		$30,000.00
3.				
4.				
5.				
6.				
7.				
8.				
Totals		$60,000.00		$60,000.00

This total must equal $60,000.00

Please send application and attachments to the South Dakota Department of Agriculture & Natural Resources.

MULTI-COUNTY DITCH TO PIPE CONVERSION PROJECTS
PROJECT SUMMARY

PROJECT PARTNERS

This grant request would provide cost share to agricultural producers for conversion of on-farm irrigation ditches to buried pipe within the Butte, Lawrence, and Elk Creek Conservation Districts. The Districts have been active in promoting on-farm irrigation practices that increase water efficiency, reduce field erosion, and improve soil health. The Butte, Lawrence, and Elk Creek Conservation Districts, Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), and the Belle Fourche River Watershed Partnership (BFRWP) are partnering for this project, and all agree that conversion from open ditch to buried pipe is an important conservation practice. The grant project would be for one year from January 1, 2027, and end December 31, 2027. This project will result in water and soil savings that achieve agricultural, social, economic, and recreational benefits for farmers, ranchers, residents, and the public who value the Redwater River, Spearfish Creek, Bear Butte Creek, Belle Fourche Reservoir, and the Belle Fourche River.

This proposed project helps to achieve the SDDANR's Goal 1 – Fifty percent of South Dakota waters will meet their beneficial uses and SDDANR's Goal 2 – South Dakota waters will provide sufficient quantities of quality water as outlined in the South Dakota Coordinated Plan for Natural Resources Conservation. Specifically, the proposed project helps to address Objective 1.6 – Reduce sediment delivery to waterbodies by 70,000 tons/year and Objective 2.6 – Convert 3,600 acres of flood irrigated lands to 60 pivot systems to increase irrigation efficiency from 40 percent to 95 percent, thus saving volumes of water for other beneficial uses.

Implementation of this project will be a cooperative effort involving Butte, Lawrence, and Elk Creek Conservation Districts, NRCS, Belle Fourche Irrigation District (BFID), and the BFRWP. The NRCS and BFRWP staff will work with the interested producers and facilitate the project planning. This technical assistance includes project planning, engineering design, obtaining permits, developing contracts and O&M requirements, inspecting practices, and preparing payment applications. If necessary, the BFID assists producers, NRCS, and BFRWP with project clearance approvals from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBR). The Butte CD will oversee the project, administer the grant and coordinate with Lawrence CD and Elk Creek CD regularly. These entities have a long history of successfully running conservation programs in the area. This project will serve 3 irrigators within Butte, Lawrence, and Meade counties. This practice promotes water savings and soil conservation by:

- Reducing water loss through seepage and evaporation
- Reducing runoff water at end of fields
- Reduce erosion on croplands
- Reduce suspended solid load in the Belle Fourche River

Funding has been provided to the Butte CD by the South Dakota Conservation Commission from 2017 until December 2026. Limited funding is available from the SDDANR Nonpoint Source Section 319, NRCS EQIP conservation programs. Butte CD administered these grant projects from 2017 through 2026 to replace open ditches with buried pipe and converted about 27,000 feet of open ditch to buried pipe benefiting approximately 55 agricultural producers.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND NEED

The primary beneficiaries of this project will be the agricultural community and the general public in Butte, Lawrence, and Meade counties. The agricultural community will benefit from increased water efficiencies and decreased soil erosion at the field level. The general public will benefit from this practice in two ways. The Belle Fourche Reservoir is a major recreation area for western South Dakota. Any increase in water efficiency within the Belle Fourche Irrigation District (BFID), along with irrigators and irrigation ditch companies along the Redwater River and Spearfish Creek directly correlates with increased water levels in the Belle Fourche Reservoir. Also, water savings in Ninemile Creek and Bear Butte Creek improve water flows downstream in the Belle Fourche River. Reduced erosion would result in cleaner rivers and creeks.

On-farm irrigation ditches are an inefficient method of delivering water to crop fields. Much water is lost through seepage and evaporation causing more water to be delivered than is used by the crop. Seepage areas also waterlog soils and inhibit crop growth. These ditches can create excess erosion and sediment transport that ends up in the Redwater River, Spearfish Creek, Bear Butte Creek, Belle Fourche Reservoir, and the Belle Fourche River. Conversion to buried pipe alleviates much of this problem. The open ditches are replaced by buried pipes that have above ground risers that can be used to deliver the water to the crop. An increase in on-farm water efficiencies results in water savings that benefit farmers, ranchers, and the public because crops grown in these counties are used as feed and forage regionally by livestock producers.

Past conservation practice implementation has included conversion from flood to sprinkler irrigation, irrigation scheduling, land leveling, and conversion from ditch to buried pipe. With the increased demand for conversion from flood irrigation to sprinklers, limited funding is available for conversion from ditch to buried pipe. The BFRWP and NRCS received more than 50 flood to sprinkler project applications for SDDANR Section 319 and NRCS EQIP and RCPP funding. In addition to the SDDANR RC&F and Section 319 funding, and the NRCS EQIP and RCPP funding, the BFID has obtained USBR funding for larger irrigation lateral pipeline projects, however; the USBR funding available to individual irrigators for on-farm projects is extremely limited. Currently, we have a backlog of about 5 irrigators with a potential of 5,000 feet of ditches that could be converted to buried pipelines.

This project is part of a greater conservation effort in the local area. The Districts, NRCS, BFRWP, and BFID have been involved in water efficiency and sediment reduction programs for several years. It is estimated that these efforts have conserved over 24,000 acre-feet per year over the past 19 years. This practice would continue to serve the needs of farmers that do not have the

opportunity to utilize some of the other practices available to them. Some fields are not shaped appropriately for conversion to sprinklers. This practice addresses water efficiency issues on those irrigated acres that cannot be irrigated with sprinkler irrigation.

NRCS has a long track record of running conservation programs nationwide. Their involvement helps ensure long-term management and success of the project. The BFRWP is a local nonprofit group addressing resource concerns along the Belle Fourche River. BFRWP has been involved in the watershed and has assisted in administering over $31 million in conservation program efforts.

The proposed cost share rate for the Multi-County Ditch to Pipe Conversion Project provides a cost share of $12/ft on 10-inch pipe, and $14/ft on 12-inch pipe not to exceed 50% of the total cost.

FINAL PRODUCTS

This project would serve at least 3 irrigators converting an estimated 1,500 to 3,000 feet of ditch into buried pipe on approximately 100 irrigated acres. Water savings are estimated at 25 acre-feet per year. Socio-economic benefits to the community and the general public include increased feed and forage, reduced erosion, and improved water quality for agriculture and recreation.

PARTNER JUSTIFICATION

NRCS, BFRWP, BFID, and Butte, Lawrence, and Elk Creek Conservation Districts have a long record of successful projects involving conservation efforts. These groups have been working together for the past 19 years and have successfully implemented over $31 million dollars in conservation efforts. Funding sources for these practices have come from state and federal agencies along with the agricultural producers involved in the projects. The collaborative effort of these three groups will greatly enhance the chances for a successful project outcome.

MEASURE OF SUCCESS

The measure of success will be implementing this practice on approximately 100 acres in Butte, Lawrence, and Meade counties creating water savings of approximately 25 acre-feet per year. Ultimately, this project will conserve water, increase soil health, and improve water quality in the watershed. Water loss through seepage will be reduced creating water savings that results in agricultural, environmental, and recreational benefits to farmers, ranchers, landowners, and the public who rely on the Redwater River, Spearfish Creek, the Belle Fourche Reservoir, and the Belle Fourche River within the watershed.

BUTTE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8, 2026 @ 6PM
MINUTES

Call meeting to order: Tim Reich @ 6pm
Present: Tim Reich, Will Lindsey, Jason Kari-Butte Co Comm, Melanie Williamson, Tyler Swan, Cliff Conry, Paul Winkler, and Yvette Kirkman

Approval of Agenda – Melanie moved to approve the agenda with the addition of equipment purchase, Will second, all in favor, motion carried
Approval of Minutes – Will moved to approve the minutes of the July meeting, Melanie second, all in favor, motion carried
Treasurer's Report – Melanie moved to approve the report and pay bills as presented, Will second, all in favor, motion carried

NRCS Report – Tyler reported contract numbers, working on status reviews, the upcoming DC position advertisement, local work group priorities and IMPAC 2.0
Partner Report – Jason had nothing to report from the commissioners, this is his first meeting as a liaison

Old Business
Building – Lease and Repairs – no follow up contact has been made since the interested party did a walk through, Yvette mentioned that one of the doors had been open and not staying shut, for the time being, she has wedged a 2x4 under the knob and seems to be holding, at some point there will be a need to install new doorknobs and locks. Discussion followed regarding leasing the building and if there was any interest in reconsidering the Shooting Sports group, majority of the board maintained their stance on the length of the initial lease, following discussion, no action was taken at this time.

Appraisal – appraisal has been completed and board reviewed the findings

Mowing – Yvette attempted to spray to keep the weeds down and to no avail, will just address mowing as it is needed

New Business
Tree Season – 2 plantings for 2027, no information on whether prices will increase at the nursery, our rep is no longer with the fabric company, so will need to contact new rep for the area

Drills – 15' – 144 acres, 10' – no use, Mini Drill – one use

Pivot Track Filler – Cliff wanted to renew the discussion on this as a revenue source, Will commented on his experience with both types of fillers, following discussion, no action taken

Grant Review – 2 new contracts signed for 1500 feet of pipe to be installed, 2025 Open Ditch grant has been completed and final report submitted

BFRWP – next meeting Oct 1, 2026 @ 1pm, First Interstate Bank, Belle Fourche

Equipment Purchase – Yvette informed the board that her printed had finally died and would need to make a purchase, printer in mind would be $270 +tax, Paul moved to approve the purchase, Melanie second, all in favor, motion carried

Adjourned: 7:15pm Next Meeting: Oct 13 @ 6pm

*Via email on 9/22/2026 – Yvette sent to the board a request for action on a proposed grant application, there are still landowners interested in the Open Ditch to Buried Pipe conversions, the request would be $30K and would assist 3 landowners
*Via email on 9/23/2026 – Cliff Conry made a motion, Melanie Williamson second, Will Lindsey-Aye, Tim Reich-Aye, motion carried, Yvette will prepare the grant application.

ELK CREEK CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
SEPTEMBER 9, 2026 @ 1:30, STURGIS C of C
MINUTES

Call meeting to order: Connie McPherson @ 1:28pm
Present: Connie McPherson, Philip Wilson, Nick Uherka, Lane Lamphere, Chase Smith, Valerie Riter, Christine Longenecker, and Yvette Kirkman

Approval of Agenda: Chase moved to approve the agenda, Lane second, all in favor, motion carried
Approval of Minutes: Philip moved to approve the minutes, Nick second, all in favor, motion carried
Financial Report – Board reviewed the report, Yvette noted that the CD was up for renewal on 9/11, following discussion, Lane moved to approve the report and roll the CD into the money market account, Chase second, all in favor, motion carried. Chamber dues are due, @ $145, Nick moved to approve the payment of dues, Chase second, all in favor, motion carried

NRCS Report – see handout, contract updates and deadlines
Partner Report – None available

Old Business
Cooler Research – the contact Connie had, does not work on refrigeration, Chase will make contact with someone he is familiar with, Yvette noted that purchasing a reefer would not be a good idea due to the stairs needed to get in and out, raises a safety concern, will wait to hear what Chase's contact says

Meade County Budget Hearing – Connie reported that she and Yvette attended, the commissioners were impressed with the budget packet that was submitted, they sat through all the outside agency requests and noted that there seemed to be fewer requests.

Meade County Fair – need some new fair ideas, there wasn't much for interaction, Yvette did get a couple of individuals to do the Local Work Group survey, the day was hot outside, but building was comfortable with the upgrades

New Business
Local Work Group – Val explained the idea behind it and encouraged completing the surveys

Tree Season – Yvette has not heard anything on pricing yet, Julie is willing to run the cooler again and may have a helper in mind, will contact Sanden to see if he is interested in contracting with us

Joint Powers Agreement – discussed Elk Creek planting policy and site prep deadline, Pennington CD District Manager was on hand to observe a meeting, she is new to the position since July
An issue came up with a tree planting wanting to cross district boundaries and have Pennington plant because they had missed our deadline. Elk Creek would prefer to keep those funds in Meade County, doing some research a JPA was found and following discussion the JPA will be re-worded

between Yvette and Christine. Crossing district boundaries without a JPA is a violation of state law. Yvette will work on a JPA with East Pennington.

Adjourned: 2:30pm
Next meeting October 14 due to November meeting date falling on a holiday.

*Via email on 9/22/2026, Yvette sent a request to the board to continue participating in the multi county open ditch to buried pipe conversion, there is continued interest and landowners within the Elk Creek boundary have expressed interest, the proposal would be for $30K, assist 3 landowners, and the term would be Jan 1 – Dec 31, 2027.
*Via email on 9/23/2026, Phil Wilson, moved to approve the participation in the multi county open ditch to buried pipe conversion, Connie McPherson second, Nick Uherka-Aye, Lane Lamphere-Aye, Chase Smith-Aye, motion carried.

Lawrence Conservation District
Board of Supervisors Meeting
September 2, 2026 @ 6pm, Perkin's Restaurant
Minutes

Call meeting to order: Karl Jensen @ 6:03pm
Present: Karl Jensen, Chuck Edwards, Charles Nicholas, Charles V Nicholas, Mike Olson and Yvette Kirkman
Absent: Eric Hanson, Ellen Reddick and Tyler Swan

Approval of Agenda and Minutes: Nicholas moved to approve, Edwards second, all in favor, motion carried
Financial Report – Yvette noted that Lawrence County had awarded us $20k for 2027, Edwards moved to approve the report and pay bills as presented, Nicholas second, all in favor, motion carried
NRCS Report – Yvette shared Tylers report via phone message
Partner Report – Mike Olson introduced himself as the new state forester in the Hills, he has been working on the contracts Kat had started and will work to allocate the remaining 69 acres

Committee Reports – Yvette noted her attendance at the RER meeting in Sundance on August 24, other committee reports were delivered

Old Business
Spearfish Creek Watershed Tech Advisory Group – Eric was unable to give a report

Spearfish Creek Water Festival – Yvette attended with a booth for the district, Karl stopped by and several of the Local Work Group surveys were completed

New Business
Name Change – Yvette explained the inconsistency in the name of the district, some agencies are using COUNTY in the name but IRS and sam.gov do not use county in the name, Yvette has drafted a letter to be sent to the Secretary of State once cleared with the conservation commission to remove COUNTY from the name. Edwards moved to update the name for consistency across agencies, Nicholas second, all in favor, motion carried

Grant Updates – the grant has 69 acres to allocate, following a cancellation

2027 Tree Season/New Revenue Ideas – Yvette noted she had not gotten any information on pricing updates, another district is offering pre-packaged perennial bundles but they would be expensive, no minimum to order but can order as the orders come, Yvette will think on it a bit more, board unanimously thought it was worth a try

County Wide Directory – Edwards moved to approve the adv in the plat book, Nicholas second, all in favor, motion carried

Adjourned: 6:45pm Next meeting: Oct 7 @ 6pm

*Via email on 9/22/2026, Yvette sent out a request for approval of Lawrence CD continuing to partner with Butte and Elk Creek on a multi county open ditch to buried pipe conversion grant, there is continued interest, the application would be $30K, assist 3 landowners and the grant would run 1/1-12/31/2027
*Via email on 9/23/2027, Eric Hanson made a motion to continue to partner with Butte and Elk Creek on the ODBP grant, Karl Jensen second, via phone Charles Nicholas-Aye and Charles Edwards-Aye, motion carried.

State Conservation Commission | Nov-26

Conservation District: Charles Mix | Project Name: SHELTERBELT

Start Date: 01/01/2027 | End Date: 12/31/2028

		Other funds:	Cash	In-kind
Total Project Amount:	$ 40,000.00	Total:	$ -	$ -
Commisson Funds:	$ 20,000.00	RC&F:		
District Funds:		DANR:		
Landowner Cash:	$ 20,000.00	GF&P:		
Local In-kind:		USFWS:		
Other Funds:		NRCS:		
		OTHER:		

Description of Grant Application:

The proposed grant project through Charles Mix Conservation District will make funding available to producers in Charles Mix County to plant trees on sites that are not eligible for cost-share through other programs and also will help with their first time maintence of the trees, which will consist of mowing between the rows of the new shelterbelt. Many producers do not have eligible areas to plant trees under the present Federal cost-sharing cropping guidelines. The shelterbels will provide erosion control, protection for livestock, farmstead protection, improve water quality and wildlife.

If selected for funding, RC&F suggests that:

- The Conservation Commission will not reimburse any costs that exceed the current Conservation Commission Cost-share Docket. Please note other restrictions as listed there.
- All tree and shrub planting plans be reviewed and approved by one of the SDDANR RCF foresters prior to planting.
- Stand alone farmstead/homestead windbreaks do not qualify for cost-share from the Commission.
- District must secure a landowner application to determine eligibility for cost-share funds, copy to be provided with reimbursement request.
- District must provide the landowner with notification letter indicating whether or not they have been approved for cost-share, copy to be provided with reimbursement request.
- Project reimbursement will be based on actual bill/receipts submitted for completed work. Cost-share will be based on legitimate costs up to the specified maximum.
- The district provide a copy of the Joint Powers Agreement with all the conservation districts involved.
- The district provide timesheets or other documentation to demonstrate the actual time spent on salary/administration of the grant.
- Final report must be submitted before final reimbursement will be processed. This report must be submitted no more than 30 days after the end of the grant.

DANR:

GF&P:

	Project	Start date	End Date	Original Award	Balance	Extensions
Other current grants:						
Brush Mangement	2026-CSW-008	01/01/2026	12/31/2027	$ 43,750.00	$ 37,537.50	

Approved: | Denied:

Reason for denial:

SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY DIVISION
523 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501
Phone: 605.773.3623
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GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Applicant Information

Organization: CHARLES MIX CONSERVATION DISTRICT Mailing Address: PO BOX 249

Telephone: 605-487-7577 City: LAKE ANDES State: SD Zip: 57356

Tax Status: GOVERNMENT

Project Contact

Project Officer: DAWN SCHULTE Telephone: 605-487-7577

Fax: _____ Email: CHARLESMIXCONSERVATIONDISTRICT@GMAIL.COM

Project Information

Project Name: SHELTERBELT

Start Date: 01/01/2027 End Date: 12/31/2028

Legal description: County: CHARLES MIX

Township: _____ Range: _____

Section: _____ Qtr: _____

Type of Grant

- (●) Conservation Grant
- ( ) Community Forestry
- ( ) Insect/Disease
- ( ) Invasive Species
- ( ) Forest Stewardship
- ( ) Mountain Pine Beetle
- ( ) Other (specify): _____

Financial Information

Grant funds requested: 20000 Partner contributions (total): 20000 Total project cost: 40000

Please provide a brief, descriptive summary of the project:

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I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, this application is true and correct. I further agree to comply with the provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and regulations issued thereunder relating to nondiscrimination in federally assisted programs.

Applicant Signature Dawn M. Schulte Title District Manager Date 9/24/2026

A copy of the state required W-9 form must be attached to this application.

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Signature of Approval _____ **Title** _____ **Date** _____

BUDGET SHEET

The total for each of these three sections should equal the "Total Project Cost" on page 1.

A. Operating Budget

1. Salary/Benefits	
2. Travel	
3. Contractual Services	40000
4. Supplies	
5. Equipment (list major equipment)	
6. Consultation Services	
Total Project Costs	40000

This total must equal 40000

B. Activity Budget

	Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
1.	Tree planting	6500	6500			13000
2.	Fabric installation	11500	11500			23000
3.	Tree tubes	1000	1000			2000
4.	Mechanical	1000	1000			2000
5.						0
6.						0
7.						0
8.						0
Totals		20000	20000	0	0	40000

This total must equal 40000

C. Project Partners

	Partners	Amount Cash	Amount In-Kind	Total
1.	DANR	20000		20000
2.	PRODUCERS	20000		20000
3.				0
4.				0
5.				0
6.				0
7.				0
8.				0
Totals		40000	0	40000

This total must equal 40000

Please send application and attachments to the South Dakota Department of Agriculture & Natural Resources.

SHELTERBELT COST-SHARE NARRATIVE

Primary Beneficiaries

This project will provide funding for landowners to plant trees on sites that are ineligible for other cost-share programs. New shelterbelts will protect livestock of all ages, reducing producer health costs and animal losses. By shielding buildings and livestock from harsh weather, they will also lower energy use and livestock feed costs.

Additional benefits include expanded wildlife habitat and hunting opportunities. The public will also benefit from the improved appearance of properly designed shelterbelts.

Implementation, Maintenance, and Follow-Up

The Charles Mix Conservation District will implement the project and monitor site maintenance, and give them some funding for the first mowing between the rows to encourage producers to maintain the newly planted tree site. The District will also conduct follow-up interviews with producers to assess project savings and benefits.

Project Location

Projects must be located within the boundaries of the Charles Mix Conservation District.

Special Needs Addressed

Existing cost-share programs generally require eligible cropland acreage and cropping history. This project will support new shelterbelts in areas that do not qualify for other assistance. Adequate shelterbelts can reduce energy use, livestock losses, feed costs, and the time, labor, equipment, and fuel needed for snow removal. Without sufficient shelter, many producers rely on wooded creeks and stream areas, which can damage riparian habitat and allow livestock waste and other pollutants to move downstream onto private and public lands. Providing suitable shelter away from these areas will make livestock care safer and easier during harsh weather while protecting water quality, riparian areas, and floodplains. These benefits are especially important because half of Charles Mix County borders the Missouri River, a major source of recreation and drinking water.

Site-Specific Activities

Soil conditions, site data, preparation methods, and prior chemical use will be carefully evaluated to support successful planting and maximize tree survival. Cultural resource information and utility locations will also be reviewed to prevent harm. Each plan will be tailored to maximize benefits for the producer while addressing livestock, wildlife, and erosion-control needs.

Project Management and Protection

Producers who receive financial assistance must sign a contract with the Charles Mix Conservation District, agreeing to maintain and protect the funded practice for at least ten years.

Required Permits

No federal, state, or local permits are required for this projects in Charles Mix County.

Final Products

Using project grant funds, the Charles Mix Conservation District expects to plant approximately 11 acres of trees and work with at least seven landowners or operators.

Shelterbelts reduce livestock exposure to cold temperatures, lowering animal stress and feed-energy requirements. Producers and ranchers can therefore expect healthier livestock and improved financial returns.

In as little as two years, shelterbelts can protect buildings and roads from drifting snow. They add landscape diversity, enhance farmsteads, and can cost-effectively increase property values. Trees also provide habitat and cover for wildlife, reduce erosion, and filter pollutants and agricultural runoff, benefiting fish and other aquatic life. In agricultural areas, this plant diversity supports a healthier ecosystem.

Partner Justification

The DANR and Forestry Division will provide Conservation Commission funds to supplement contributions from landowners and the Charles Mix Conservation District. Division field foresters will also review and approve grant planning and follow-up procedures.

The Charles Mix Conservation District will provide technical assistance, inspections, applications, follow-up, and reimbursement support for grant-funded projects. The District will also manage scheduling, reporting, and recordkeeping.

Landowners will pay the remaining costs of the tree-planting projects and will be responsible for replacement trees and all maintenance expenses after planting.

Measuring Success

The Charles Mix Conservation District will monitor shelterbelt survival and maintenance. Landowners will be interviewed to evaluate how each shelterbelt supports the overall farm or ranch operation and will track livestock health, feed and energy savings, wildlife use, and erosion reduction. Project results will be shared with the public through Facebook posts and direct mailings, and grant-funded projects will be incorporated into other local conservation efforts.

State Conservation Commission				Nov-26
Conservation District	Codington	Project Name:	Education Grant	
Start Date	01/01/2027	End Date	12/31/2027	

		Other funds:	Cash	In-kind
Total Project Amount:	$ 3,207.00	Total:	$ -	$ -
Commisson Funds:	$ 1,603.50	RC&F:		
District Funds:	$ 1,603.50	DANR:		
Landowner Cash:		GF&P:		
Local In-kind:		USFWS:		
Other Funds:		NRCS:		
		OTHER:		

Description of Grant Application:

We believe there are always opportunities to expand our reach to educat the residents of codington county. With this grant we will continue our presence at the Watertown winter Farm Show in February, the july 4th parade, the november lighted parade and holiday display at Winter Wonderland. We assist the Optimist Club by having a display lite up for people to view friday. Sunday evenings every weekend in December through Christmas. People give a donation to the optimist upon leaving the event which is held at Lake Kampeska's City park. We are educationg every 4th grade student in the public and private schools in codington county about Arbor Day and giving them a Black Hills Spruce plug to plant. 2026 we handed out 478 trees. We sponsor an award at Achievement days for the Conservation Project area in addition to our sponsorship of the 4-H t-shirt that all kids in the program are given.

If selected for funding, RC&F suggests that:

- The district provide timesheets or other documentation to demonstrate the actual time spent on salary/administration of the grant.
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DANR:

GF&P:

Other current grants:	Project	Start date		End Date	Original Award	Balance	Extensions
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	

Approved: Denied:

Reason for denial:

Codington County Conservation District
1720 4th St NE, Suite #3
Watertown, SD 57201
Phone: 605-882-4989 ext 3

September 30, 2026

SD Dept of Agriculture & Natural Resources

Dear SD Conservation Commission:

The Codington Conservation District is applying for a grant of $1603.50 through the Conservation Grant fund to be able to do more educational outreach in the County.

We receive no county funding, so any additional funding to support our outreach efforts is appreciated.

The Codington County District Board of Supervisors is hoping the Conservation Commission allows the funding request to be approved.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.

Deanna Kunkel - District Manager,
On behalf of the Codington Conservation District Board of Supervisors

Codington County Conservation District
1720 4th St NE, Suite #3
Watertown, SD 57201
(605) 882-4989 ext 3
Codingtoncd2@sdconservation.net

Codington Conservation District Board:
Ken Bunde, Chairman
Bonnie Oletzke, Vice-Chair
Ben Schleusner, Supervisor
Dan, Kahnke, Supervisor
Mike Paulsen, Supervisor

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GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Applicant Information

Organization: Codington Conservation District Mailing Address: 1720 4th St NE #3
Telephone: 605-880-8609 City: Watertown State: SD Zip: 57201
Tax Status: Exempt

Project Contact

Project Officer: Deanna Kunkel Telephone: 605-880-8609
Fax: NA Email: codingtoncd2@sdconservation.net

Project Information

Project Name: Educational Grant
Start Date: 01/01/2027 End Date: 12/31/2027
Legal description: County: Codington
Township: NA Range: NA
Section: NA Qtr: NA

Type of Grant

- [x] Conservation Grant
- [ ] Community Forestry
- [ ] Insect/Disease
- [ ] Invasive Species
- [ ] Forest Stewardship
- [ ] Mountain Pine Beetle
- [ ] Other (specify): _____

Financial Information

Grant funds requested: 1603.50 Partner contributions (total): 1603.50 Total project cost: 3207

Please provide a brief, descriptive summary of the project:

We believe there are always opportunities to expand our reach to educate the residents of Codington County. With this grant we will continue our presence at the Watertown winter Farm Show in February, the July 4th parade, the November lighted parade and holiday display at Winter Wonderland. We assist the Optimist Club by having a display lite up for people to view Friday - Sunday evenings every weekend in December through Christmas. People give a donation to the Optimist upon leaving the event which is held at Lake Kampeska's city park. We are educating every 4th grade student in the public and private schools in Codington County about Arbor Day and giving them a Black Hills Spruce plug to plant. In 2026 we handed out 478 trees. We sponsor an award at Achievement days for the Conservation Project area in addition to our sponsorship of the 4-H t-shirt that all kids in the program are given.

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comply with the provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and regulations issued thereunder relating to nondiscrimination in federally assisted programs.

Applicant Signature Deanna Kunkel Deanna Kunkel (Sep 30, 2026 10 23:49 CDT) Title District Manager Date 09/30/2026

A copy of the state required W-9 form must be attached to this application.

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Signature of Approval _____ **Title** _____ **Date** _____

BUDGET SHEET

The total for each of these three sections should equal the "Total Project Cost" on page 1.

A. Operating Budget

1. Salary/Benefits	0
2. Travel	150
3. Contractual Services	895
4. Supplies	2162
5. Equipment (list major equipment)	
6. Consultation Services	
Total Project Costs	

This total must equal 3207

B. Activity Budget

	Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
1.	Supplies	956	956			1912
2.	Farm Show	447.50	447.50			895
3.	4H Sponshorship	125	125			250
4.	Travel to schools	75	75			150
5.						
6.						
7.						
8.						
	Totals					

This total must equal 3207

C. Project Partners

	Partners	Amount Cash	Amount In-Kind	Total
1.	SDANR	1603.50		1603.50
2.	Codington CFD	1603.50		1603.50
3.				
4.				
5.				
6.				
7.				
8.				
	Totals			

This total must equal 3207

Please send application and attachments to the South Dakota Department of Agriculture & Natural Resources.

Codington County Conservation District
Board of Supervisor's Meeting
September 14, 2026, 9:00 am

Supervisors Present	Absent
Ken Bunde, Chairman	Bradly Bunde, Advisor
Ben Schleusner, Supervisor on phone	Dan Kahnke, Supervisor
Bonnie Oletzke, Supervisor	Other attendees
Mike Paulsen, Supervisor	Deanna Kunkel, DM
	John Henricks
	Ryan Mar, NRCS

The Codington Conservation District Supervisors meet Monday, September 14th, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in the conference room at the NRCS office. Chair Ken Bunde called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comment – None.

Approve the Agenda -Motion by Oletzke, with a second by Paulsen, to approve the agenda. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion was opened for the August board minutes. Schleusner moved to approve the minutes as written, second by Paulsen. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report covering checking, credit card and accounts payable/receivable balances were approved on a motion by Oletzke, with a second by Paulsen. Vouchers were signed for August.

NRC Report

- Office is finishing up payments for FY26 contracts and working on new applications for FY27.

Prairie Coteau Watershed Improvement and Protection Project Report – see attached

District Manager's Report –Motion by Schleusner, with a second by Oletzke to approve the District Manager's report. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business –

- Tabled was the unfunded cooperative agreement statement of work for Codington CD.
- Discussion on painting the tree shed decided that we should hire someone who is familiar with spraying metal buildings. DM did get an account set up at Sherwin Williams which will allow us to get the biggest discount on the paint. Mike will get DM the phone number of a painter he has used in the past to get a quote.

- DM has hired a LATC student to do the fall seeding. He has experience running an air seeder and Kyle from Clark CD will come over to train him.
- We will have no one in attendance at the SDACD meeting as DM is not going to attend either.
- Redlin bill disagreement – Motion by Paulsen to send a revised bill for the 2026 balance of $515.25. Motion second by Oletzke. All voted in favor. Motion carried.
- Supervisor Schleusner attended the Soil Health School held in Twin Brooks, he was on the phone for our meeting and will give his report at the October meeting.

New Business

- Pricing for 2027 was discussed and tabled to the next meeting as DM will have nursery prices at that time.
- Since we haven't heard back from GF&P about leasing the fabric machine for 2027, we will be applying for a Commission loan. Motion by Paulsen with a second by Schleusner to apply for a loan in the amount of $18,000 for the purchase of a new fabric machine and an educational grant in the amount of $1603.50 to help cover the cost of getting a tree into the hands of every 4th grade student in Codington County. All voted in favor. Motion carried
- DM Kunkel submitted her formal letter of resignation stating she will be working through the remainder of 2026 with her last day being December 31, 2026. She will get the job description updated and posted on the website.

Adjourn – Motion made by Oletzke to adjourn the meeting, with a second by Schleusner. All voted in favor, motion carried. Meeting was officially adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

The next district board meeting will be held October 5th, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom. This meeting will be to check on the applicants for the DM position and to appoint John Henricks as an advisor. It will be a short meeting since it is harvest time.

Board members were reminded to mark the calendar to attend the Legislative Banquet in Webster on Monday, October 19, 2026. Supervisor Oletzke is the only one to commit to attending at the time.

Respectively,
Deanna Kunkel, District Manager

State Conservation Commission | Nov-26

Conservation District: Corson

Project Name: Tree Renovation/ Planting Grant

Start Date: 01/01/2027

End Date: 06/30/2028

Total Project Amount:	$ 19,750.00
Commisson Funds:	$ 8,600.00
District Funds:	
Landowner Cash:	$ 11,150.00
Local In-kind:	
Other Funds:	

Other funds:	Cash	In-kind
Total:	$ -	$ -
RC&F:		
DANR:		
GF&P:		
USFWS:		
NRCS:		
OTHER:		

Description of Grant Application:

Landowner After successfully replacing five rows in 2021 utilizing a grant from the Conservation Commission, the proposed two-year project would remove the remaining aging trees in 2027 and plant six new rows in 2028. they have already invested significant time and resources into the project, and the completed shelterbelt will provide long-term protection for his cattle operation and support the next generation of the family ranch.

If selected for funding, RC&F suggests that:

- The Conservation Commission will not reimburse any costs that exceed the current Conservation Commission Cost-share Docket. Please note other restrictions as listed there.
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- Final report must be submitted before final reimbursement will be processed. This report must be submitted no more than 30 days after the end of the grant.

DANR:

GF&P:

Other current grants:	Project	Start date		End Date	Original Award	Balance	Extensions
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	

Approved: | Denied:

Reason for denial:

Corson Conservation District

PO Box 47
McIntosh, SD 57641
605-273-4506 ext. 3

September 30, 2026

South Dakota Conservation Commission
C/O Bill Smith: Department of Agriculture
523 E Capitol Ave
Pierre, SD 57501

Dear South Dakota Conservation Commission,

The Corson Conservation District in McIntosh, SD is applying for the 2026 fall grant round. Attached you will find a narrative and supporting documents. Our next board meeting is October 12, and I will submit the minutes with board approval to apply for this grant immediately after.

I am looking forward to assisting this landowner with his project. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out.

Thank you,

Annie Walker
Business Manager

SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY DIVISION
523 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501
Phone: 605.773.3623
danr.sd.gov

GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Applicant Information

Organization: Corson Conservation District Mailing Address: PO Box 47

Telephone: 605-273-4506 x 3 City: McIntosh State: SD Zip: 57641

Tax Status: exempt 46-0366251

Project Contact

Project Officer: Annie Walker Telephone: 605-273-4506

Fax: _____ Email: corsoncd@gmail.com

Project Information

Project Name: Tree renovation/planting grant

Start Date: Jan 2027 End Date: July 2028

Legal description: County: Corson

Township: 36 Range: 18

Section: 26 Qtr: _____

Type of Grant

- (●) Conservation Grant
- ( ) Community Forestry
- ( ) Insect/Disease
- ( ) Invasive Species
- ( ) Forest Stewardship
- ( ) Mountain Pine Beetle
- ( ) Other (specify): _____

Financial Information

Grant funds requested: 8600 Partner contributions (total): 11150 Total project cost: 19750

Please provide a brief, descriptive summary of the project:

Steve Keller is seeking assistance to complete the renovation of a declining shelterbelt originally planted by his father in the 1960s. After successfully replacing five rows in 2021 utilizing a grant from the Conservation Commission, the proposed two-year project would remove the remaining aging trees in 2027 and plant six new rows in 2028. Steve has already invested significant time and resources into the project, and the completed shelterbelt will provide long-term protection for his cattle operation and support the next generation of the family ranch.

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, this application is true and correct. I further agree to comply with the provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and regulations issued thereunder relating to nondiscrimination in federally assisted programs.

Applicant Signature ANNIE WALKER (Affiliate) Digitally signed by ANNIE WALKER (Affiliate) Date: 2026.09.30 14:48:39 -06'00' Title Business Manager Date 9/29/26

A copy of the state required W-9 form must be attached to this application.

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Signature of Reviewer _____ **Title** _____ **Date** _____

Signature of Approval _____ **Title** _____ **Date** _____

BUDGET SHEET

The total for each of these three sections should equal the "Total Project Cost" on page 1.

A. Operating Budget

1. Salary/Benefits	
2. Travel	
3. Contractual Services	19750
4. Supplies	
5. Equipment (list major equipment)	
6. Consultation Services	
Total Project Costs	19750

This total must equal 19750

B. Activity Budget

	Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
1.	Renovation w/Root Removal	5200	7700			12900
2.	Sod Control	150	400			550
3.	Trees	950	950			1900
4.	Fabric	2000	2100			4100
5.	Admin	300				300
6.						0
7.						0
8.						0
	Totals	8600	11150	0	0	19750

This total must equal 19750

C. Project Partners

	Partners	Amount Cash	Amount In-Kind	Total
1.	Comission	8600		0
2.	Landowners	11150		0
3.				0
4.				0
5.				0
6.				0
7.				0
8.				0
	Totals	0	0	0

This total must equal 19750

Please send application and attachments to the South Dakota Department of Agriculture & Natural Resources.

Corson Conservation District Project Narrative

[redacted] is a cattle producer in Corson County seeking assistance with the final phase of a tree renovation project that began in the late 2010s. The original trees, which are about 12 rows wide, were planted by [redacted] father in the 1960s and are long overdue for replacement. We are proposing a two-year grant period that would allow for tree removal, ground preparation, and planting of new trees within a comfortable time frame.

In 2020, [redacted] reached out to the Conservation District seeking cost-share assistance for trees in half of the declining shelterbelt. The first few rows of trees had already been removed, and the ground was prepared. Through a grant from the Conservation Commission, the Corson Conservation District was able to plant five new rows of trees and lay weed-barrier fabric. Those trees are looking great today, which is exactly the result I wanted for a shelterbelt located directly next to a state highway.

[redacted] is now ready to remove the remaining declining trees in anticipation of planting six more rows in their place. This proposed grant would cover both the removal of the dead trees and the planting of the new ones. [redacted] has reached out to contractors and has a removal plan in place for the spring and summer of 2027. In 2028, we will plant the new trees.

[redacted] is a long-time cattle and crop producer in Corson County. His cows calve in two different windows—both spring and fall. The completion of this project will provide protection for both herds for another generation, as his daughter is now working to take over the ranch.

With support from the South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources (SD DANR) Resource Conservation & Forestry (RC&F) forester, we developed a tree plan that closely reflects the species that are thriving from the 2021 planting. [redacted] commitment to this project is evident in the considerable time and resources he has already invested without cost-share assistance, including the removal of half of the dead trees in 2020, planting and mowing grass between the rows of trees planted in 2021, and watering as needed during drought conditions. By the time all the rows are established, [redacted] will have spent almost a decade removing, planting, and maintaining the area that his dad originally established a lifetime ago.

The included map should clearly show the area the [redacted] are transforming into a functional shelterbelt. You can see the trees planted in 2021 directly to the west of the area that now needs to be renovated. I look forward to seeing this project through to completion. If the trees planted in 2021 are any indication of the results we can expect from the trees we hope to plant in 2028, this project should be a great success. Drive west of Trail City on Highway 20 for a few miles, and you will be able to see it for yourself.

Written by: Annie Walker, Business Manager, Corson Conservation District Business Manager

Corson Conservation District
PO Box 47
McIntosh, SD 57641
605-273-4506 x3

CORSON CONSERVATION DISTRICT
APPLICATION FOR COST-SHARE

Applicant:

[redacted]

26298 SD Hwy 20
Trail City, SD 57657
605-865-3538

NOTE: The applicant must provide 25% of the total cost of the project in advance to planting

I am applying for cost-share for (type of project): Tree Renovation – removal and planting

Approximate location: [redacted]

The natural resource concern I wish to address is:

Livestock protection, blowing snow, wind management

My project will help to address this concern by:

Blocking wind, managing snow deposition

My plan for maintenance for the next three years is:

Fence, mow, water, replace dead trees

Project grant funds will be distributed on a reimbursement or assignment basis. If cost share is awarded, I understand I will pay the entire bill then receive cost-share reimbursement at a later date.

[redacted] 9-29-20

(Signature) (Date)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE

SD-CPA-6e
Revised 2/2021

TREE PLANTING SPECIFICATION SHEET

Producer: [redacted] Year to be Planted:

County Corson Farm Tract Field Windbreak Type Windbreak Renovation

Program GRANT CIN or referral # Practice Windbreak/Shelterbelt Renovation Practice # 380

63A Soil Map Unit: Legal Desc. Sec [redacted] TWP [redacted] RGE [redacted]

Resource Concern (CPPE Impact): Livestock Production Limitation
Inadequate Shelter (5)

Purpose: 380 - Provide shelter for structures, animals, and people.

Planning Assistance by: Amber Geigle Date: 09/28/26

Present Ground Cover: brome

List the herbicides applied

List the herbicides applied

List the herbicides applied

Fallow Needed? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are Utilities Present? (Overhead or Underground) (Call Before You Dig 1-800-781-7474) ☐ Yes ☑ No

Are Cultural Resource Concerns Addressed? ☑ Yes ☐ No

Site Preparation Needed Prior To Planting: ☐ None ☐ Herbicide ☐ Chisel Plow ☐ Disk ☐ Roto Tiller ☑ Windbreak Renovation ☐ Other

Describe Other:

Planting Method: ☑ Machine ☐ Scalp ☐ Hand Plant

Planned Weed Control:

Within Row ☑ Mechanical ☐ Herbicide ☑ Tree Fabric

4,200 Feet of Fabric

In Between Row ☑ Mechanical ☐ Herbicide ☑ Grass Seeding

0.0 TreeTubes

Estimated Fencing Needed to Exclude Livestock (feet): _____ Feet of Fence

Establishment

SD-CPA-6e

MLRA 63A

Site No.	WSS CTSO	Spacing (feet) Isolation	Spacing (feet) Between Row	Row No.	1st row on North or West	PLANTING INFORMATION -- Species	Species	Alternate With	PLANNED (Feet) Spacing in Row	Length of row Feet	Approx. No. of Plants	Fabric (Feet)	Tree Tubes	Seeding Source	APPLIED Width (feet) Isolation	Width (feet) Between Row	Spacing (Ft) Approximate In the Row	Length (Feet)	Calculate	Check If Installed No of Plants	Check If Installed Fabric (Feet)	Check If Installed Tree Tubes
	6D	20		1	west	Buffaloberry	✓		8	700	88	Yes	No									
	6D		18	2		Rocky Mountain Juniper	✓		12	700	58	Yes	No									
	6D		18	3		Chokecherry	✓		10	700	70	Yes	No									
	6D		18	4		Honeylocust	✓		16	700	44	Yes	No									
	6D		18	5		Honeylocust	✓		16	700	44	Yes	No									
	6D		18	6		Schubert Chokecherry	✓		8	700	88	Yes	No									
		24																				
									Totals	4,200	392	4,200										

2.15 acres planned _____ acres applied

LOCATION MAP or PHOTO

N

	Section 36

Section [redacted] Township [redacted] Range [redacted]

<---------- Location Map or Photo

Comments: _____

Producer Name Steven Keller

Address _____

Site Address _____

Phone Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____

Type of Planting Windbreak/Shelterbelt Renovation Program GRANT

Site Prep Windbreak Renovation Practice # 380



0 55 110 220 330 440
Feet

[redacted]
Sec 36, TWP 18, Rge 26
605-865-3538

Corson Conservation District, Regular Meeting Minutes

October 12, 2026

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Beer, Barb Campbell, Brenda Schneider, Robert Nehl **ADVISORS PRESENT:** Clint Kvale, Christian Campbell **MEMBERS ABSENT:** Colt Nehl **OFFICE PERSONNEL**: Annie Walker, Business Manager **NRCS:** Colin Nehl, DC **SDG&F:** Absent

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike Beer at 5:20 PM

Motion by Robert Nehl, seconded by Brenda to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Barb Campbell, seconded by Robert Nehl to approve the minutes from the January 19, 2026 meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Robert Nehl, second by Barb Campbell to approve the Treasurer's Report including payment of bills. Motion carried.

Colin Nehl gave a verbal NRCS report.

Business Manager report given by Annie Walker.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Motion by Brenda Schneider, seconded by Robert Nehl to submit a grant to the Conservation Commission for a 2 year tree renovation and planting project totaling $19,750. Motion carried.

Motion by Robert Nehl, seconded by Brenda Schneider to increase drill and mowing rates as follows:
Mowing: $75 set down fee, $60/hour with a 2-hour minimum.
Drill: $100/day, $8/hour
Motion carried.

Motion by Robert Nehl, seconded by Barb Campbell to open a simple IRA for employee Annie Walker and deposit 7% of each paycheck per month. Motion carried.

Motion by Brenda Schneider, seconded by Robert Nehl to approve purchases of a shop vac and a HitchLok Skid Hitch attachment. Motion carried.

Motion by Robert Nehl, seconded by Barb Campbell to appoint Christian Campbell as a board advisor affective immediately. Motion carried.

Next meeting dates:

- December 7, 2026 5:30 PM – Regular meeting
- December 14, 2026 5 PM Christmas party at the RBar in Lemmon

Motion by Robert Nehl, seconded by Brenda Schneider to adjourn at 7:00 PM

Minutes submitted by: Annie Walker, Business Manager

State Conservation Commission					Nov-26
Conservation District	Davison		Project Name:	Awareness & Outreach Activites	
Start Date	01/01/2027		End Date	12/31/2027	

			Other funds:	Cash	In-kind
Total Project Amount:	$	4,000.00	Total:	$ -	$ -
Commisson Funds:	$	2,000.00	RC&F:		
District Funds:			DANR:		
Landowner Cash:	$	2,000.00	GF&P:		
Local In-kind:			USFWS:		
Other Funds:			NRCS:		
			OTHER:		

Description of Grant Application:

The Davison Conservation District wants to create a link between farmers, consumers, and communities by helping them understand the relationship between food production and conservation. This will help consumers and producers understand the importance of local conservation districts, conservation, and agriculture. We use the funds to support our annual newsletter, ag in the classroom, and no till education.

If selected for funding, RC&F suggests that:

- The district provide timesheets or other documentation to demonstrate the actual time spent on salary/administration of the grant.
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DANR:

GF&P:

	Project	Start date	End Date	Original Award	Balance	Extensions
Other current grants:						
Multi-County Brush MGMT	2025-CSW-027	07/01/2025	12/31/2026	$ 30,000.00	$23,800.02	
Microirrigation	2026-CSW-011	01/01/2026	12/31/2026	$ 5,000.00	$ 2,195.00	
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Approved: Denied:

Reason for denial:

Matt Hayes
Davison Conservation District
District Manager
1820 N Kimball St, Suite B
Mitchell, SD 57301
September 230, 2026

South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources
Division of Resource Conservation and Forestry
Attn: Bill Smith
523 E Capitol Ave
Pierre, SD 57501

South Dakota Conservation Commission:

The Davison Conservation District is submitting a grant application for the 2026 fall grant round. The following application is for our awareness and outreach activities that will start January 1, 2027 and end December 31, 2027.

Along with the application, you will find a copy of the minutes from our board meeting, the district's W-9, and the narrative that goes with our application.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration of our grant application. If you have any questions or concerns, please call our office at (605) 996-1564 Ext 3.

Sincerely,



Matt Hayes
Davison Conservation District
District Manager

SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY DIVISION
523 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501
Phone: 605.773.3623
danr.sd.gov

GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Applicant Information

Organization: Davison Conservation District
Mailing Address: 1820 N Kimball St., Suite B
Telephone: (605) 996-1564 ext 3
City: Mitchell State: SD Zip: 57301
Tax Status: Exempt

Project Contact

Project Officer: Matt Hayes
Telephone: (605) 770-5250
Fax: _____
Email: matthew.hayes2@sd.nacdnet.net

Project Information

Project Name: Awareness & Outreach Activities Grant
Start Date: 01/01/2027 End Date: 12/31/2027
Legal description: County: Davison
Township: _____ Range: _____
Section: _____ Qtr: _____

Type of Grant

- (●) Conservation Grant
- ( ) Community Forestry
- ( ) Insect/Disease
- ( ) Invasive Species
- ( ) Forest Stewardship
- ( ) Mountain Pine Beetle
- ( ) Other (specify): _____

Financial Information

Grant funds requested: 2000 Partner contributions (total): 2000 Total project cost: 4000

Please provide a brief, descriptive summary of the project:

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Applicant Signature _____ Title District Manager Date 9-30-2026

A copy of the state required W-9 form must be attached to this application.

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Signature of Reviewer _____ **Title** _____ **Date** _____

Signature of Approval _____ **Title** _____ **Date** _____

BUDGET SHEET

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A. Operating Budget

1. Salary/Benefits	
2. Travel	
3. Contractual Services	4000
4. Supplies	
5. Equipment (list major equipment)	
6. Consultation Services	
Total Project Costs	4000

This total must equal 4000

B. Activity Budget

	Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
1.	Public Awareness	2000	2000			4000
2.						0
3.						0
4.						0
5.						0
6.						0
7.						0
8.						0
Totals		2000	2000	0	0	4000

This total must equal 4000

C. Project Partners

	Partners	Amount Cash	Amount In-Kind	Total
1.	RC&F	2000		2000
2.	Landowners	2000		2000
3.				0
4.				0
5.				0
6.				0
7.				0
8.				0
Totals		4000	0	4000

This total must equal 4000

Please send application and attachments to the South Dakota Department of Agriculture & Natural Resources.

Davison Conservation Districts

Public Awareness and Outreach

Project Narrative

Project Partners

May include but are not limited to NRCS, SDSU Extension Service, Pheasants Forever, Ducks Unlimited, Mitchell Chamber of Commerce, South Dakota No-Till Association, SD Soil Health Coalition, SD Grasslands Coalition and many others.

Project descriptions and need

The Awareness & Outreach Activities Grant will focus on connecting the public and producers to conservation through awareness and outreach activities. The grant will provide more awareness of what the local conservation districts do and services they can provide. The grant will make available more conservation education throughout the counties and provide more opportunities for non-farmers and youth to learn about conservation and agriculture in general. The Awareness and Outreach Activities Grant will include the Davison Conservation District.

Final Products

Public outreach and awareness activities will include projects such as, but not limited to, the following:

> Annual Mitchell Soil Health Event, Ag in the Classroom, Farm Exchange tour, prescribed grazing/brush management tour, Arbor Day presentations to local classrooms, newsletter mailings, Conservation Speech contests, Arbor Day essays, watershed meetings for producers, Build Soil Health Displays for producers and classrooms (Soil your Undies, cover crops, pollinator boxes, etc.), scholarships for producers and students to attend the SD Grassland Coalition Grazing School, SD Soil Health Coalition Soil Health School, and Land, Soil, & Range Schools, and assist producers with soil health soil tests (Haney, Solvita, PLFA, etc.) for learning opportunities.

These public outreach and awareness activities will benefit producers, the public, and youth about the importance of conservation in our communities and counties. The grant will create a link between the farmers, consumers, and communities by helping them understand how food is produced and that the environment can be protected while doing this. We believe it'll help people understand the importance of the local conservation districts and other organizations that promote the importance of our natural resources and agriculture.

Partner Justification

The Davison Conservation District has for many years had a strong working relationship with various organizations in our area. Each organization has expertise in various areas and in conjunction with our districts we can accomplish an awareness and connection that will be beneficial to all interested parties.

State Conservation Commission				Nov-26

Conservation District	Davison	Project Name:	Multi-County Brush Management
Start Date	01/01/2027	End Date	12/31/2027

		Other funds:	Cash	In-kind
Total Project Amount:	$ 40,000.00	Total:	$ -	$ -
Commisson Funds:	$ 20,000.00	RC&F:		
District Funds:		DANR:		
Landowner Cash:	$ 20,000.00	GF&P:		
Local In-kind:		USFWS:		
Other Funds:		NRCS:		
		OTHER:		

Description of Grant Application:

The multi-county brush management project will be completed in Davison, Sanborn, and Hanson Conservation Districts. Results from this conservation practice can be seen instantly while the forestry cutter is working. These invasive tree species are not a new problem; but a problem that is expensive, ongoing, and finally getting addressed. Our goal is to restore those invaded areas back to grasslands; making them productive again for livestock/wildlife

If selected for funding, RC&F suggests that:

- The Conservation Commission will not reimburse any costs that exceed the current Conservation Commission Cost-share Docket. Please note other restrictions as listed there.
- All tree and shrub planting plans be reviewed and approved by one of the SDDANR RCF foresters prior to planting.
- Stand alone farmstead/homestead windbreaks do not qualify for cost-share from the Commission.
- District must secure a landowner application to determine eligibility for cost-share funds, copy to be provided with reimbursement request.
- District must provide the landowner with notification letter indicating whether or not they have been approved for cost-share, copy to be provided with reimbursement request.
- Project reimbursement will be based on actual bill/receipts submitted for completed work. Cost-share will be based on legitimate costs up to the specified maximum.
- The district provide a copy of the Joint Powers Agreement with all the conservation districts involved.
- The district provide timesheets or other documentation to demonstrate the actual time spent on salary/administration of the grant.
- Final report must be submitted before final reimbursement will be processed. This report must be submitted no more than 30 days after the end of the grant.

DANR:

GF&P:

	Project	Start date	End Date	Original Award	Balance	Extensions
Other current grants:						
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Approved: Denied:

Reason for denial:

SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY DIVISION
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City: Mitchell State: SD Zip: 57301
Tax Status: Exempt

Project Contact

Project Officer: Matt Hayes
Telephone: (605) 770-5250
Fax: _____
Email: matthew.hayes2@sd.nacdnet.net

Project Information

Project Name: Multi County Brush Management
Start Date: 01/01/2027 End Date: 12/31/2027
Legal description: County: Davison
Township: _____ Range: _____
Section: _____ Qtr: _____

Type of Grant

- (●) Conservation Grant
- ( ) Community Forestry
- ( ) Insect/Disease
- ( ) Invasive Species
- ( ) Forest Stewardship
- ( ) Mountain Pine Beetle
- ( ) Other (specify): _____

Financial Information

Grant funds requested: 20000 Partner contributions (total): 20000 Total project cost: 40000

Please provide a brief, descriptive summary of the project:

The multi-county brush management project will be completed in Davison, Sanborn, and Hanson Conservation Districts. Results from this conservation practice can be seen instantly while the forestry cutter is working. These invasive tree species are not a new problem; but a problem that is expensive, ongoing, and finally getting addressed. Our goal is to restore those invaded areas back to grasslands; making them productive again for livestock/wildlife.

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, this application is true and correct. I further agree to comply with the provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and regulations issued thereunder relating to nondiscrimination in federally assisted programs.

Applicant Signature _____ Title District Manager Date 09/24/2026

A copy of the state required W-9 form must be attached to this application.

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Signature of Reviewer _____ **Title** _____ **Date** _____

Signature of Approval _____ **Title** _____ **Date** _____

BUDGET SHEET

The total for each of these three sections should equal the "Total Project Cost" on page 1.

A. Operating Budget

1. Salary/Benefits	
2. Travel	
3. Contractual Services	40000
4. Supplies	
5. Equipment (list major equipment)	
6. Consultation Services	
Total Project Costs	40000

This total must equal 40000

B. Activity Budget

	Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
1.	Brush Management	20000	20000			40000
2.						0
3.						0
4.						0
5.						0
6.						0
7.						0
8.						0
	Totals	20000	20000	0	0	40000

This total must equal 40000

C. Project Partners

	Partners	Amount Cash	Amount In-Kind	Total
1.	RC&F	20000		20000
2.	Landowners	20000		20000
3.				0
4.				0
5.				0
6.				0
7.				0
8.				0
	Totals	40000	0	40000

This total must equal 40000

Please send application and attachments to the South Dakota Department of Agriculture & Natural Resources.

Davison Conservation District

Brush Management Project

Project Narrative

Project Description and Need:

There is a need for financial assistance to implement conservation practices that are not eligible for any other cost share programs either because of lack of funding or eligibility requirements. Due to the high cost often associated with installing conservation practices, many landowners and operators will be unable to install practices needed unless alternative funding is available. Cost share will be based on the 2026 Conservation Commission approved cost share percentages. The invasive species of trees and shrubs is an ongoing problem that is expensive to address and is needed to help landowners and operators reclaim grass that is essential for their operations. The installation of this practice will help with improving grassland management and wildlife habitat.

Final Products:

The completion of these projects will provide additional grass for livestock to each operation so that they can utilize the full potential of each site.

Partner Justification:

Davison Conservation District has an excellent working relationship with Pheasants Forever, GFP, NRCS, and USFWS. We will put articles in our newsletter to inform and educate the public of conservation programs that are available to them.

State Conservation Commission			Nov-26

Conservation District	Davison	Project Name:	Davison/Hanson Tree Planting
Start Date	01/01/2027	End Date	12/31/2027

		Other funds:	Cash	In-kind
Total Project Amount:	$ 60,000.00	Total:	$ -	$ -
Commisson Funds:	$ 30,000.00	RC&F:		
District Funds:		DANR:		
Landowner Cash:	$ 30,000.00	GF&P:		
Local In-kind:		USFWS:		
Other Funds:		NRCS:		
		OTHER:		

Description of Grant Application:

This one-year project proposes to continue the District's program of of cost-share to landowners for establishment of multi-purpose shelterbelts. These shelterbelt plantings are needed by landowners in Davison and Hanson counties to restore/maintain water quality, improve/maintain soil productivity, create wildlife habitat, conserve energy, and provide snow protection.

If selected for funding, RC&F suggests that:

- The Conservation Commission will not reimburse any costs that exceed the current Conservation Commission Cost-share Docket. Please note other restrictions as listed there.
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- Final report must be submitted before final reimbursement will be processed. This report must be submitted no more than 30 days after the end of the grant.

DANR:

GF&P:

	Project	Start date	End Date	Original Award	Balance	Extensions
Other current grants:						
Multi-County Brush MGMT	2025-CSW-027	07/01/2025	12/31/2026	$ 30,000.00	$23,800.02	
Microirrigation	2026-CSW-011	01/01/2026	12/31/2026	$ 5,000.00	$ 2,195.00	
Davison/Hanson Tree Planting	2026-CSW-012	01/01/2026	12/31/2026	$ 20,000.00	$ 8,088.87	

Approved: Denied:

Reason for denial:

SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY DIVISION
523 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501
Phone: 605.773.3623
danr.sd.gov

GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Applicant Information

Organization: Davison Conservation District Mailing Address: 1820 N Kimball St., Suite B
Telephone: (605) 996-1564 ext 3 City: Mitchell State: SD Zip: 57301
Tax Status: Exempt

Project Contact

Project Officer: Matt Hayes Telephone: (605) 770-5250
Fax: _____ Email: matthew.hayes2@sd.nacdnet.net

Project Information

Project Name: Davison/Hanson Tree Planting
Start Date: 01/01/2027 End Date: 12/31/2027
Legal description: County: Davison/Hanson
Township: _____ Range: _____
Section: _____ Qtr: _____

Type of Grant

- (●) Conservation Grant
- ( ) Community Forestry
- ( ) Insect/Disease
- ( ) Invasive Species
- ( ) Forest Stewardship
- ( ) Mountain Pine Beetle
- ( ) Other (specify): _____

Financial Information

Grant funds requested: 30000 Partner contributions (total): 30000 Total project cost: 60000

Please provide a brief, descriptive summary of the project:

This one-year project proposes to continue the District's program of of cost-share to landowners for establishment of multi-purpose shelterbelts. These shelterbelt plantings are needed by landowners in Davison and Hanson counties to restore/maintain water quality, improve/maintain soil productivity, create wildlife habitat, conserve energy, and provide snow protection.

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, this application is true and correct. I further agree to comply with the provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and regulations issued thereunder relating to nondiscrimination in federally assisted programs.

Applicant Signature _____ Title District Manager Date 09/24/2026

A copy of the state required W-9 form must be attached to this application.

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Signature of Reviewer _____ **Title** _____ **Date** _____

Signature of Approval _____ **Title** _____ **Date** _____

BUDGET SHEET

The total for each of these three sections should equal the "Total Project Cost" on page 1.

A. Operating Budget

1. Salary/Benefits . . . . .
2. Travel . . . . .
3. Contractual Services 30000
4. Supplies . . . . .
5. Equipment (list major equipment) . . .
6. Consultation Services . . . . .

Total Project Costs . . . . . 30000 This total must equal 8990

B. Activity Budget

	Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
1.	Trees & Shrubs	9000	9000			18000
2.	Fabric	14000	14000			28000
3.	Tree Tubes	7000	7000			14000
4.						0
5.						0
6.						0
7.						0
8.						0
	Totals	30000	30000	0	0	60000

This total must equal 8990

C. Project Partners

	Partners	Amount Cash	Amount In-Kind	Total
1.	RC&F	30000		30000
2.	Landowners	30000		30000
3.				0
4.				0
5.				0
6.				0
7.				0
8.				0
	Totals	60000	0	60000

This total must equal 8990

Please send application and attachments to the South Dakota Department of Agriculture & Natural Resources.

UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF MEETING
DAVISON CONSERVATION DISTRICT

September 3, 2026

The meeting was called to order by Wade Strand, Chairman at 1:15 p.m. at the USDA Service Center in Mitchell, SD.

Supervisors present were Wade Strand, Bruce Haines, Paul Hetland and Darwin Kreth. Others present were Heidi Rients, RUC and Debbie Bartscher, District Secretary-Treasurer.

The agenda for the September meeting was approved in a motion by D. Kreth and seconded; motion carried.

The minutes from the August board meeting were approved in a motion by P. Hetland and seconded; motion carried.

The treasurer's report was given for the month of August showing a beginning balance of $48,709.73, disbursements of $20,894.88, receipts of $51,896.03 leaving cash available on
August 31, 2026, of $79,710.88. A motion was made by P. Hetland and seconded to pay the pending bills. Motion carried.

The Accounts Receivable Report was discussed.

REPORT: Matt Hayes

Debbie gave Matt's report. Matt has been working on tree plans for next spring. The forestry cutter has been out working. We will be getting a tractor in November from Pfiefers for fall planting in November. We have possibly one more drip irrigation installation for a producer. Matt will be starting to do dead tree counts next week. The board recommended that replants be at $2.50 per tree for this year only due to the drought. They will leave this up to Matt's discretion.

REPORT: Heidi Rients

Heidi reported on EQIP, CSP and CRP. She gave an update on the NRCS reorganization plans.

The district will be applying for a Tree Planting Grant, Brush Management Grant and Drip Irrigation Grant in the fall grant round. The motion was made by D. Kreth and seconded by P. Hetland to apply for these grants; motion carried.

The Davison and Hanson merger was discussed.

There being no further business to come before the board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Debbie Bartscher
District Secretary-Treasurer

Matt Hayes
Davison Conservation District
District Manager
1820 N Kimball St, Suite B
Mitchell, SD 57301
September 24, 2026

South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources
Division of Resource Conservation and Forestry
Attn: Bill Smith
523 E Capitol Ave
Pierre, SD 57501

South Dakota Conservation Commission:

The Davison Conservation District is submitting a grant application for the 2026 fall grant round. The following application is for our shelterbelt planting projects that will start January 1, 2027 and end December 31, 2027.

Along with the application, you will find a copy of the minutes from our board meeting, the district's W-9, and the narrative that goes with our application.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration of our grant application. If you have any questions or concerns, please call our office at (605) 996-1564 Ext 3.

Sincerely,



Matt Hayes
Davison Conservation District
District Manager

Davison Conservation District

Shelterbelt Program

Project Narrative

Project Description and Need

The Davison Conservation District shelterbelt program will be used by 6 landowners in Davison/Hanson County, and benefits all citizens living in the counties. This one-year project proposes to continue the District's program of cost share to landowners for establishment of multi-purpose planting needed by landowners in Davison/Hanson County to restore or maintain water quality, improve or maintain soil productivity, create wildlife habitat, conserve energy, and provide snow protection.

Identify How You Will Measure the Success of the Project

The Davison Conservation District will be responsible for this project's implementation and follow up with landowners to ensure maintenance and practice effectiveness, documentation of benefits and outcomes, and for administration.

The Davison Conservation District will provide technical assistance to landowners for planning, planting, and maintenance of these shelterbelts as an in-kind contribution from existing staff.

Partner Justification

Landowners implementing conservation practices under this proposed project will comply with the practice installation and maintenance requirements utilized by the USDA – Natural Resource Conservation Service.

State Conservation Commission				Nov-26
Conservation District	Edmunds	Project Name:	Sheltebelt Planning	
Start Date	01/01/2027	End Date	12/31/2028	

		Other funds:	Cash	In-kind
Total Project Amount:	$ 5,500.00	Total:	$ -	$ -
Commisson Funds:	$ 2,640.00	RC&F:		
District Funds:		DANR:		
Landowner Cash:	$ 2,860.00	GF&P:		
Local In-kind:		USFWS:		
Other Funds:		NRCS:		
		OTHER:		

Description of Grant Application:

The Shelterbelt planting will assist Edmunds County landowners and operators to take an inventory on their shelterbelts to assess where renovation methods are needed and where new shelterbelts should be established. There is a big need for renovations to old shelterbelts in the area as many are 50 or more years old. Shelterbelts are a vital need to provide wildlife habitation, reduce wind erosion, and livestock protection.

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DANR:

GF&P:

Other current grants:	Project	Start date	End Date	Original Award	Balance	Extensions
Conservation Education	2026-CSW-030	07/01/2026	12/31/2026	$ 1,500.00	$ 777.35	

Approved: Denied:

Reason for denial:

SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY DIVISION
523 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501
Phone: 605.773.3623
danr.sd.gov

GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Applicant Information

Organization: Edmunds County Conservation District Mailing Address: PO Box 25

Telephone: 605-426-6994 City: Ipswich State: SD Zip: 57451

Tax Status: non-exempt

Project Contact

Project Officer: Meshele Townsend Telephone: 605-426-6994

Fax: _____ Email: eccd@valleytel.net

Project Information

Project Name: Shelterbelt planting

Start Date: 01-01-2027 End Date: 01-01-2029

Legal description: County: Edmunds County

Township: _____ Range: _____

Section: _____ Qtr: _____

Type of Grant

- (●) Conservation Grant
- ( ) Community Forestry
- ( ) Insect/Disease
- ( ) Invasive Species
- ( ) Forest Stewardship
- ( ) Mountain Pine Beetle
- ( ) Other (specify): _____

Financial Information

Grant funds requested: 2640 Partner contributions (total): 2860 Total project cost: 5500

Please provide a brief, descriptive summary of the project:

The Shelterbelt planting will assist Edmunds County landowners and operators to take an inventory on their shelterbelts to assess where renovation methods are needed and where new shelterbelts should be established. There is a big need for renovations to old shelterbelts in the area as many are 50 or more years old. Shelterbelts are a vital need to provide wildlife habitation, reduce wind erosion, and livestock protection.

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, this application is true and correct. I further agree to comply with the provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and regulations issued thereunder relating to nondiscrimination in federally assisted programs.

Applicant Signature _____ Title District Manager Date 09/28/2026

A copy of the state required W-9 form must be attached to this application.

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Signature of Approval _____ **Title** _____ **Date** _____

BUDGET SHEET

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A. Operating Budget

1. Salary/Benefits	
2. Travel	
3. Contractual Services	5500
4. Supplies	
5. Equipment (list major equipment)	
6. Consultation Services	
Total Project Costs	5500

This total must equal 5500

B. Activity Budget

	Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
1.	planting/prep/renovation	2640	2860			5500
2.						0
3.						0
4.						0
5.						0
6.						0
7.						0
8.						0
Totals		2640	2860	0	0	5500

This total must equal 5500

C. Project Partners

	Partners	Amount Cash	Amount In-Kind	Total
1.	landowners	2860		2860
2.	RCF grant	2640		2640
3.				0
4.				0
5.				0
6.				0
7.				0
8.				0
Totals		5500	0	5500

This total must equal 5500

Please send application and attachments to the South Dakota Department of Agriculture & Natural Resources.

Applicant: Edmunds County Conservation District
Project name: Shelterbelt Planting

Project Partners
The NRCS will partner with the Conservation
District to provide technical assistance to ensure successful shelterbelt tree planting / renovation.

Project Descriptions and Needs
*The primary beneficiaries of this project will be the landowners, operators, livestock, and wildlife where shelterbelt renovations and establishments will be implemented, by providing technical and financial assistance to the landowners and operators. Producers will be more equipped to clean up existing shelterbelts and plant new trees to rejuvenate the existing shelterbelt. As well as a new tree planting.
*Edmunds County Conservation District will be responsible for the implementation, maintenance, and follow-up of the project. Local NRCS will provide technical assistance as needed. The agreement between the Conservation District and the landowner will define responsibilities of each partner.
*Edmunds County landowners will be eligible to apply for this grant to renovate existing shelterbelts or establish a new shelterbelt.
*Producers and partners will work together to identify shelterbelt needs. Once these areas have been identified, producers and partners will work together to develop the most feasible plan for the site. A plan will be create, trees species chosen depending on the goal of individual producer and the purpose of the shelterbelt. Weed control methods will be discussed.
*Many shelterbelts that show degraded plant health are being torn out to increase farmable acers rather than renovating and restoring. By assisting producers in cleaning old belts and planting new trees to increase plant health, this project will help address the increasing wind erosion issue in the area.
*The Conservation District will create a long-term partnership with producers. Short term, the district will work with producers, providing technical expertise on recommendations for all plantings. Once the trees have been planted, the district will follow up with survival checks and recommendations as appropriate.
*No permits should be needed but producers will work with partners to ensure if one is needed that all requirements are addressed per site. Producers will also be required to follow state and local setback rules.

Final Products
*Trees play a vital role in reducing wind erosion, saving energy, and providing habitat for livestock and wildlife. Shelterbelts also act as a living snow fence, sequesters carbon, and serves as a noise and visual screen. The location of each shelterbelt will determine what benefits the landowner will reap. Shelterbelts will contribute to the DANR's goals of renovations to old belt and new shelterbelt planting while implementing management practices for soil health and erosion.
*The success of the project will be measured by the acers of shelterbelts installed and or renovated. Each projects per the SD Woodland tech note#38 a 75% survival after the second year leaf out in the summer.
*This proposal is designed to assist 2 producers renovate or install new shelterbelts. With limitations in other programs for shelterbelts, Edmunds is looking to have funds through a grant for shelterbelt projects to help landowners with their needs.

Partner Justification

*The Conservation District has been dedicated to promoting and helping producers utilize conservation practices within the county. The Conservation supervisors, advisors, and managers work with NRCS to retain technical expertise as needed in order to better assist landowners and operators.

Minutes

Edmunds County Conservation District Board of Supervisors

ECCD-BOS Meeting

Tuesday September 15th 2026 8 am, ECCD held in office located at

20 S 4th St Ipswich

1. Call meeting to order –Bryce Nash 8:20 am
2. Roll call and introductions of meeting attendees – Bryce Nash chairman, Tim Braun vice chairman, Anita Weisser supervisor, James Hoyle supervisor, Bruce Gauer supervisor, Kenny Kilber advisor, Tina Feyereisen advisor. NRCS: Derek Barondeau Field office DC, John Bender Area Director
3. Approval of agenda for September 2026– Tim motioned to approve, James 2nd all carried
4. Approval of the minutes from the August 2026 meeting – James motioned to approve, Anita 2nd all carried

Financial Reports for August 2026 for board approval – James motioned to approve , Tim 2nd all carried

4.1. check and deposit details

4.2. balance sheet

4.3. profit and loss report

Unfinished Business

5. Salinity plot updates – Josh Heinrich, Bruce Gauer : Tina will visit Josh Heinrich ground and take pictures. Josh will be invited to next meeting to review progress. Bruce is still working on progress.
6. Equipment updates – none at this time
7. Tree plans for 2027 season – no new changes
8. SDACD Endowment Honoree – Ken Korkow , Sully County – Anita motioned to approve $100.00 be sent for Sully Honoree, Bruce 2nd all carried
9. SDACD convention Sept. 20-22 Arrowwood Cedar Shores – no attendees to conference
10. Northern Plains conference , NCDEA October 20-22 Fargo ND – James motioned to approve district manager to attend conference, Tim 2nd all carried
11. 2027-28 tree grant application –Tim motioned to approve a $5,500 tree grant , James 2nd all carried
12. NRCS Report – Derek NRCS Director and John Bender Area Director- Tim motioned to approve , Anita 2nd all carried
13. Other agenda items and executive session as needed – Ag. Lunch Bag donation – James motioned to approved $50.00 donation, Tim 2nd all carried
14. Date, time and location of next meeting – to be determined at a later date

State Conservation Commission			Nov-26

Conservation District	Gregory	Project Name:	Gregory County Projects 10
Start Date	01/01/2027	End Date	12/31/2029

		Other funds:	Cash	In-kind
Total Project Amount:	$ 350,000.00	Total:	$ -	$ -
Commisson Funds:	$ 175,000.00	RC&F:		
District Funds:		DANR:		
Landowner Cash:	$ 175,000.00	GF&P:		
Local In-kind:		USFWS:		
Other Funds:		NRCS:		
		OTHER:		

Description of Grant Application:

Install grazing best management practices to better distribute grazing, pipelines, tanks, cedar removal will be used as part of this project. 17 landowners are looking to use these funds. Roughly 17 miles of pipeline and 14 tanks. Over 120 acres of cedar removal. Most of these projects were signed up for EQIP but are not getting funded. Our district board along with out NRCS personal will further review and rank our producer request to match avaliable funds.

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DANR:

GF&P:

Other current grants:	Project	Start date	End Date	Original Award	Balance	Extensions
County Projects 9	2025-CSW 028	07/01/2025	12/31/2026	$ 100,000.00	$50,973.98	

Approved: Denied:

Reason for denial:

SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY DIVISION
523 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501
Phone: 605.773.3623
danr.sd.gov

GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Applicant Information

Organization: Gregory County Conservation District Mailing Address: PO Box 339, W 8th

Telephone: 605-775-2770 City: Burke State: SD Zip: 57523

Tax Status: Exempt

Project Contact

Project Officer: M. Finn Hanson Telephone: 605-831-9115

Fax: _____ Email: gregorycd@sdconservation.net

Project Information

Project Name: Gregory County Projects 10

Start Date: 01/01/2027 End Date: 12/31/2029

Legal description: County: Gregory

Township: _____ Range: _____

Section: _____ Qtr: _____

Type of Grant

- (●) Conservation Grant
- ( ) Community Forestry
- ( ) Insect/Disease
- ( ) Invasive Species
- ( ) Forest Stewardship
- ( ) Mountain Pine Beetle
- ( ) Other (specify): _____

Financial Information

Grant funds requested: $175,000.00 Partner contributions (total): $175,000.00 Total project cost: $350,000.00

Please provide a brief, descriptive summary of the project:

Install grazing best management practices to better distribute grazing. Pipelines, tanks, Cedar removal will be used as part of this project!
17 producers lined up already!
roughly 7miles of pipeline and 14 tanks.
Over 120 acres of cedar removal.
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Applicant Signature M. Finn Hanson Title District Manager Date 04/23/2026

A copy of the state required W-9 form must be attached to this application.

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Signature of Approval _____ Title _____ Date _____

BUDGET SHEET

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A. Operating Budget

1. Salary/Benefits	10000.00
2. Travel	
3. Contractual Services	340000.00
4. Supplies	
5. Equipment (list major equipment)	
6. Consultation Services	
Total Project Costs	350000

This total must equal $350,000.00

B. Activity Budget

	Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
1.	Pipelines	102500.00	102500.00			205000
2.	Tanks	25000.00	25000.00			50000
3.	Rural water hookups	22500.00	22500.00			45000
4.	Cedar Tree Removal	25000.00	25000.00			50000
5.						0
6.						0
7.						0
8.						0
	Totals	175000	175000	0	0	350000

This total must equal $350,000.00

C. Project Partners

	Partners	Amount Cash	Amount In-Kind	Total
1.	Commission	175000.00		175000
2.	Landowners	175000.00		175000
3.				0
4.				0
5.				0
6.				0
7.				0
8.				0
	Totals	350000	0	350000

This total must equal $350,000.00

Please send application and attachments to the South Dakota Department of Agriculture & Natural Resources.

State Conservation Commission			Nov-26

Conservation District	Gregory	Project Name:	Gregory County Tree Projects
Start Date	01/01/2027	End Date	12/31/2029

		Other funds:	Cash	In-kind
Total Project Amount:	$ 110,000.00	Total:	$ -	$ -
Commisson Funds:	$ 55,000.00	RC&F:		
District Funds:		DANR:		
Landowner Cash:	$ 55,000.00	GF&P:		
Local In-kind:		USFWS:		
Other Funds:		NRCS:		
		OTHER:		

Description of Grant Application:

Gregory County has 15 producers that were approved by a SDDANR RCF Forester to be funded for tree plantings and shelterbelt renovation. The Practices include:
3 renovations, 4 living snow fences, 1 wildlife habitat, 7 shelterbelt establishments, along with the site preps to go with it such as Tilling and herbicide. Over 20 acres of trees and shrubs to be planted and fabriced.

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DANR:

GF&P:

	Project	Start date	End Date	Original Award	Balance	Extensions
Other current grants:						
County Projects 9	2025-CSW 028	07/01/2025	12/31/2026	$ 100,000.00	$50,973.98	

Approved: Denied:

Reason for denial:

SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY DIVISION
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Phone: 605.773.3623
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GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Applicant Information

Organization: Gregory County Conservation District Mailing Address: PO Box 339, W 8th

Telephone: 605-775-2770 City: Burke State: SD Zip: 57523

Tax Status: Exempt

Project Contact

Project Officer: M. Finn Hanson Telephone: 605-831-9115

Fax: _____ Email: gregorycd@sdconservation.net

Project Information

Project Name: Gregory County Tree Projects

Start Date: 01/01/2027 End Date: 12/31/2029

Legal description: County: Gregory

Township: _____ Range: _____

Section: _____ Qtr: _____

Type of Grant

- (●) Conservation Grant
- ( ) Community Forestry
- ( ) Insect/Disease
- ( ) Invasive Species
- ( ) Forest Stewardship
- ( ) Mountain Pine Beetle
- ( ) Other (specify): _____

Financial Information

Grant funds requested: $55,000.00 Partner contributions (total): $55,000.00 Total project cost: $110,000.00

Please provide a brief, descriptive summary of the project:

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The Practices include:
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Applicant Signature M. Finn Hanson Title District Manager Date 09/23/2026

A copy of the state required W-9 form must be attached to this application.

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Signature of Approval _____ Title _____ Date _____

BUDGET SHEET

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A. Operating Budget

1. Salary/Benefits	5000.00
2. Travel	5000.00
3. Contractual Services	65000.00
4. Supplies	25000.00
5. Equipment (list major equipment)	5000.00
6. Consultation Services	5000.00
Total Project Costs	110000

This total must equal $110,000.00

B. Activity Budget

	Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
1.	Spraying Chemical	1000.00	1000.00			2000
2.	Site Prep	3000.00	3000.00			6000
3.	Fabric	25000.00	25000.00			50000
4.	Tree & Shrub planting	16000.00	16000.00			32000
5.	Renovation	10000.00	10000.00			20000
6.						0
7.						0
8.						0
	Totals	55000	55000	0	0	110000

This total must equal $110,000.00

C. Project Partners

	Partners	Amount Cash	Amount In-Kind	Total
1.	Commission	55000.00		55000
2.	Landowners	55000.00		55000
3.				0
4.				0
5.				0
6.				0
7.				0
8.				0
	Totals	110000	0	110000

This total must equal $110,000.00

Please send application and attachments to the South Dakota Department of Agriculture & Natural Resources.

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Conservation District: Lincoln

Project Name: Windbreak Renovation Spring Planting 2027

Start Date: 01/01/2027

End Date: 06/30/2027

Total Project Amount:	$ 9,892.00
Commisson Funds:	$ 4,932.00
District Funds:	
Landowner Cash:	$ 4,960.00
Local In-kind:	
Other Funds:	

Other funds:	Cash	In-kind
Total:	$ -	$ -
RC&F:		
DANR:		
GF&P:		
USFWS:		
NRCS:		
OTHER:		

Description of Grant Application:

Lincoln Conservation District, in partnership with State DANR Foresters & Lincoln County NRCS, will assist landowners to manage implementation of: spring tree site preparation, Trees, Fabric, Tree protectors, and grass on Tree Windbreak Renovation sites & planting sites. This project will provide cost share to help Landowners with the costs according to the current Conservation Commission approved practice costs. The renovations sites had trees removed with a previous commission grant and now will Plant trees in Spring 2027, potentially, with assistance from this project application.

If selected for funding, RC&F suggests that:

- The Conservation Commission will not reimburse any costs that exceed the current Conservation Commission Cost-share Docket. Please note other restrictions as listed there.
- All tree and shrub planting plans be reviewed and approved by one of the SDDANR RCF foresters prior to planting.
- Stand alone farmstead/homestead windbreaks do not qualify for cost-share from the Commission.
- District must secure a landowner application to determine eligibility for cost-share funds, copy to be provided with reimbursement request.
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- Project reimbursement will be based on actual bill/receipts submitted for completed work. Cost-share will be based on legitimate costs up to the specified maximum.
- The district provide a copy of the Joint Powers Agreement with all the conservation districts involved.
- The district provide timesheets or other documentation to demonstrate the actual time spent on salary/administration of the grant.
- Final report must be submitted before final reimbursement will be processed. This report must be submitted no more than 30 days after the end of the grant.

DANR:

GF&P:

Other current grants:	Project	Start date	End Date	Original Award	Balance	Extensions
Windbreak Renovation Spring	2026-CSW-037	07/01/2026	12/31/2026	$ 10,000.00	$10,000.00	

Approved: | Denied:

Reason for denial:

SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY DIVISION
523 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501
Phone: 605.773.3623
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GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Applicant Information

Organization: Lincoln Conservation District
Mailing Address: 801 East 5th Street, Suite South
Telephone: (605) 987-2624
City: Canton
State: S.D.
Zip: 57013
Tax Status: Government, Local

Project Contact

Project Officer: Jeremy Saugstad
Telephone: (605) 987-2624
Fax:
Email: LincolnCD@SDConservation.net

Project Information

Project Name: Windbreak Renovation Spring Planting 2027
Start Date: 01/01/2027
End Date: 06/30/2027
Legal description: County: Lincoln
Township:
Range:
Section:
Qtr:

Type of Grant

- (●) Conservation Grant
- ( ) Community Forestry
- ( ) Insect/Disease
- ( ) Invasive Species
- ( ) Forest Stewardship
- ( ) Mountain Pine Beetle
- ( ) Other (specify):

Financial Information

Grant funds requested: $ 4,932.00
Partner contributions (total): $ 4,960.00
Total project cost: $9,892.00

Please provide a brief, descriptive summary of the project:

Lincoln Conservation District, in partnership with State DANR Foresters & Lincoln County NRCS, will assist landowners to manage implementation of: spring tree site preparation, Trees, Fabric, Tree protectors, and grass on Tree Windbreak Renovation sites & planting sites. This project will provide cost share to help Landowners with the costs according to the current Conservation Commission approved practice costs. The renovations sites had trees removed with a previous commission grant and now will Plant trees in Spring 2027, potentially, with assistance from this project application.

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, this application is true and correct. I further agree to comply with the provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and regulations issued thereunder relating to nondiscrimination in federally assisted programs.

Applicant Signature David L. Gillespie Title Supervisor, Lincoln Conservation District Date 09/30/2026

A copy of the state required W-9 form must be attached to this application.

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Signature of Approval _____ **Title** _____ **Date** _____

BUDGET SHEET

The total for each of these three sections should equal the "Total Project Cost" on page 1.

A. Operating Budget

1. Salary/Benefits	
2. Travel	
3. Contractual Services	$ 9,892.00
4. Supplies	
5. Equipment (list major equipment)	
6. Consultation Services	
Total Project Costs	$9,892.00

This total must equal $9,892.00

B. Activity Budget

	Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
1.	Shelterbelt Reno, Planting	4,932.00	4,960.00			$9,892.00
2.						
3.						
4.						
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Totals		$4,932.00	$4,960.00			$9,892.00

This total must equal $9,892.00

C. Project Partners

	Partners	Amount Cash	Amount In-Kind	Total
1.	Commission Grant	4,932.00		$4,932.00
2.	Landowners	4,960.00		$4,960.00
3.				
4.				
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8.				
Totals		$9,892.00		$9,892.00

This total must equal $9,892.00

Please send application and attachments to the South Dakota Department of Agriculture & Natural Resources.

- Conservation District - The district will be responsible for the project management, provide information for implementation, and / or provide service to implement, and evaluation of the project. The district provided an estimate to, & plans to supply & plant the grass & trees, supply & install the fabric, and the tree protectors.

- Conservation Commission Grant - The grant may cover up to 25% of the cost of the tree removal, and 50% of the cost of the grass seeding, trees & planting, fabric & installation, and tree protectors and installation.

- Natural Resource Conservation Service - The NRCS Tech Guide will be followed when designing a shelterbelt. Local NRCS staff will provide guidance.

- Landowner - The landowner is ultimately responsible for site management. Landowners have prepared the tree sites and will provide at least 25% of the cost of the practices, even if other funding is found by the producer.

E. Project Descriptions

Beneficiaries of Renovation Project

- The project's primary goal is to renovate storm damaged shelterbelts in Southern Lincoln County. Funding will ensure local farmers and livestock producers receive the protection needed for their farmsteads, and feedlots. Shelterbelt renovations will provide reduced wind and soil erosion, along with energy consumption.
- Lincoln County Landowners - this project would supply cost-share for renovation of existing shelterbelts area, and would supply cost-share to replant the trees shrubs, and grass.
- Surrounding areas - will benefit through improved water quality and air quality, reduction in soil erosion, and an improved landscape.
- Lincoln County - economic benefits through improved efficiency of livestock, reduction in energy costs, visual screens, and improved land value.
- Due to storm damage and the number of ash trees, shelterbelt decline will result in hazards to each farmstead around shelterbelts, renovations will address this hazard.

- Implementation, Maintenance, & Follow-up
- Lincoln County Conservation District will implement this project. The Conservation District along with assistance from state foresters, and NRCS planners will determine features of the renovation. Renovation plans will be drawn up with the producer. Removal of trees/shrubs is complete. Spring 2027 - final land preparation, tree/shrub planting, fabric, and grass seeding. Fall 2027 - monitoring and survival counts.
- Lincoln Conservation District will follow up with survival rates of new trees and shrubs, and work with producers on replacement stock.
- Location of Project
- Southern Lincoln County, Nearby towns include Canton, Centerville, & Beresford South Dakota.

- Environmental, Natural Resource, Ecological, Education, and Social Impact
  - The farmers and ranchers of Southern Lincoln County are very much aware of the damage caused by summer storms in 2025. Restoring shelterbelts to function and provide conservation benefits to the landscape are very important. Also, with the presence of emerald ash borers in the county, this project will remove infected ash trees that are dying or will die in years to come. Priories of Lincoln Conservation District include water quality, soil erosion, and air quality. This project helps address these priorities, and plan for future generations.
  - Environmental and Natural Resources – Renovation of Shelterbelts will provide landowners planning assistance to address resource concerns well beyond the shelterbelts on their operations, getting technical assistance from state and federal planners starts conversations that can lead to better conservation across the farm. The Shelterbelt renovations will provide improved energy efficiency, water quality, and wind and soil erosion for landowners, and the County.

F. Final Products.

Social Impact – Provide opportunities for seasonal work in the spring working with tree crew to establish shelterbelts, potentially creating new interest in conservation work. Increase esthetics in the County and provide a sense of community for participants after challenging storms have left their farmsteads altered, and many not knowing how to go about addressing their wind protection needs. Provide Boots-on-the-ground approach to work directly with rural members of Lincoln County, on their locations.

Economic Impact - The economic impact of a shelterbelt is hard to quantify. Energy saving can be significant, and on large scall feedlot can have huge economic benefits to their operations. Money saved on livestock efficiency's potentially is money that can be invested back into local communities. With prominent winds, shelterbelts are a must in Southeast South Dakota to protect property and livestock.

- Success of this project will be measured by the number of producers who successfully renovate shelterbelts, and the acres of new trees/shrubs planted. These acres will stand to protect these farmsteads from prevailing winds for many years.
- This Commission Grant would provide the district with the ability to work with and reach new customers, and provide education for our customer base. This helps build recognition and reputation, for a strong working partnership in our rural setting.
- Renovated shelterbelts will replenish the landscape with their beauty, and restore the functions & benefits they provide to our landowners & wildlife.

Thank you for your consideration,

Jeremy S.
Lincoln Conservation District
Office: 801 E. 5th St. Suite 2-South, Canton, S.D. 57013
Office: (605) 987-2624

LINCOLN CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING Minutes
15 Sept 2026, start **4 p.m.** at: 801 E. 5th St. Suite 2, Canton, SD
Option to join by call in at: 607-374-1189, access code 946-062#, (if you let us know)

Present: Greg H., Dave G., Eric P., Kory K., JS Called in:

Called Meeting to Order 4:08 p.m.

I. Public comment period: none

II. Dave motioned, Eric 2nd, All Approved Minutes of previous meeting

III. District Supervisor's Reports: none

IV. NRCS Report – Kory: Start to think about Local outreach meeting next summer to discuss Local Resource concerns. EQIP & CSP Program sign-up deadline is Sept. 28.

V. District Manager's Report – Operations

☐ District Staff –

☐ Equipment – maintain Forklift & trailer

☐ Tree Plant Jobs –

☐ Pickup Orders –

☐ Drill Jobs – after harvest, 2 RBI: Miller 21 ac., & Brummel 6 ac. 1 Native 12 ac.

☐ Other –

- Administration, Financial Report: A/R, A/P.
- Review bills, & financial reports, Eric motioned, Dave 2nd, all approved financials.
  - Checks to sign: 3

VI. Old Business: Discuss Any Resource concerns. Commission Grant funds received for this Spring 2026 Planting.

New Business: Eric motioned, Dave 2nd, all approved SD Commission Grant Application for Windbreak Renovation Spring 2027 Planting.

(emailed) Review SDPAA insurance for next year. Jervik for Wildlife Nomination. Prairie Fest sent Thank you.

Consider Fuel surcharge for Fall Drill? Other New Business?

VII. Executive Session:

VIII. Time & Date for Next Board Meeting? – Third Tuesday: 4:00 p.m. **20-Oct**-2026 Tentatively

IX. Adjourn 5:20 p.m.

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Canton, SD 57013
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www.LincolnConservationDistrictSD.com

Lincoln Conservation District Shed
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Canton, SD 57013

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Lincoln Conservation District Manager: Jeremy S.

District Conservationist: Kezar, Kory - NRCS, (605) 667-0016 kory.kezar@usda.gov

Owner	Shelterbelt Renovation Practice	Max Cost Per Unit $	unit of Measure	Estimated Units	Max Total Cost of UnitS $	Cost Share %	Amount $ Requested for Grant	Landowner Cost $
Ackerman	Site Prepration Spring - 490	$50.00	Acre	1.40	$70.00	40	$28.00	$42.00
Vanderlaan	Site Prepration Spring - 490	$50.00	Acre	1.40	$70.00	40	$28.00	$42.00
Ackerman	Grass Seeding - Conservation Cover 327	$120.00	Acre	1.40	$168.00	50	$84.00	$84.00
Vanderlaan	Grass Seeding - Conservation Cover - 327	$120.00	Acre	1.40	$168.00	50	$84.00	$84.00
Ackerman	Tree Planting -380	$0.60	feet	2428.00	$1,456.80	50	$728.40	$728.40
Vanderlaan	Tree Planting -380	$0.60	feet	2710.00	$1,626.00	50	$813.00	$813.00
Ackerman	Tree Fabric & install - 484	$0.90	feet	2428.00	$2,185.20	50	$1,092.60	$1,092.60
Vanderlaan	Tree Fabric & install - 484	$0.90	feet	2710.00	$2,439.00	50	$1,219.50	$1,219.50
Ackerman	Tree Tube & Stake - 380	$11.25	each	53.00	$596.25	50	$298.13	$298.13
Vanderlaan	Tree Tube & Stake - 380	$11.25	each	79.00	$888.75	50	$444.38	$444.38
Ackerman	Tree Tube Installation - 380	$1.70	each	53.00	$90.10	50	$45.05	$45.05
Vanderlaan	Tree Tube Installation - 380	$1.70	each	79.00	$134.30	50	$67.15	$67.15
	Windbreak Renovation Total				**$9,892.40**		**$4,932.20**	**$4,960.20**
							49.9%	50.1%

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Conservation District	McCook	Project Name:	Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment
Start Date	01/01/2027	End Date	12/31/2027

		Other funds:	Cash	In-kind
Total Project Amount:	$ 38,700.00	Total:	$ -	$ -
Commisson Funds:	$ 18,999.00	RC&F:		
District Funds:		DANR:		
Landowner Cash:	$ 19,701.00	GF&P:		
Local In-kind:		USFWS:		
Other Funds:		NRCS:		
		OTHER:		

Description of Grant Application:

The McCook County Conservation District is applying for financial aid to help producers in McCook County who want to plant and install trees, shrubs, weed barrier, and tree tubes and stakes for approximately 8 acres of shelterbelt. The producers will be willing to implement, maintain, and follow-up the site prep, weed control and watering for all species in the project and put all conservatoin practices into action. This project is designed to provide protection for wildlife, as well as improve air quality and field windbreaks, all of which are goals addressed by the Conservation Commission approved practices. A year should be all it would take to accomplish these projects. Participating in this project will be the producers, McCook Conservation District, and State Forester

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DANR:

GF&P:

Other current grants:	Project	Start date		End Date	Original Award	Balance	Extensions
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	

Approved: Denied:

Reason for denial:

SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY DIVISION
523 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501
Phone: 605.773.3623
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GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Applicant Information

Organization: McCook County Conservatoin District Mailing Address: PO Box 121

Telephone: 605-421-1495 City: Salem State: SD Zip: 57058

Tax Status: Government

Project Contact

Project Officer: Wendy Benson Telephone: 605-421-1495

Fax: _____ Email: mccookcountycd46@gmail.com

Project Information

Project Name: Windbreak / Shelterbelt Establishment

Start Date: 01-01-2027 End Date: 12-31-2027

Legal description: County: McCook

Township: _____ Range: _____

Section: _____ Qtr: _____

Type of Grant

- (●) Conservation Grant
- ( ) Community Forestry
- ( ) Insect/Disease
- ( ) Invasive Species
- ( ) Forest Stewardship
- ( ) Mountain Pine Beetle
- ( ) Other (specify): _____

Financial Information

Grant funds requested: 18999 Partner contributions (total): 19701 Total project cost: 38700

Please provide a brief, descriptive summary of the project:

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I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, this application is true and correct. I further agree to comply with the provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and regulations issued thereunder relating to nondiscrimination in federally assisted programs.

Applicant Signature Wendy Benson Title McCook Co. CD Distric Manger Date 09-30-26

A copy of the state required W-9 form must be attached to this application.

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Signature of Reviewer _____ Title _____ Date _____

Signature of Approval _____ Title _____ Date _____

BUDGET SHEET

The total for each of these three sections should equal the "Total Project Cost" on page 1.

A. Operating Budget

1. Salary/Benefits	1000.00
2. Travel	
3. Contractual Services	37700
4. Supplies	
5. Equipment (list major equipment)	
6. Consultation Services	
Total Project Costs	38700

This total must equal 38700

B. Activity Budget

	Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
1.	Admin/Tech Assist	1000.00	0	0	0	1000
2.	Trees/Shrubs	6237	7939	0	0	14176
3.	Fabric	9355	9355	0	0	18710
4.	Tree tube & installation	2407	2407	0	0	4814
5.		0	0	0	0	0
6.		0	0	0	0	0
7.		0	0	0	0	0
8.		0	0	0	0	0
	Totals	18999	19701	0	0	38700

This total must equal 38700

C. Project Partners

	Partners	Amount Cash	Amount In-Kind	Total
1.	McCook Conservation Dist.			0
2.	McCook Co. Producers	19701		19701
3.	Commision Grant	18999		18999
4.				0
5				0
6.				0
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8.				0
	Totals	38700	0	38700

This total must equal 38700

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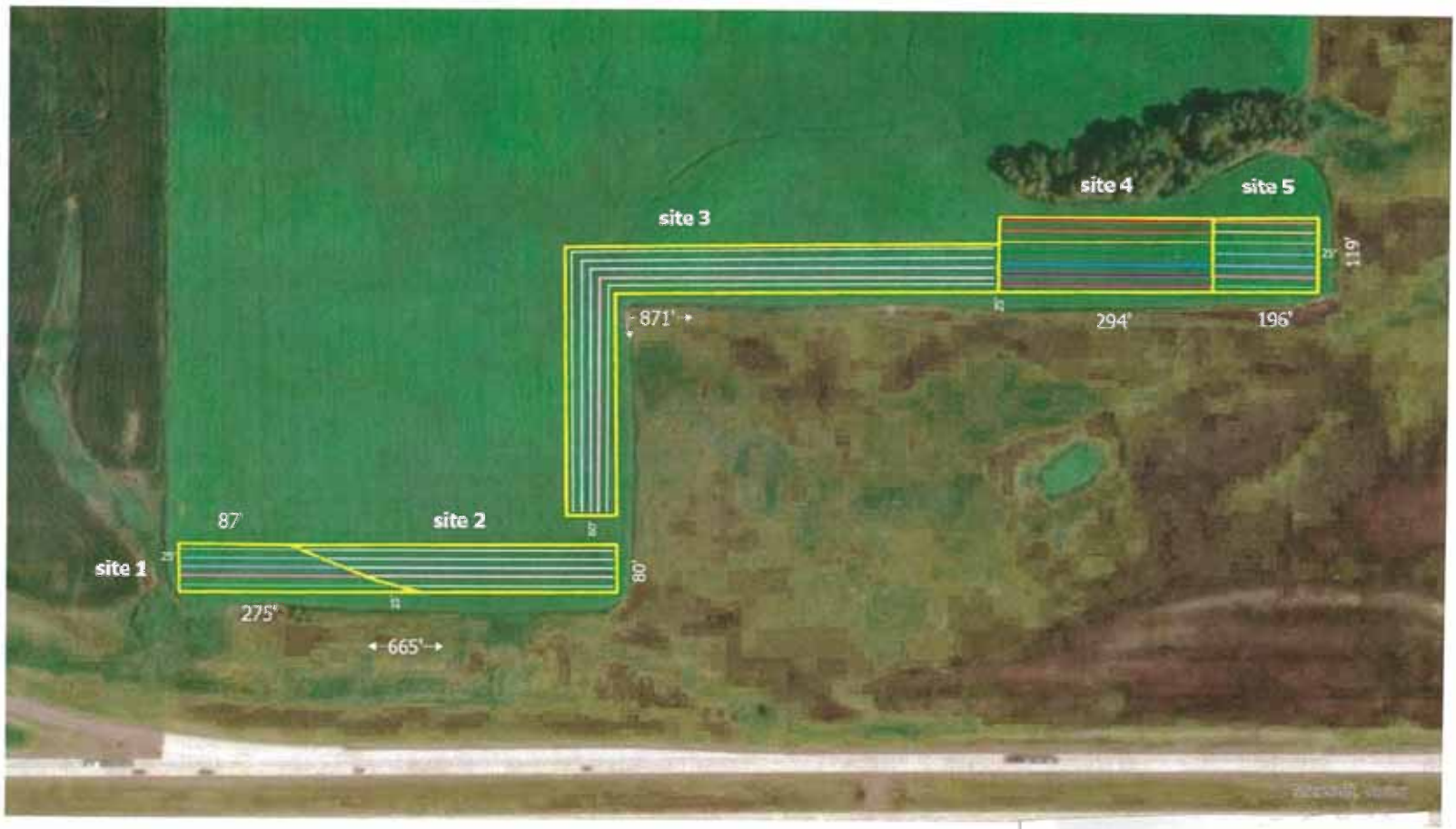

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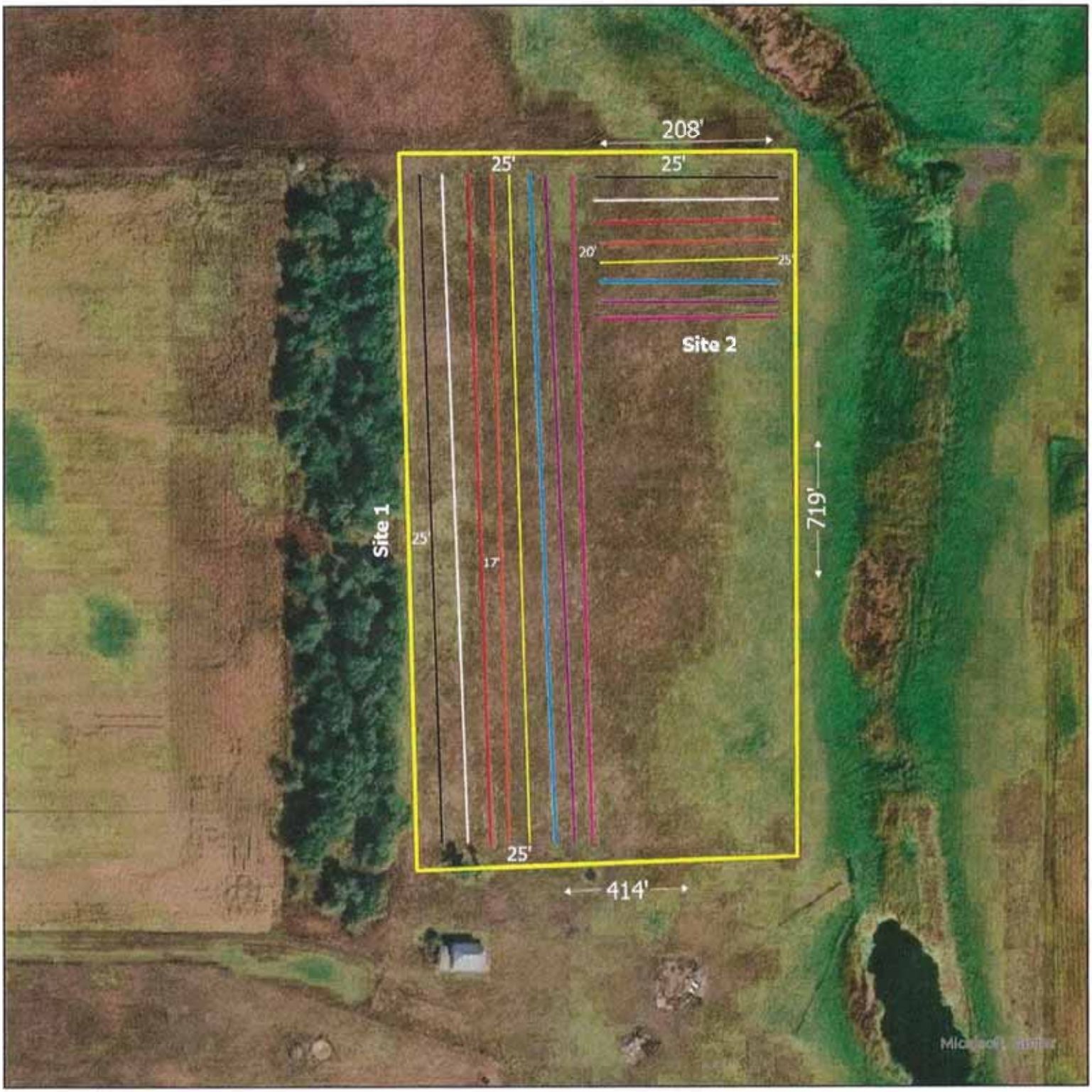
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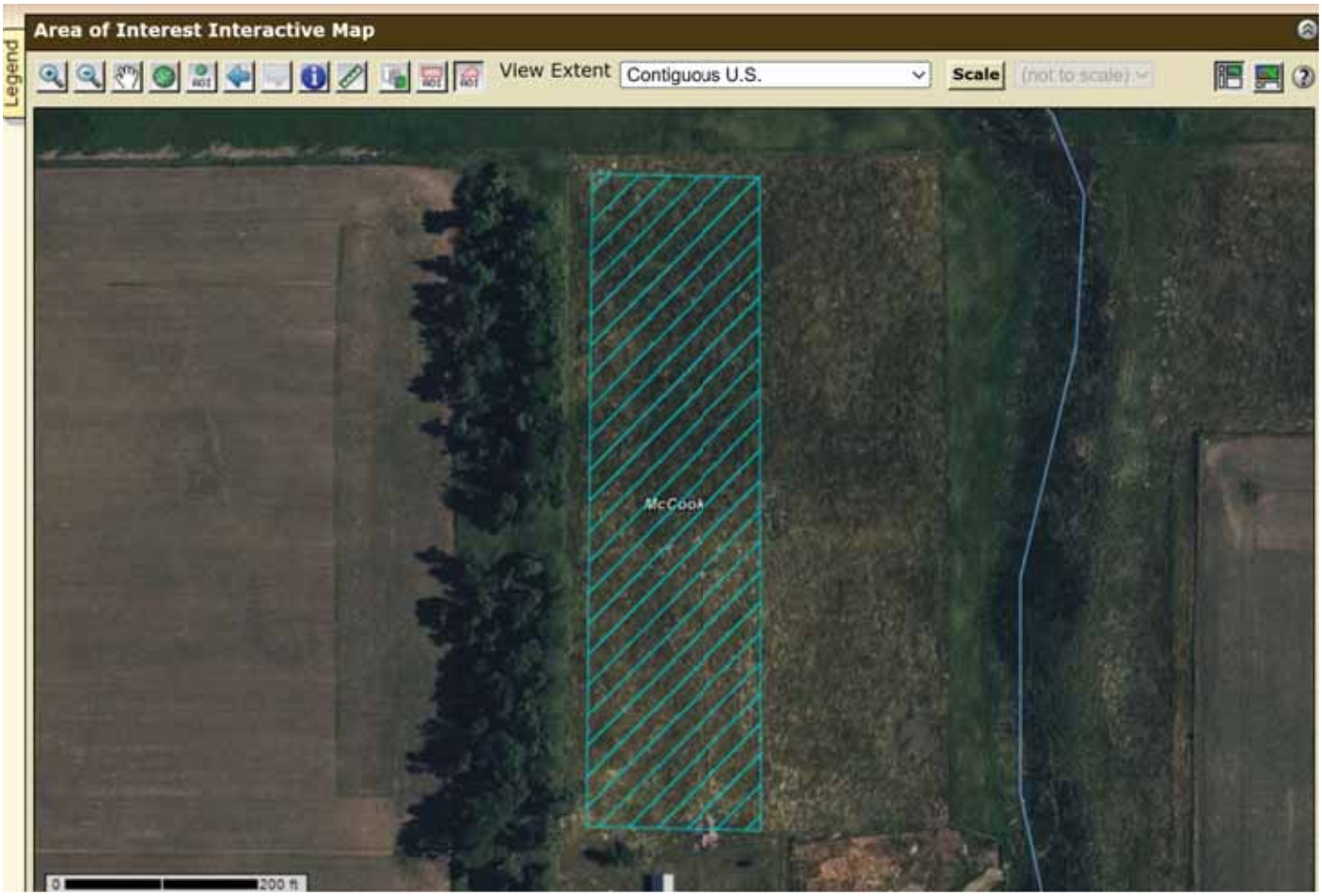
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Map Unit Legend

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Scale (not to scale)

McCook County, South Dakota (SD087)

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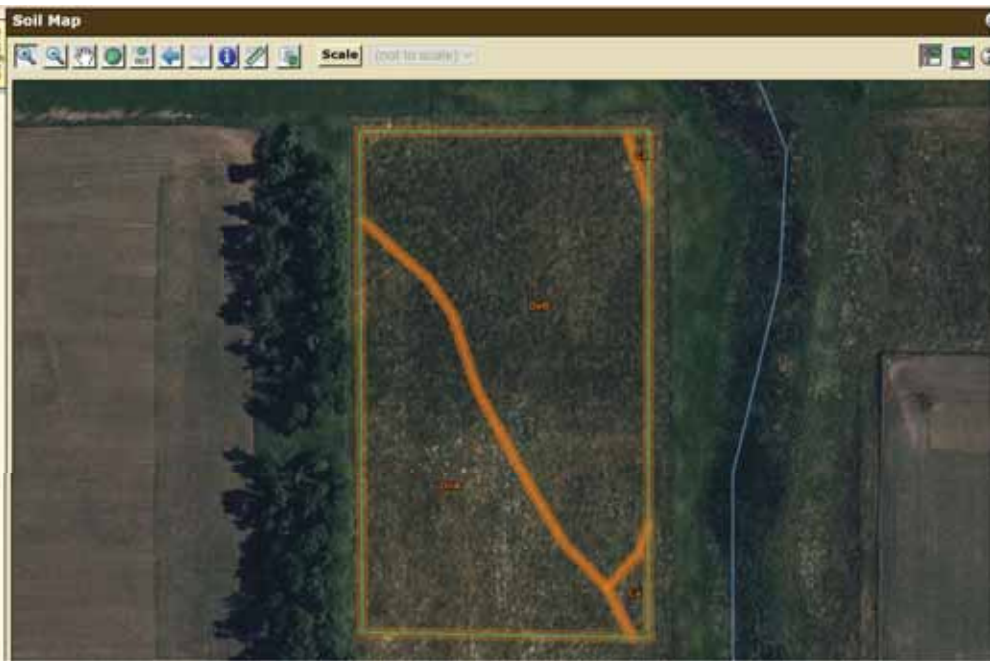
Map Unit Symbol	Map Unit Name	Acres in AOI	Percent of AOI
Ca	Bon loam, channeled, 0 to 2 percent slopes, frequently flooded	0.1	2.2%
DeB	Delmont loam, 2 to 6 percent slopes	2.9	57.0%
DnA	Delmont-Enet loams, 0 to 2 percent slopes	2.1	40.8%
Totals for Area of Interest		**5.1**	**100.0%**



Tables — Conservation Tree and Shrub Group — Summary By Map Unit

Summary by Map Unit — McCook County, South Dakota (SD087)

Summary by Map Unit — McCook County, South Dakota (SD087)

Map unit symbol	Map unit name	Rating	Acres in AOI	Percent of AOI
Ca	Bon loam, channeled, 0 to 2 percent slopes, frequently flooded	1	0.1	2.2%
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Totals for Area of Interest			**5.1**	**100.0%**



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State Conservation Commission					Nov-26
Conservation District	McPherson		Project Name:	Improving Ag Resilience in McPherson County	
Start Date	01/01/2027		End Date	12/31/2027	

		Other funds:	Cash	In-kind
Total Project Amount:	$ 107,000.00	Total:	$ -	$ -
Commisson Funds:	$ 52,500.00	RC&F:		
District Funds:		DANR:		
Landowner Cash:	$ 54,500.00	GF&P:		
Local In-kind:		USFWS:		
Other Funds:		NRCS:		
		OTHER:		

Description of Grant Application:

The 'Improving Agricultural Resilience in McPherson County' project is a conservation initiative led by McPherson County Conservation District in partnership with the USDA NRCS and local producers. The project aims to strengthen the long-term sustainability of agriculture by establishing new shelter belts, renovating existing shelter belts, and converting selected marginal cropland acres to perennial vegetation. These practices will help reduce wind erosion, improve soil health, protec;t livestock and wildlife, enhance water quality, and increase resilience to drought and severe weather. Through cost-share assistance, technical support, and outreach efforts, the project will provide practical conservation solutions that benefit agricultural producers, rural communities and natural resources across McPherson County.

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DANR:

GF&P:

	Project	Start date	End Date	Original Award	Balance	Extensions
Other current grants:						
Shelterbelt Renovation & Establisment	2023-CSW-030	07/01/2023	12/31/2026	$ 62,000.00	$ 13,944.07	

Approved: Denied:

Reason for denial:

SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY DIVISION
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GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Applicant Information

Organization: McPherson County Conservation District Mailing Address: PO Box 60

Telephone: (605)439-3336 ext 3 City: Leola State: SD Zip: 57456

Tax Status: Exempt

Project Contact

Project Officer: Karen Yost Telephone: (605)439-3336 ext 3

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Project Information

Project Name: Improving Agricultural Resiliance in McPherson County

Start Date: 1/1/2027 End Date: 12/31/2027

Legal description: County: McPherson

Township: _____ Range: _____

Section: _____ Qtr: _____

Type of Grant

- (●) Conservation Grant
- ( ) Community Forestry
- ( ) Insect/Disease
- ( ) Invasive Species
- ( ) Forest Stewardship
- ( ) Mountain Pine Beetle
- ( ) Other (specify): _____

Financial Information

Grant funds requested: 52500 Partner contributions (total): 54500 Total project cost: 107000

Please provide a brief, descriptive summary of the project:

The 'Improving Agricultural Resilience in McPherson County' project is a conservation initiative led by McPherson County Conservation District in partnership with the USDA NRCS and local producers. The project aims to strengthen the long-term sustainability of agriculture by establishing new shelter belts, renovating existing shelter belts, and converting selected marginal cropland acres to perennial vegetation. These practices will help reduce wind erosion, improve soil health, protect livestock and wildlife, enhance water quality, and increase resilience to drought and severe weather. Through cost-share assistance, technical support, and outreach efforts, the project will provide practical conservation solutions that benefit agricultural producers, rural communities and natural resources across McPherson County.

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, this application is true and correct. I further agree to comply with the provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and regulations issued thereunder relating to nondiscrimination in federally assisted programs.

Applicant Signature Karen K Yost Title Manager Date 8-17-26

A copy of the state required W-9 form must be attached to this application.

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BUDGET SHEET

The total for each of these three sections should equal the "Total Project Cost" on page 1.

A. Operating Budget

1. Salary/Benefits	2500
2. Travel	
3. Contractual Services	104500
4. Supplies	
5. Equipment (list major equipment)	
6. Consultation Services	
Total Project Costs	107000

This total must equal 107000

B. Activity Budget

	Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
1.	Grass Seeding/Site Preparation	20000	22000			42000
2.	Shelterbelt Renovation/Tree Planting	30000	32500			62500
3.	Administration	2500				2500
4.						0
5.						0
6.						0
7.						0
8.						0
Totals		52500	54500	0	0	107000

This total must equal 107000

C. Project Partners

	Partners	Amount Cash	Amount In-Kind	Total
1.	Local Landowners/Operators	54500		54500
2.	RC&F Grant	52500		52500
3.				0
4.				0
5.				0
6.				0
7.				0
8.				0
Totals		107000	0	107000

This total must equal 107000

Please send application and attachments to the South Dakota Department of Agriculture & Natural Resources.

Project Title: Improving Agricultural Resilience in McPherson County

Applicant: McPherson County Conservation District

Project Partners

Please list any project partners and quantify their contribution to the project.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will partner with the McPherson County Conservation District (MCCD) to provide technical assistance to ensure successful grass plantings, shelterbelt establishment, and shelterbelt renovations. The MCCD will also utilize the South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources regional forester to approve shelterbelt plans. Grass establishment for grazing, haying, wildlife/pollinator habitat, and saline soil management will be developed with NRCS technical guidance.

Any practice funded by the Coordinated Natural Resources Conservation Grant funds must meet one or more goals of the Coordinated Plan for the Natural Resources Conservation.

The following goals are targeted with this project proposal:

- Objective 3.2: Convert 10,000 acres of cropland to perennial vegetation.
- Objective 3.3: Improve grassland condition by installing 500,000 acres of grazing management systems by 2025.
- Objective 3.5: Implement 100,000 acres of best management practices to reduce erosion of topsoil and improve soil health condition.
- Objective 5.1: Renovate 600 shelterbelts by 2025.
- Objective 5.5: Increase tree species diversity in urban and rural South Dakota to provide a variety of habitats and increase the survival rate of trees from disease and invasive species.
- Objective 5.6: Establish 500 new shelterbelts by 2025.
- Objective 6.2: Develop at least one new item of outreach material yearly to promote conservation awareness (e.g., urban sprawl, pollinators).
- Objective 6.4: Utilize social media to educate, spread awareness, and advertise programs/events agencies have available to the public.
- Objective 9.2: Provide technical assistance to landowners regarding planting, managing, and renovating shelterbelts and riparian areas in the state.
- Objective 9.3: Conservation Districts and partners will secure grants to provide technical assistance and implement cost-share programs to promote the benefits of trees outside of forests.

Project Description and Need

Explain who will be the primary beneficiaries of this project.

The primary beneficiaries of this project include agricultural producers, landowners, livestock, and wildlife across McPherson County. Producers converting marginal cropland to perennial grass, or seeding grass for grazing, haying, saline soil management, or pollinator and wildlife habitat, gain more consistent forage production and improved soil health. Shelterbelt establishment and renovation reduces wind erosion and improves energy efficiency for operations. Livestock and wildlife benefit from increased habitat from new grass stands and improved shelterbelts.

Define who will be responsible for the implementation, maintenance, and follow-up stages of the project.

The project will be administered by the MCCD, who will handle cost-share agreements, technical coordination, and follow-up for implemented practices. Leola Field Office NRCS employees will provide technical assistance and expertise for planning grass plantings, shelterbelt establishment, and shelterbelt renovations. Landowners and producers will be responsible for maintaining newly planted grass stands and shelterbelts, including mowing, weed control, and replanting as necessary to uphold the integrity of each individual project.

Indicate where this project will be located (district, watershed, community, etc.). Attach maps as relevant.

McPherson County landowners and operators will be eligible to apply for funding through this project for grass plantings (grazing, haying, wildlife/pollinator habitat, or saline soil management), and renovation of existing shelterbelts or

establishment of new shelterbelts that assist with field or livestock protection. Many existing shelterbelts in McPherson County have degraded plant health due to age and/or severe weather and wind events, while portions of county cropland are marginal or affected by expanding saline seeps.

Describe the specific environmental, natural resource, ecological, educational, and/or socio-economic need(s) that the project will address.

MCCD has conducted resource concern surveys over the last four years, which have consistently identified inadequate shelterbelt protection and wind erosion as priority issues for local stakeholders. This project addresses those concerns on two fronts. First, it will improve shelterbelt plant health and wind protection by removing aged, degraded trees and replacing them with new plantings, while increasing the overall number of shelterbelts in the project area. Second, it will address marginal cropland productivity and expanding saline seeps by supporting conversion to perennial grass cover to protect bare soil from wind and water erosion. Shelterbelts and grass plantings provide a secondary benefit of increased habitat for wildlife.

While NRCS and other partner programs offer financial assistance for shelterbelt and grassland practices, their processes are competitive and lengthy. This project will help fill the gap between funds available from partner organizations and the reality of a producer being awarded funds through those programs.

Briefly describe the specific on-the-ground restoration activities to be undertaken on-site to achieve the project objectives and why it is needed.

Producers and project partners will collaborate to identify priority sites for both practices. This project will focus on shelterbelts with ineffective wind protection or areas where wind protection needs to be established. Marginal cropland affected by salinity or where planting grass would take the land to a higher level of conservation will be a priority. Once priority sites are identified, site-specific plans will be developed to determine the most practical and effective approach.

Shelterbelt restoration activities may include removal of dead or declining trees, sod removal, and site preparation, cost-shared at the approved rate set by the SD Conservation Commission and installed in accordance with NRCS standards and Woodland Technical Note No. 42. Tree and shrub species will be selected based on soil conditions, climate suitability, and the producer's goals in mind.

Grass planting activities will include site preparation and seeding, and cost-shared at the SD Conservation Commission approved rate. Seed mixes will be selected based on site conditions and intended use, including salt-tolerant species on saline-affected acres.

Explain if this project is part of a larger regional and/or local watershed effort.

This project is administered county-wide with a local effort to reduce erosion. Many shelterbelts experiencing declining plant health are being removed to expand farmable acres instead of being restored, and marginal or saline-affected cropland often remains in production past the point of profitability. This project focuses on reversing both trends by helping producers restore shelterbelt health and convert marginal or saline ground to perennial grass cover. These efforts provide critical shelter and habitat for wildlife, livestock, and rural homesteads, while addressing wind erosion and soil health concerns county-wide. The project supports the goals outlined in the South Dakota Department of Agriculture's Coordinated Plan for Natural Resources Conservation, aligning with Objectives 3.2, 3.3, and 3.5 for the grass component and Objectives 5.1, 5.5, 5.6, 6.2, 6.4, 9.2, and 9.3 for the shelterbelt component.

Describe provisions to ensure long-term management and protection of the project (e.g., conservation easements on private land, long-term monitoring program).

MCCD will establish long-term relationships with participating producers to support the ongoing success of both the shelterbelt and grass planting practices. The District and NRCS will provide technical assistance and guidance on recommended establishment and renovation practices. Collaboration between MCCD, NRCS, and producers will help ensure proper maintenance, monitoring, and protection of both the established shelterbelts and grass stands.

Please indicate if any federal, state, or local permits are required to complete the project and the status of efforts to secure necessary authorization.

No federal, state, or local permits are anticipated for either the grass planting or shelterbelt components of this project. MCCD will work with producers and partners to confirm permit requirements on a site-by-site basis, and state and local

setback restrictions for roadways, property lines, and utilities will be followed where shelterbelts are renovated or established.

Final Products

Describe the anticipated benefits of the project from an ecological, educational, and/or socio-economic perspective (e.g., number of acres of wetlands or stream miles restored, target audience and how they will benefit).

This project will deliver measurable ecological, educational, and socio-economic benefits. Newly established grass stands will improve soil health, reduce erosion on marginal cropland, manage saline seep expansion, and expand pollinator and wildlife habitat, while also supporting grazing and haying capacity for local producers. Trees and shelterbelts reduce wind erosion, conserve energy, and provide habitat for livestock and wildlife. Shelterbelts function as living snow fences, sequester carbon, and serve as natural noise and visual barriers. The specific benefits realized will depend on the location and design of each individual project.

By focusing on producers with marginal or saline-affected cropland and degraded or declining shelterbelts, this project will improve soil health and wind protection as new grass stands, and tree plantings establish and mature. This work supports Objectives 3.2, 3.3, and 3.5 through the grass component, and Objectives 5.1, 5.5, and 5.6 through the shelterbelt component. Increasing species and cover diversity across both practices will strengthen long-term resilience and effectiveness.

These efforts contribute to statewide goals of converting cropland to perennial vegetation, improving grassland condition, renovating 600 shelterbelts, and establishing 500 new ones, while promoting best management practices that improve soil health and reduce erosion. The project will also expand outreach and education through stakeholder engagement and social media, supporting Objectives 6.2 and 6.4. Finally, the project will provide technical assistance and cost-share opportunities to landowners and operators committed to implementing grass and tree practices on working lands, fulfilling Objectives 9.2 and 9.3.

Identify how you will measure the success of the project.

This project will provide $50,000 available to McPherson County producers on a rolling, first-come, first-served basis until funds are exhausted. $20,000 is allocated to grass planting and $30,000 to tree planting and shelterbelt renovation, with funds able to move between the two categories as producer demand dictates.

Practices will be cost-shared at the approved SD Conservation Commission rate. Each producer can apply for a maximum of 80 acres of cost share on grass plantings and/or 10 acres of cost-share on tree planting. Per-producer caps are set to distribute funding across as many producers as possible rather than concentrating it with a small number of applicants.

Success will be measured by total acres of grass established, total linear feet of tree planting and shelterbelt renovation completed (including tree fabric installation), and the number of individual producers served. Tree survival will be assessed according to the criteria outlined in South Dakota Woodland Technical Note No. 38. Grass stand establishment will be confirmed by District and NRCS follow-up visits consistent with NRCS conservation practice standards for grass seeding and South Dakota NRCS Technical Note 4, Perennial Vegetation Establishment Guide.

Partner Justification

Describe the strengths, qualifications, and nature of the contribution of your organization and other collaborating organizations.

The MCCD is well-positioned to successfully implement this project due to its strong commitment to promoting and supporting conservation practices at the local level. This project will provide funding options following the district's expiring project as landowners/operators have expressed continued demand for this assistance.

MCCD managers and supervisors collaborate closely with the NRCS to ensure producers and landowners have access to high-quality technical expertise and guidance for both practice types. This partnership strengthens the delivery of conservation programs and enhances the district's ability to meet producer's needs effectively.

Through this coordinated approach, the McPherson County Conservation District will provide trusted, locally led assistance that helps landowners adopt and maintain practices such as grass establishment, shelterbelt establishment, and shelterbelt renovation. The district's ongoing presence and hands-on support ensure that project implementation is both practical and successful.

McPherson County Conservation District

July 6th 2026

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order- The July 6th meeting was called to order by Chairman Mark Morlock with 4 Supervisors present. Also attending Mariah Linders- NRCS and Karen Yost- District Manager.

Agenda-A motion was made by Trevor to approve the July 6th agenda, the motion was second by Colin. All in favor motion carried.

Minutes- A motion was made by Dalton to approve the March meeting minutes. The motion was second by Colin. All in favor motion carried.

**Treasurer`s Report-** A motion was made by Colin to approve the Treasurer`s Report. The motion was second by Dalton. All in favor motion carried.

Old Business

N M Area Meeting- Mark talked with the board on the area meeting. The N M Area Meeting was held June 15th in Lebanon. Also attending was Mariah, John and Karen.

2026 Season- The 2026 season was discussed, Karen told the board that all the tree sites were done and that all seeding was done except 4 had to be moved to fall seeding(223ac)

New Business

N M Area Employees Meeting- Karen informed the board that McPherson County Conservation District will be this year's host for the District Employee`s meeting.

Convention- Convention will be September 20-22, 2026 at Arrowwood Cedar Shores.

NRCS- A new grant was discussed for the fall round. A motion was made by Trevor to apply for a new grant; a second was made by Colin. All in favor motion carried.

Also discussed was the Resource Concerns survey of putting the survey online. Other discussions are attached.

Next Meeting- August 3rd 2026 @ 5:00 PM

Adjourn- A motion was made by Dalton to adjourn: A second was made by Colin All in favor motion carried.

State Conservation Commission					Nov-26
Conservation District	Miner		Project Name:	Healthy Soil & Strong Communities	
Start Date	01/01/2027		End Date	12/31/2027	

			Other funds:	Cash	In-kind
Total Project Amount:	$	62,424.00	Total:	$ 2,474.00	$ -
Commisson Funds:	$	30,995.00	RC&F:		
District Funds:			DANR:		
Landowner Cash:	$	25,080.00	GF&P:		
Local In-kind:	$	3,875.00	USFWS:		
Other Funds:	$	2,474.00	NRCS:		
			OTHER:	$ 2,474.00	

Description of Grant Application:

The Miner Conservation District seeks funding to support key conservation practices that improve soil health in Miner County. Cost-share assistance will help producers implement tree planting, shelterbelt renovation, cover crops, grazing-management infrastructure, dugout cleanouts, and pollinator plantings - practices aligned with District
soil-health and conservation priorities.
The grant will also expand conservation education for local schools and communities, helping students understand the importance of healthy soil and responsible land stewardship.
Additionally, enhanced public awareness efforts will strengthen locally led conservation through improved Local Work Group engagement.
Overall, this project will increase conservation visibility, support producers, and improve the District's ability to deliver meaningful natural-resource outcomes for Miner County.
** Please see attachment for a more detailed description of this project **

If selected for funding, RC&F suggests that:

- Grazing plans be required as part of the agreement with the landowners if grazing the cover crops.
- Cover crops be limited to 160 ac. per landowner (first time user), for only one time per land unit, and only for the short term period between annual crops.
- District must secure a landowner application to determine eligibility for cost-share funds, copy to be provided with reimbursement request.
- District must provide the landowner with notification letter indicating whether or not they have been approved for cost-share, copy to be provided with reimbursement request.
- The district provide timesheets or other documentation to demonstrate the actual time spent on salary/administration of the grant.
- The Conservation Commission will not reimburse any costs that exceed the current Conservation Commission Cost-share Docket. Please note other restrictions as listed there.
- All tree and shrub planting plans be reviewed and approved by one of the SDDANR RCF foresters prior to planting.
- Stand alone farmstead/homestead windbreaks do not qualify for cost-share from the Commission.
- District must secure a landowner application to determine eligibility for cost-share funds, copy to be provided with reimbursement request.
- District must provide the landowner with notification letter indicating whether or not they have been approved for cost-share, copy to be provided with reimbursement request.
- Project reimbursement will be based on actual bill/receipts submitted for completed work. Cost-share will be based on legitimate costs up to the specified maximum.
- The district provide a copy of the Joint Powers Agreement with all the conservation districts involved.
- The district provide timesheets or other documentation to demonstrate the actual time spent on salary/administration of the grant.
- Final report must be submitted before final reimbursement will be processed. This report must be submitted no more than 30 days after the end of the grant.

DANR:

GF&P:

Other current grants:	Project	Start date	End Date	Original Award	Balance	Extensions
SDACDE Promoting Conservation	2026-CSW-023	01/01/2026	12/31/2026	$ 8,200.00	$ 8,200.00	
Conservation Practices for Miner Co.	2026-CSW-024	01/01/2026	12/31/2026	$ 29,975.00	$18,770.62	

Approved: Denied:

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GRANT APPLICATION FORM

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Tax Status: Government

Project Contact

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Project Information

Project Name: Miner CD: Healthy Soil & Strong Communities
Start Date: 01/01/2027 End Date: 12/31/2027
Legal description: County: Miner
Township: Range:
Section: Qtr:

Type of Grant

- (●) Conservation Grant
- ( ) Community Forestry
- ( ) Insect/Disease
- ( ) Invasive Species
- ( ) Forest Stewardship
- ( ) Mountain Pine Beetle
- ( ) Other (specify):

Financial Information

Grant funds requested: 30,995.00 Partner contributions (total): 31430.00 Total project cost: 62424.00

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I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, this application is true and correct. I further agree to comply with the provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and regulations issued thereunder relating to nondiscrimination in federally assisted programs.

Applicant Signature Tami Moore Title District Manager Date 9/28/2026

A copy of the state required W-9 form must be attached to this application.

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Signature of Approval _____ **Title** _____ **Date** _____

BUDGET SHEET

The total for each of these three sections should equal the "Total Project Cost" on page 1.

A. Operating Budget

1. Salary/Benefits	
2. Travel	
3. Contractual Services	3500.00
4. Supplies	54849.00
5. Equipment (list major equipment)	
6. Consultation Services	4075.00
Total Project Costs	62424

This total must equal 62424.00

B. Activity Budget

	Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
1.	Conservation Practices	26295.00		28430.00		54725
2.	Conservation Education	3000.00		3000.00		6000
3.	Administrative	1600.00				1600
4.						0
5.						0
6.						0
7.						0
8.						0
	Totals	30895	0	31430	0	62325

This total must equal 62424.00

C. Project Partners

	Partners	Amount Cash	Amount In-Kind	Total
1.	Conservation Commission	30995.00		30995
2.	Producer Costs	25080.00		25080
3.	Conservation District		3875.00	3875
4.	Teachers/NRCS/Ext/SDSU		2474.00	2474
5.				0
6.				0
7.				0
8.				0
	Totals	56075	6349	62424

This total must equal 62424.00

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Goals for "Miner CD: Healthy Soil & Strong Communities" 2027 Grant for Miner Conservation District

Practice	Maximum Cost	Est. Units	Total Cost	Cost-share %	CC Grant $	Local Match
Tree Plantings						
Shrubs, Trees, & Planting	$ 0.60	13585	$8,151	50%	$ 4,076	$ 4,076
Fabric & Application	$ 0.90	13590	$12,231	50%	$ 6,116	$ 6,116
Site Preparation	$ 25.00	10	$250	40%	$ 100	$ 150
Handplants (bareroot & container)	$ 3.00	25	$75	50%	$ 38	$ 38
Fabric Squares for Handplants	$ 4.50	25	$113	50%	$ 56	$ 56
Tree Protectors & Installation	$ 12.95	305	$3,950	50%	$ 1,975	$ 1,975
Total on Tree Plantings			***$24,769***		***$ 12,360***	***$ 12,410***
Cover Crops						
Cover Crops	$ 30.00	230	$6,900	50%	$ 3,450	$ 3,450
Total on Cover Crops			***$6,900***		***$ 3,450***	***$ 3,450***
Shelterbelt Renovations						
Sod Control, chem & mechanical	$ 200.00	1.00	$200	40%	$ 80	$ 120
Dead Tree Removal (inc roots)	$ 6,100.00	1.00	$6,100	40%	$ 2,440	$ 3,660
Total on Shelterbelt Renovations			***$6,300***		***$ 2,520***	***$ 3,780***
Grazing Management						
Tank	$ 2.15	800	$1,720	50%	$ 860	$ 860
Pipeline	$ 2.70	800	$2,160	50%	$ 1,080	$ 1,080
Dugout Construction or Repair	$ 3,500.00	1	$3,500	50%	$ 1,750	$ 1,750
Total on Grazing Management			***$7,380***		***$ 3,690***	***$ 3,690***
Contractual Work						
Checking all Conservation Practices at Completion			$3,500	75%	$ 2,625	$ 875
Total on Contractual Work			***$3,500***		***$ 2,625***	***$ 875***
Conservation Education & Public Awareness of Conservation						
School & Community			$6,000	50%	$ 3,000	$ 3,000
Total on Conservation Education & Public Awareness of Conservation			***$6,000***		***$ 3,000***	***$ 3,000***
Pollinator Plantings						
Planting Supplies & Consultation			$3,500	50%	$ 1,750	$ 1,750
Total on Pollinator Plantings			***$3,500***		***$ 1,750***	***$ 1,750***
Time In-Kind						
Teacher/NRCS/Extension/SDSU @ $45/hour		55	$2,475	0%	$ -	$ 2,475
Total of In-Kind Time			***$2,475***		***$ -***	***$ 2,475***
Administrative						
Admin Fees	$57,455		$1,600	2.78%	$ 1,600	$ -
Total on Administrative			***$1,600***		***$ 1,600***	***$ -***
Totals			***$62,424***		***$ 30,995***	**$ 31,430**

Description of Grant Project:

This grant will provide essential opportunities to **promote conservation practices that improve soil health** across Miner County. Funding will support cost-share assistance for a variety of practices, including **tree planting**, **shelterbelt renovation**, **cover crop establishment for producers new to cover cropping**, **tank and pipeline systems to enhance grazing management**, **dugout cleanouts for operations that cannot connect to rural water**, and **pollinator plantings**. These practices directly align with the conservation priorities outlined in our District's planning and soil health resources, including cover crops, grazing management, tree planting, and wildlife habitat enhancements.

In addition to supporting on-the-ground conservation, this grant will expand our **education outreach** to local schools and communities. Teaching conservation concepts and the value of healthy soil to school-age children builds a strong foundation for future stewardship and aligns with our District's mission to promote responsible land-use decisions and natural resource protection.

Through the **Public Awareness** component, we aim to strengthen our Local Work Group efforts, ensuring that conservation remains **locally led** — a core principle highlighted in statewide coordinated conservation planning and outreach.

Overall, this grant will help us make much-needed improvements to our Conservation District's delivery of programs and services. It will enhance our ability to reach producers, support critical conservation practices, and increase community engagement, making it a significant asset for Miner County.

Project Partners:

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will provide technical guidance, practice standards, and regulatory oversight for Grazing Management, Tree Plantings, Shelterbelt Renovations, Cover Crops, and Pollinator Plantings. Their staff will assist producers and the Conservation District in ensuring all practices meet NRCS specifications and Coordinated Plan goals.
South Dakota Department of Agriculture & Natural Resources (SD DANR) will review and approve all Tree Planting and Shelterbelt Renovation plans. The District will consult the State Forester for technical approval and compliance with statewide tree-management requirements.
South Dakota State University & Extension (including John Ball) will support the District with expert consultation on tree health, site requirements, species selection, and renovation needs. Their technical advice helps ensure long-term sustainability of tree-related practices.
Seed Dealers Local seed dealers will provide cover crop recommendations based on proven research and species performance for Miner County, helping producers establish successful cover crop systems.
Local Schools in Miner County will collaborate with the District to plan conservation education visits and identify grade-appropriate materials. This supports the grant's Conservation Education objectives under the Coordinated Plan.
Community Leaders will assist with locally led conservation efforts, coordination of community conservation activities, and facilitation of Local Work Group participation, strengthening public awareness and local engagement. *Producers* are the District's primary partners. They will implement conservation practices and receive science-based soil health information and practice guidance from the District and partners. Their participation ensures measurable conservation outcomes and supports multiple Coordinated Plan goals.

Goals Met By This Project:

This project will meet **all goals** identified in the Coordinated Plan for Natural Resources Conservation by implementing a full suite of conservation practices, education efforts, and community engagement activities.

Goal 1 – Protect and Improve Water Quality Tree Planting, Shelterbelt Renovations, Grazing Management, Dugout Replacement/Repair, Conservation Education & Public Awareness, Cover Crops, and Pollinator Plantings all support Objective 1.1 by reducing erosion, improving filtration, and increasing public understanding of water-quality protection.
Goal 2 – Ensure Adequate Quantities of Quality Water Grazing Management (pipelines and tanks; Objective 2.1) and Dugout Replacement/Repair (Objective 2.3) support livestock water reliability and improve water distribution, helping producers address water-quantity limitations.
Goal 3 – Promote Healthy Soils Cover Crop plantings (Objectives 3.1 & 3.5), Grazing Management (Objectives 3.3 & 3.5), Conservation Education & Public Awareness (Objective 3.6), Pollinator Plantings, Tree Plantings, and Shelterbelt Renovations all reduce erosion, increase organic matter, and expand soil-health knowledge across rural and urban communities.
Goal 4 – Reduce Negative Impacts on Air Quality Tree Plantings, Shelterbelt Renovations, and Cover Crops reduce wind erosion, lower airborne sediment, and support carbon sequestration, improving air quality—especially important in high-wind areas of Miner County.
Goal 5 – Enhance Fish and Wildlife Habitat All practices under this grant improve wildlife habitat. Conservation Education & Public Awareness reinforce understanding of clean water, healthy soil, and habitat needs. Grazing Management, Pollinator Plantings, Tree Plantings & Renovations, and Cover Crops support Objectives 5.1, 5.3, 5.4, 5.5, and 5.6.
Goal 6 – Increase Public Awareness of Conservation Education & Public Awareness advance K-12 education (Objective 6.5), Local Work Group engagement, outreach materials, and communication through schools and community activities (Objectives 6.1, 6.2, and 6.4).
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The only federal, state, or local permit anticipated for this project is zoning approval for tree plantings, which will be obtained if required

Final Products

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Lawn Equipment – Lawn Equipment is stored in the tree cooler and quonset

4-Wheeler with Sprayer – This did not get used at all this year.

Miner Conservation District Facebook Page – We are posting as much as we have time for.

Miner Conservation District Website – Tami is working to create a website – hopefully in the next month.

Grant Applications – Discussion was held concerning grant applications. Marvin Kizer moved to submit grant applications (if time allows) for: SDACDE Promoting Conservation, Conservation Practices Grant, and Urban Forestry Grant. Randy Dawson seconded. Following a unanimous voice vote, motion was approved.

Committee Participation – Tami is on the following committees: NACD Leadership Subcommittee, SDACDE, SDACD Education, Northern Plains, NCDEA, and SDGI/CD/Partners Collaboration. She reported on each.

Vermillion Basin Water Development District – Tami attended their meeting July 15 in Salem and reported on the Conservation Districts activities. They granted us $5,869.87 to give a Tree Planting Cost-share to our producers (of this amount $533.62 was awarded to the district for administrative). We also submitted a request for possible grant funds for the purchase of the new John Deere drill. They made a motion to grant us $4,500. A Thank you letter for the grant funds was submitted for board review and signatures.

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Eastern SD Soil & Water Research Farm – Their field tour was July 8 on Sunflower production.

Community& School Activities – 4-H –*Achievement Days* – We sponsored coozies for their pop and water. Community – *Farmers Union Day Camp* – Tami had a presentation for the campers on pollinators and making a buzz bee. The district received a thank you, it was passed out to board members to read. *Dakota Fest* – Tami is scheduled to work Tuesday and Wednesday at the NRCS/SDACD/SDACDE booth and will wear a Miner Conservation District shirt. *South Dakota State Fair* – Tami has been helping plan the South Dakota Conservation District Employee Booth at the Value-Added Tent on Thursday at the fair. SDACDE will also be doing a presentation at 12:30 on pollinators. We are doing a pollinator garden and giving out pollinator workbooks and having the children do the 'buzz bee'. Tami secured funding through the SDA Discovery Center to cover the expenses. She will also wear the Miner Conservation District shirt for this. *Discussion was held on any ideas for other community activities.*

SDML Workers Comp Fund – We have submitted our estimates and payment on time, so we were granted a Renewal credit of 19%, Loss Control credit of 9%, and the Return on Equity credit of 10%. Net rates have decreased 4% in the past 8 years.

On-Line Courses Completed – None were completed this month.

Local Work Group – This was discussed, we will be brainstorming on how to successfully have one.

National Association of Conservation District Employees – Tami will need to miss the Mid-Year meeting this year due to other conflicts. It is being held in Gulf Shores, Alabama – all expenses would be paid.

WRP Monitoring –We did 11 off-sites early this spring; we did 4 on-site visits in July. All documentation and pictures have been submitted to the state. We received our reimbursement for 2025 WRP monitoring just a couple of months ago. Hopefully, payment for 26 monitoring will come sooner.

Contribution Agreement with NRCS & SDACD – The 2024-2025 reimbursement has been submitted, but no approval or payment has been received. For the 2026-2027 year, we have submitted a request, but no approval has been received.

'SDACDE Promotion of Statewide Conservation' Grant #2026-CSW-023 – Approved for $8,200, runs from 1/1/26 thru 12/31/26.

'Conservation Practices' Grant #2026-CSW-024 – Approved in the amount of $29,975 from 1/1/26 to 12/31/26. Practices include Education, Tree Planting, Shelterbelt Renovations, Grazing Management, Pollinator Plantings, and Cover Crops.

Contribution Agreement with NRCS & SDACDE – Tami explained to the board the importance and benefit of this contribution agreement. Tami was on the original committee that created this agreement.

South Dakota Sales Tax – Our sales tax time period is July 1 through June 30. Reports and payment were submitted prior to the deadline.

Try to Cut Back on Hours – This summer, Tami tried to cut back to 2 or 3 days a week or to at least cut back somewhat on hours. Tami considered cutting back on Grant activities, since they require a lot of time – but grants are what keep the Conservation District in the black.

SDACD Convention – This will be held September 20-22 at Cedar Shores in Oacoma. The agenda was given to the board. Registrations are due prior to September 9. Dale plans to attend Sunday night until after the business meeting on Monday. His registration will be sent in.

2025 Annual Report – The 2025 Annual Report was discussed and reviewed. Julie Calmus moved to approve, Randy Dawson seconded the move. Following a unanimous voice vote, report was approved.

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SDDANR Urban Forestry Community Grant – We were approved for $3,400 for Community Trees in Miner County. Trees are required to be at least 8' in height and 1.25" in diameter. We supplied trees for the Carthage, Canova, and Epiphany Cemetery and the Howard Community Fruit Tree Garden and the City of Howard. We will submit reimbursement requests after Tami has taken pictures of all the trees.

Supervisor Training – We reviewed SD Codified Law for Conservation District of 38-8-1 through 38-8-10.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is to be determined at a later date
Respectfully Submitted by Tami Moore, District Manager

State Conservation Commission | Nov-26

Conservation District: Miner

Project Name: SDACDE Promoting State-Wide Conservation in 2027

Start Date: 01/01/2027

End Date: 12/31/2027

Total Project Amount:	$ 17,750.00
Commisson Funds:	$ 8,500.00
District Funds:	$ 9,250.00
Landowner Cash:	
Local In-kind:	
Other Funds:	

Other funds:	Cash	In-kind
Total:	$ -	$ -
RC&F:		
DANR:		
GF&P:		
USFWS:		
NRCS:		
OTHER:		

Description of Grant Application:

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DANR:

GF&P:

Other current grants:	Project	Start date	End Date	Original Award	Balance	Extensions
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Approved: | Denied:

Reason for denial:

SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY DIVISION
523 East Capitol Avenue
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Phone: 605.773.3623
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GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Applicant Information

Organization: Miner Conservation District Mailing Address: 601 W Farmer Ave, Suite A
Telephone: (605) 453-5455 City: Howard State: SD Zip: 57349
Tax Status: Government

Project Contact

Project Officer: Tami Moore Telephone: (605) 480-2401
Fax: _____ Email: tami.moore@sd.nacdnet.net

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Legal description: County: State Wide in South Dakota
Township: _____ Range: _____
Section: _____ Qtr: _____

Type of Grant

- (●) Conservation Grant
- ( ) Community Forestry
- ( ) Insect/Disease
- ( ) Invasive Species
- ( ) Forest Stewardship
- ( ) Mountain Pine Beetle
- ( ) Other (specify): _____

Financial Information

Grant funds requested: 8,500.00 Partner contributions (total): 9250.00 Total project cost: 17750.00

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I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, this application is true and correct. I further agree to comply with the provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and regulations issued thereunder relating to nondiscrimination in federally assisted programs.

Applicant Signature Tami Moore Title District Manager Date 9/25/2026

A copy of the state required W-9 form must be attached to this application.

SD EForm – 0549 V5

OFFICE USE ONLY

Signature of Reviewer _____ **Title** _____ **Date** _____

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BUDGET SHEET

The total for each of these three sections should equal the "Total Project Cost" on page 1.

A. Operating Budget

1. Salary/Benefits	6750.00
2. Travel	2500.00
3. Contractual Services	500.00
4. Supplies	8000.00
5. Equipment (list major equipment)	
6. Consultation Services	
Total Project Costs	17750

This total must equal 17750.00

B. Activity Budget

	Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
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3.	Travel			2500.00		2500
4.	Administrative	500.00				500
5.						0
6.						0
7.						0
8.						0
	Totals	8500	0	9250	0	17750

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C. Project Partners

	Partners	Amount Cash	Amount In-Kind	Total
1.	Conservation Commission	8500.00		8500
2.	SD Conservation Districts	9250.00		9250
3.				0
4.				0
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SDACDE – Promoting Statewide Conservation in 2027

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Coordinated Plan Goals Met by This Project

This project advances multiple goals of the South Dakota Coordinated Plan:

- Goal #1 – Water Quality
- Goal #3 – Soil Health
- Goal #5 – Wildlife
- Goal #6 – Public Awareness
- Goal #7 – Supplemental Funding
- Goal #8 – Conservation Education
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Funding unlocks the full potential of Conservation Districts to promote conservation. With additional financial support, our outreach reach and impact can grow significantly.

Primary Beneficiaries

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SDACDE – Promoting Statewide Conservation in 2027

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Provisions for Long-Term Management and Protection

Increasing conservation awareness leads to better conservation on the ground. As new generations of producers face evolving soil health and natural resource challenges, ongoing education is essential. This project helps ensure long-term stewardship, healthier soils, and sustained conservation practices across South Dakota.

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Final Products

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Riteway Land Rollers – Billing is complete. Over 7,500 acres rolled so far this year. The 23 roller needs a new bearing, and possibly a housing – Travis Voeltz has agreed to put it in and do the maintenance on all of them. Tami picked up the part, but the work has not been done.

Lawn Equipment – Lawn Equipment is stored in the tree cooler and quonset

4-Wheeler with Sprayer – This did not get used at all this year.

Miner Conservation District Facebook Page – We are posting as much as we have time for.

Miner Conservation District Website – Tami is working to create a website – hopefully in the next month.

Grant Applications – Discussion was held concerning grant applications. Marvin Kizer moved to submit grant applications (if time allows) for: SDACDE Promoting Conservation, Conservation Practices Grant, and Urban Forestry Grant. Randy Dawson seconded. Following a unanimous voice vote, motion was approved.

Committee Participation – Tami is on the following committees: NACD Leadership Subcommittee, SDACDE, SDACD Education, Northern Plains, NCDEA, and SDGI/CD/Partners Collaboration. She reported on each.

Vermillion Basin Water Development District – Tami attended their meeting July 15 in Salem and reported on the Conservation Districts activities. They granted us $5,869.87 to give a Tree Planting Cost-share to our producers (of this amount $533.62 was awarded to the district for administrative). We also submitted a request for possible grant funds for the purchase of the new John Deere drill. They made a motion to grant us $4,500. A Thank you letter for the grant funds was submitted for board review and signatures.

Supervisor Elections – Marvin Kizer and Catherine Connor's terms are up December 31, 2026. Petitions and instructions were handed out to board members. Ads were published in the paper for 2 consecutive weeks June 12 & June 19. Marvin and Catherine have both submitted their petitions. No one else submitted a petition, so there will be no election.

Eastern SD Soil & Water Research Farm – Their field tour was July 8 on Sunflower production.

Community& School Activities – 4-H –*Achievement Days* – We sponsored coozies for their pop and water. Community – *Farmers Union Day Camp* – Tami had a presentation for the campers on pollinators and making a buzz bee. The district received a thank you, it was passed out to board members to read. *Dakota Fest* – Tami is scheduled to work Tuesday and Wednesday at the NRCS/SDACD/SDACDE booth and will wear a Miner Conservation District shirt. *South Dakota State Fair* – Tami has been helping plan the South Dakota Conservation District Employee Booth at the Value-Added Tent on Thursday at the fair. SDACDE will also be doing a presentation at 12:30 on pollinators. We are doing a pollinator garden and giving out pollinator workbooks and having the children do the 'buzz bee'. Tami secured funding through the SDA Discovery Center to cover the expenses. She will also wear the Miner Conservation District shirt for this. *Discussion was held on any ideas for other community activities.*

SDML Workers Comp Fund – We have submitted our estimates and payment on time, so we were granted a Renewal credit of 19%, Loss Control credit of 9%, and the Return on Equity credit of 10%. Net rates have decreased 4% in the past 8 years.

On-Line Courses Completed – None were completed this month.

Local Work Group – This was discussed, we will be brainstorming on how to successfully have one.

National Association of Conservation District Employees – Tami will need to miss the Mid-Year meeting this year due to other conflicts. It is being held in Gulf Shores, Alabama – all expenses would be paid.

WRP Monitoring –We did 11 off-sites early this spring; we did 4 on-site visits in July. All documentation and pictures have been submitted to the state. We received our reimbursement for 2025 WRP monitoring just a couple of months ago. Hopefully, payment for 26 monitoring will come sooner.

Contribution Agreement with NRCS & SDACD – The 2024-2025 reimbursement has been submitted, but no approval or payment has been received. For the 2026-2027 year, we have submitted a request, but no approval has been received.

'SDACDE Promotion of Statewide Conservation' Grant #2026-CSW-023 – Approved for $8,200, runs from 1/1/26 thru 12/31/26.

'Conservation Practices' Grant #2026-CSW-024 – Approved in the amount of $29,975 from 1/1/26 to 12/31/26. Practices include Education, Tree Planting, Shelterbelt Renovations, Grazing Management, Pollinator Plantings, and Cover Crops.

Contribution Agreement with NRCS & SDACDE – Tami explained to the board the importance and benefit of this contribution agreement. Tami was on the original committee that created this agreement.

South Dakota Sales Tax – Our sales tax time period is July 1 through June 30. Reports and payment were submitted prior to the deadline.

Try to Cut Back on Hours – This summer, Tami tried to cut back to 2 or 3 days a week or to at least cut back somewhat on hours. Tami considered cutting back on Grant activities, since they require a lot of time – but grants are what keep the Conservation District in the black.

SDACD Convention – This will be held September 20-22 at Cedar Shores in Oacoma. The agenda was given to the board. Registrations are due prior to September 9. Dale plans to attend Sunday night until after the business meeting on Monday. His registration will be sent in.

2025 Annual Report – The 2025 Annual Report was discussed and reviewed. Julie Calmus moved to approve, Randy Dawson seconded the move. Following a unanimous voice vote, report was approved.

2025 Annual Financial Report – The 2025 Annual Financial Report was discussed and reviewed. Julie Calmus moved to approve this report, Randy Dawson seconded the move. Following a unanimous voice vote, the report was approved.

SDDANR Urban Forestry Community Grant – We were approved for $3,400 for Community Trees in Miner County. Trees are required to be at least 8' in height and 1.25" in diameter. We supplied trees for the Carthage, Canova, and Epiphany Cemetery and the Howard Community Fruit Tree Garden and the City of Howard. We will submit reimbursement requests after Tami has taken pictures of all the trees.

Supervisor Training – We reviewed SD Codified Law for Conservation District of 38-8-1 through 38-8-10.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is to be determined at a later date
Respectfully Submitted by Tami Moore, District Manager

State Conservation Commission				Nov-26
Conservation District	Minnehaha	Project Name:	Minnehaha Assistance Expansion Project	
Start Date	01/01/2027	End Date	12/31/2027	

		Other funds:	Cash	In-kind
Total Project Amount:	$ 97,591.14	Total:	$ -	$ -
Commisson Funds:	$ 10,000.00	RC&F:		
District Funds:	$ 87,591.14	DANR:		
Landowner Cash:		GF&P:		
Local In-kind:		USFWS:		
Other Funds:		NRCS:		
		OTHER:		

Description of Grant Application:

The Minnehaha Technical Assistance Expansion Project is a supplemental project focused on targeted educational initiatives to increase implementation of conservation best management practices to help expand our ability to provide technical assistance. Through working with NRCS and performing ongoing locally led efforts, MCD will identify countywide education needs, determine optimal engagement methods, and disseminate information in all necessary formats to foster the greatest chance of positively impacting the local landscape. In doing this, the Minnehaha Technical Assistance Expansion Project plans to assist at least 10 landowners/producers in utilizing Farm Bill programs.

If selected for funding, RC&F suggests that:

- The district provide timesheets or other documentation to demonstrate the actual time spent on salary/administration of the grant.
- Project reimbursement will be based on actual bill/receipts submitted for completed work. Cost-share will be based on legitimate costs up to the specified maximum.

DANR:

GF&P:

Other current grants:	Project	Start date		End Date	Original Award	Balance	Extensions
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	

Approved: Denied:

Reason for denial:

SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY DIVISION
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Pierre, SD 57501
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GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Applicant Information

Organization: Minnehaha Conservation District (MCD) Mailing Address: 2408 E. Benson Rd
Telephone: (605)370-3480 City: Sioux Falls State: SD Zip: 57104
Tax Status: Government

Project Contact

Project Officer: John Parker Telephone: (605)370-3480
Fax: (855)256-2569 Email: john.d.parker@sd.nacdnet.net

Project Information

Project Name: Minnehaha Technical Assistance Expansion Project
Start Date: 1/01/2027 End Date: 12/31/2027
Legal description: County: Minnehaha
Township: _____ Range: _____
Section: _____ Qtr: _____

Type of Grant

- (●) Conservation Grant
- ( ) Community Forestry
- ( ) Insect/Disease
- ( ) Invasive Species
- ( ) Forest Stewardship
- ( ) Mountain Pine Beetle
- ( ) Other (specify): _____

Financial Information

Grant funds requested: 10000 Partner contributions (total): 87591.14 Total project cost: 97591.14

Please provide a brief, descriptive summary of the project:

Please see attached summary.

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, this application is true and correct. I further agree to comply with the provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and regulations issued thereunder relating to nondiscrimination in federally assisted programs.

Applicant Signature _____ Title Chairman Date 10-1-2026

A copy of the state required W-9 form must be attached to this application.

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Signature of Approval _____ Title _____ Date _____

BUDGET SHEET

The total for each of these three sections should equal the "Total Project Cost" on page 1.

A. Operating Budget

1. Salary/Benefits	95828.94
2. Travel	720
3. Contractual Services	0
4. Supplies	1042.20
5. Equipment (list major equipment)	0
6. Consultation Services	0
Total Project Costs	97591.14

This total must equal 97591.14

B. Activity Budget

Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
1. Admin.	1500	0	0	0	1500
2. Implementation	8500	87591.14	0	0	96091.14
3.					0
4.					0
5.					0
6.					0
7.					0
8.					0
Totals	10000	87591.14	0	0	97591.14

This total must equal 97591.14

C. Project Partners

Partners	Amount Cash	Amount In-Kind	Total
1. RC&F	10000		10000
2. MCD	87591.14		87591.14
3.			0
4.			0
5.			0
6.			0
7.			0
8.			0
Totals	97591.14	0	97591.14

This total must equal 97591.14

Please send application and attachments to the South Dakota Department of Agriculture & Natural Resources.

Project Summary

Since 2020, Minnehaha Conservation District (MCD) has managed the Urban Conservation Demonstration & Awareness Project, which was made with the purpose of broadening conservation education, establishing a culture of sustainable action, furthering awareness of innovative methods, and advancing implementation/utilization of regenerative practices within Minnehaha County. Through this project, MCD established a full-time position to perform these services, created a demonstration garden, and started work in further conservation planning to assist NRCS with implementing Farm Bill programs. The next phase, the MCD Conservation Technical Assistance Project, is expected to build on these conservation efforts through having the Conservation Coordinator continue their training in conservation planning to best provide boots on the ground technical assistance in Minnehaha County to further address priority resource concerns. Recognizing the need for education to engage landowners and create awareness of natural resources management to best provide technical assistance, MCD is looking to establish the Minnehaha Technical Assistance Expansion Project.

The Minnehaha Technical Assistance Expansion Project is a supplemental project focused on targeted educational initiatives to increase implementation of conservation best management practices to help expand our ability to provide technical assistance. Through working with NRCS and performing ongoing locally led efforts, MCD will identify county-wide education needs, determine optimal engagement methods, and disseminate information in all necessary formats to foster the greatest chance of positively impacting the local landscape. In doing this, the Minnehaha Technical Assistance Expansion Project plans to assist at least 10 landowners/producers in utilizing Farm Bill programs.

Project Narrative

Project Description and Need:

The Minnehaha Technical Assistance Expansion Project will fund the Conservation Coordinator's educational engagement hours, the Conservation Coordinator's travel related to educational events, educational event fees (booth fees, rental fees), educational literature (post cards, handouts), and additional necessary supplies. The project targets the local community in Minnehaha County, with an emphasis on engaging sections of the county within priority areas (Residents within a 5 mile buffer area of the Big Sioux River, Residents that live south of 258th Street in Minnehaha County). A map is attached. These areas were chosen due to having significant wind and water erosion concerns and/or having significant impact within the Big Sioux watershed. Additionally, the selected areas contain populations of landowners that are already identified as being under engaged in implementing practices.

Minnehaha Conservation District (MCD) anticipates the following activities:

-Attending a minimum of 6 local/state events where targeted audiences are expected to be present (Such as, but not limited to: SD Soil Health Conference, Sioux Falls Farm Show, Party for the Prairie Earth Day Event, Pollinator Day at Good Earth State Park, Conservation in the City, Prairie Fest).
-Creation and distribution of a minimum of 2 new targeted educational materials (MCD anticipates utilizing information collected through the statewide Locally Led survey, as well as concerns expressed during Minnehaha County's Locally led Working Group meeting, to create materials where education gaps exist)
-Utilization of multiple information distribution channels each month (Educational articles, newsletters, social media posts, radio, podcasts, etc.)
-Hosting at least one Farmer-to-Farmer engagement event (MCD will work with NRCS to best establish county needs for event content)

MCD will be responsible for project implementation and administration, including documentation, evaluation, and reporting. The project is anticipated to expand ongoing local efforts related to the MCD Conservation Technical Assistance Project, which is funded through a National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) Technical Assistance Grant. The TA grant provides the majority of the Conservation Coordinator's salary as it relates to delivering NRCS technical assistance. All tasks that will be performed through the Minnehaha Technical Assistance Expansion Project will be expanding on educational efforts created over 6 years of diligent work and contributing to achieving the next phase of this longstanding plan. Additionally, the project helps support the goals of

MCD's Annual and Long-Range Plans (attached), along w ith goals 1-7 of the South Dakota Coordinated Plan for Natural Resources Conservation (attached), especially Goal 6.

Final Products:

The following outcomes are expected from the Minnehaha Technical Assistance Expansion Project:

-There will be 10 new Minnehaha County landowners/producers utilizing Farm Bill programs
-MCD will reach a minimum of 100 local landowners/producers
-Greater educational resources related to county priorities will be established and distributed
-There will be increased public awareness of conservation best management practices and the benefits of natural resource management.

The listed outcomes will be measured through surveys and other analysis tools being distributed, evaluations of knowledge before and after events, attendance logs, and cross-analyzing efforts with enrollment numbers in local programs.

Additional benefits include:

-Increased implementation practices from enrollment in Farm Bill Programs
-Reduced sedimentation and pollution of local waterways
-Healthier soil and reduced erosion

Partner Justification:

The main partner working with MCD regarding the Minnehaha Technical Assistance Expansion Project will be NRCS, as they will assist in guiding educational needs. Additionally, MCD regularly works with a variety of conservation organizations, such as the Big Sioux River Project, and it is planned we will also work together with them to best distribute information determined from this project.

The primary organization that will be responsible for the implementation and administration of these grant funds is MCD. MCD is managed by John Parker, who has held the role since 2012, and administrated multiple local, state, and national grants. MCD provides local conservation leadership, assisting producers and landowners with conservation practices that maintain the health of our air, land, water, plants, and animals. MCD coordinates assistance from all available resources – public and private – local, state,

and federal – to develop locally-led solutions to natural resource concerns. Conservation districts are self-sustaining units of government, relying financially on grant funding and payments for their services or products.

MCD has administered a conservation educational engagement initiative since 2020, oversees the planning of the Sioux Empire Water Festival (a multi-day event for all area 4th grade students), and currently manages two hands-on conservation areas (an agricultural demonstration garden in partnership with the City of Sioux Falls and the Dewey C. Gevik Outdoor Learning Center.) Additionally, MCD has implemented multiple new initiatives, including the NRCS Conservation implementation Strategy (CIS) program, making us very familiar with multiple levels of educational engagement and in generating new content.

MCD appreciates this opportunity to apply for funding and would like to thank you in advance for your consideration of our application.

Minnehaha Conservation District
September 14th, 2026, Monthly Meeting
USDA Service Center
Board Meeting at 3:00 pm

Heber called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Supervisors present: Rick Bonander, Gordon Heber, Kathleen Mackeprang, Jim Pfeifer, and Allen Severtson.

Supervisors absent: None

Advisors present: Brian Top and Stephanie Wollman

Advisors absent: Travis Entenman

Others present: Dennis Brunstein, Jay Gilberston, John Parker, Mike Langner, Alina Krone-Hedman, and Jaelynn Dreckman.

Agenda: MSP to approve by Severtson and Bonander. All ayes.

Minutes of February 9th meeting: MSP to approve by Bonander and Severtson. All ayes.

Treasurer's report: Reviewed at meeting. MSP to approve by Mackeprang and Severtson. All ayes.

Bills: Reviewed at meeting. MSP to approve and pay by Bonander and Pfeifer. All ayes.

NRCS activity report:
COMPLIANCE: 10 Certified Wetland Determinations being worked on.
CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM (CRP): Nothing to report.
CONSERVATION STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM (CSTwP): Batching deadline 09/29/2026.
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY INCENTIVE PROGRAM (EQIP): Batching deadline 09/29/2026.
MISCELLANEOUS: Since the local working group met on Monday, August 10 with approx. 25 total in attendance, insight and guidance received was used to establish county priorities.

Big Sioux River Project Report by Jaelynn Dreckman:
SRAM & RAM: Currently working on 1 SRAM Project and 1 SRAM/RBI Project, with several potential projects being explored.
EQIP/RCPP: Application submitted end of August, 2026. Decisions are anticipated to announced by early October.
OTHER RELATED ITEMS: Jaelynn attended Conservation in the City on Saturday, September 12 and Prairie Fest on Saturday, August 22 to deliver information and education regarding BSRP. Prairie Fest was particularly well attended with over 600 people coming during the duration of the event. Jay Gilberston discussed new agreement with East Dakota, along with reviewing the agreement contract. MSP to sign contract by Bonander and Severtson. All ayes. No approvals or checks needed at this time.

Urban Educator Report by Alina Krone-Hedman:
Outreach: MCD attended Dakotafest on Wednesday, August 19 to assist with education regarding Locally Led and tabled at Prairie Fest on Saturday, August 22 with information on Locally Led, pollinators, and conservation services. Upcoming Events: TBD based on grant funding.
City Partnership: Pollinator kits for still being sold, with plans to pause selling by the end of October. Other demonstration areas are TBD based on word from partners.
Grants/Funding Partnerships: Continuing to wait on TA Grant application. Continued work is being done toward training for conservation planning while awaiting information.
Other: Continued work is being done regarding improvements at Dewey C. Gevik Outdoor Learning Center, with new signs being put up soon. Discussion was had regarding Minnehaha Bird Club's plan to name the Creek near the dock at the site. MSP to support naming the area Wall Lake Creek by Severtson and Bonander. All ayes.

Public Comment Time – **15 minutes – Parker** briefly discussed Dakotafest and where Minnehaha County is at on survey responses from LocalLy Led Survey.

Update from Supervisors – **Bonander** briefly discussed to remember election day is coming up, and absentee voting starts September 18. **Severtson** discussed Homesteader's Day, which took place at Beaver Creek Nature Area on Sunday, September 13 and had approx. 530 people in attendance.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Service Report (bio-solids, tree planting, grass planting, Gevik Site)**
   Bio-solids: Working on contract/agreement.
   Trees: Approx. 25 people inquiring for Spring 2027.
   Grass: Caught up on this year's plantings. 1 contract currently for Spring 2027.
   Gevik Site: Continued work, as discussed in Urban Educator Report.
   Sioux Empire Water Festival: Kick-off meeting planned for Monday, September 28.
   Other: Discussion was had regarding Denise Fletcher planning to retire in October 2026.
2. **Potential Land Sale**
   Appraisal value was received, with further plans to be discussed at a later date.
3. **State Convention – September 20-22, Cedar Shores in Oacoma, SD**
   Parker discussed notifying him if planning to attend and have not already done so.
4. **Future Business Ideas**
   John asked everyone to continue sharing any new ideas for projects or types of services for MCD.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Training Modules**
   Board members were told to work on reviewing training modules located on the DANR website regarding various board information. It was decided members would do trainings on their own time, with check-ins at Board meetings to see where everyone is at regarding completion.
2. **DANR Coordinated Natural Resources Conservation Grants**
   Discussion was had regarding applying a grant to support habitat planting in the county through the Minnehaha Wildlife Habitat Project. MSP to support project applications by Severtson and Pfeifer. All ayes. Discussion was had regarding applying for a grant to assist education and

engagement in concurrence with MCD's TA Grant through the Minnehaha Technical Assistance Expansion Project. MSP to support project applications by Pfeifer and Severtson. All ayes.

Executive Session (if needed) – None

CONSERVATION PLAN SIGNING

None.

OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

MSP to adjourn at 4:41 P.M. by Bonander and Mackeprang. All ayes.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Tuesday, October 13, 2026, at 3:00 pm – USDA Service Center/Benson Rd.

Submitted by Alina Krone-Hedman in absence of Denise Fletcher, Recording Secretary

State Conservation Commission			Nov-26
Conservation District	Minnehaha	Project Name:	Minehaha Wildlife Habitat Project
Start Date	01/01/2027	End Date	12/31/2029

		Other funds:	Cash	In-kind
Total Project Amount:	$ 45,000.00	Total:	$ -	$ -
Commisson Funds:	$ 15,000.00	RC&F:		
District Funds:	$ 18,000.00	DANR:		
Landowner Cash:	$ 12,000.00	GF&P:		
Local In-kind:		USFWS:		
Other Funds:		NRCS:		
		OTHER:		

Description of Grant Application:

Reduced wildlife habitat is an ongoing resource concern within Minnehaha County as urban development continually spreads outwards from the cities, creating a strain on the local landscape. With the county population consistently rising, issues regarding land conversion, fragmentation, and pollution are increasing. Understanding the critical need to address these concerns, along with persisting interest in managing decreasing pollinator populations, has created significant interest in the Minnehaha Wildlife Habitat Project. This project will provide block grass acreages for nesting, brood rearing, winter roosting, escape cover, and pollinator areas throughout the community. This work complements practices within the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) State Acres for Wildlife Enhancement (SAFE) initiative through providing sediment reduction, increasing efficacy of riparian zones for waterways, expanding pollinator habitat, and providing habitat critical to birds native to eastern South Dakota, as well as the ring-necked pheasant.
Minnehaha Conservation District is grateful for previous funding the project received, having enrolled over 225 acres of sensitive lands in past years utilizing this project. The goal for this current phase is to enroll an additional 75 acres.

If selected for funding, RC&F suggests that:

- Grazing plans be required as part of the agreement with the landowners if grazing the cover crops.
- Cover crops be limited to 160 ac. per landowner (first time user), for only one time per land unit, and only for the short term period between annual crops.
- District must secure a landowner application to determine eligibility for cost-share funds, copy to be provided with reimbursement request.
- District must provide the landowner with notification letter indicating whether or not they have been approved for cost-share, copy to be provided with reimbursement request.
- The district provide timesheets or other documentation to demonstrate the actual time spent on salary/administration of the grant.
- The Conservation Commission will not reimburse any costs that exceed the current Conservation Commission Cost-share Docket. Please note other restrictions as listed there.
- All tree and shrub planting plans be reviewed and approved by one of the SDDANR RCF foresters prior to planting.
- Stand alone farmstead/homestead windbreaks do not qualify for cost-share from the Commission.
- District must secure a landowner application to determine eligibility for cost-share funds, copy to be provided with reimbursement request.
- District must provide the landowner with notification letter indicating whether or not they have been approved for cost-share, copy to be provided with reimbursement request.
- Project reimbursement will be based on actual bill/receipts submitted for completed work. Cost-share will be based on legitimate costs up to the specified maximum.
- The district provide a copy of the Joint Powers Agreement with all the conservation districts involved.
- The district provide timesheets or other documentation to demonstrate the actual time spent on salary/administration of the grant.
- Final report must be submitted before final reimbursement will be processed. This report must be submitted no more than 30 days after the end of the grant.

DANR:

GF&P:

Other current grants:	Project	Start date		End Date	Original Award	Balance	Extensions
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	

Approved: Denied:

Reason for denial:

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Project Information

Project Name: Minnehaha Wildlife Habitat Project
Start Date: 1/01/2027 End Date: 12/31/2029
Legal description: County: Minnehaha
Township: _____ Range: _____
Section: _____ Qtr: _____

Type of Grant

- (●) Conservation Grant
- ( ) Community Forestry
- ( ) Insect/Disease
- ( ) Invasive Species
- ( ) Forest Stewardship
- ( ) Mountain Pine Beetle
- ( ) Other (specify): _____

Financial Information

Grant funds requested: 15000 Partner contributions (total): 30000 Total project cost: 45000

Please provide a brief, descriptive summary of the project:

Please see attached summary.

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, this application is true and correct. I further agree to comply with the provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and regulations issued thereunder relating to nondiscrimination in federally assisted programs.

Applicant Signature _____ Title Chairman Date 10-1-2026

A copy of the state required W-9 form must be attached to this application.

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Signature of Reviewer _____ Title _____ Date _____

Signature of Approval _____ Title _____ Date _____

BUDGET SHEET

The total for each of these three sections should equal the "Total Project Cost" on page 1.

A. Operating Budget

1. Salary/Benefits	
2. Travel	
3. Contractual Services	44000
4. Supplies	1000
5. Equipment (list major equipment)	
6. Consultation Services	
Total Project Costs	45000

This total must equal 45000

B. Activity Budget

	Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
1.	Admin.	5000	0	0		5000
2.	Implementation	10000	18000	12000		40000
3.						0
4.						0
5.						0
6.						0
7.						0
8.						0
	Totals	15000	18000	12000	0	45000

This total must equal 45000

C. Project Partners

	Partners	Amount Cash	Amount In-Kind	Total
1.	RC&F	15000		15000
2.	MCD	18000		18000
3.	Landowners		12000	12000
4.				0
5.				0
6.				0
7.				0
8.				0
	Totals	33000	12000	45000

This total must equal 45000

Please send application and attachments to the South Dakota Department of Agriculture & Natural Resources.

Project Summary

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Minnehaha Conservation District is grateful for previous funding the project received, having enrolled over 225 acres of sensitive lands in past years utilizing this project. The goal for this current phase is to enroll an additional 75 acres.

Project Narrative

Project Description and Need:

The Minnehaha Wildlife Habitat Project is a 60/40 cost-share program (project sponsors pay 60% and landowners pay 40%). The project targets land in Minnehaha County that does not qualify for other farm programs, including SAFE. Those wishing to utilize the program will be able to receive assistance on 1–19-acre blocks of sensitive land (i.e. riparian, sloped, highly erodible), with an emphasis being placed on blocks greater than 5 acres in size. Native warm-season and cool-season grasses, along with native forbs where applicable, will be seeded on enrolled acres. Any area enrolled in the program must be maintained in accordance with NRCS standards, enter into a 10-year contract, and allow public access (as controlled by the landowner). Landowners will be responsible for maintenance, and they will not receive annual payments or incentives.

Minnehaha Conservation District (MCD), will:

-Determine qualified land
-Determine easements
-Develop a conservation plan
-Conduct spot checks

The contract for the Minnehaha Wildlife Habitat Project will be modeled after that of the Game, Fish, and Parks Woody Habitat Program. If a landowner is found to be in violation, s/he must correct the practice or repay the cost-share. In addition, cooperator signs will be installed along project acres to increase public awareness.

MCD will be responsible for project implementation and administration, including reimbursement requests, documentation, evaluation, and reporting.

There are currently 3 landowners already interested in enrolling.

Final Products:

The following outcomes are expected from the Minnehaha Wildlife Habitat Project:

-There will be 75 acres of Minnehaha County land put into wildlife habitat for 10 years.
-Increased wildlife habitat will contribute to increased numbers of pollinators, ring-neck pheasants, and native birds in eastern South Dakota.
-There will be sediment reduction from erosion in local lakes and streams.
-There will be increased public awareness of conservation and wildlife habitat.

The listed outcomes will be achieved through evaluation of enrolled acres before and after implementation, analysis of population numbers provided through state and national surveys, reviewing of local water testing, and through providing public education during and after the project (signage at project acres, digital/physical publications, and in-person engagement at local events).

Additional measures of success include:

-Number of acres enrolled
-Number of signed contracts
-Potential project continuation past the initial grant-funded period

The project is in line with MCD's Annual and Long-Range Plans (attached), along with goals 1-7 of the South Dakota Coordinated Plan for Natural Resources Conservation (attached).

Partner Justification:

Partners of the Minnehaha Wildlife Habitat Project include local landowners and 3 long-standing conservation/wildlife organizations who regularly partner on conservation efforts with MCD, but wish to remain anonymous to avoid constant requests for funding assistance.

The primary organization that will be responsible for the implementation and administration of these grant funds is MCD. MCD is managed by John Parker, who has held the role since 2012, and administrated multiple local, state, and national grants. MCD provides local conservation leadership, assisting producers and landowners with conservation practices that maintain the health of our air, land, water, plants, and animals. MCD coordinates assistance from all available resources – public and private – local, state, and federal – to develop locally-led solutions to natural resource concerns. Conservation districts are self-sustaining units of government, relying financially on grant funding and payments for their services or products.

MCD appreciates this opportunity to apply for funding and would like to thank you in advance for your consideration of our application.

Minnehaha Conservation District
September 14th, 2026, Monthly Meeting
USDA Service Center
Board Meeting at 3:00 pm

Heber called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Supervisors present: Rick Bonander, Gordon Heber, Kathleen Mackeprang, Jim Pfeifer, and Allen Severtson.

Supervisors absent: None

Advisors present: Brian Top and Stephanie Wollman

Advisors absent: Travis Entenman

Others present: Dennis Brunstein, Jay Gilberston, John Parker, Mike Langner, Alina Krone-Hedman, and Jaelynn Dreckman.

Agenda: MSP to approve by Severtson and Bonander. All ayes.

Minutes of February 9th meeting: MSP to approve by Bonander and Severtson. All ayes.

Treasurer's report: Reviewed at meeting. MSP to approve by Mackeprang and Severtson. All ayes.

Bills: Reviewed at meeting. MSP to approve and pay by Bonander and Pfeifer. All ayes.

NRCS activity report:
COMPLIANCE: 10 Certified Wetland Determinations being worked on.
CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM (CRP): Nothing to report.
CONSERVATION STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM (CSTwP): Batching deadline 09/29/2026.
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY INCENTIVE PROGRAM (EQIP): Batching deadline 09/29/2026.
MISCELLANEOUS: Since the local working group met on Monday, August 10 with approx. 25 total in attendance, insight and guidance received was used to establish county priorities.

Big Sioux River Project Report by Jaelynn Dreckman:
SRAM & RAM: Currently working on 1 SRAM Project and 1 SRAM/RBI Project, with several potential projects being explored.
EQIP/RCPP: Application submitted end of August, 2026. Decisions are anticipated to announced by early October.
OTHER RELATED ITEMS: Jaelynn attended Conservation in the City on Saturday, September 12 and Prairie Fest on Saturday, August 22 to deliver information and education regarding BSRP. Prairie Fest was particularly well attended with over 600 people coming during the duration of the event. Jay Gilberston discussed new agreement with East Dakota, along with reviewing the agreement contract. MSP to sign contract by Bonander and Severtson. All ayes. No approvals or checks needed at this time.

Urban Educator Report by Alina Krone-Hedman:
Outreach: MCD attended Dakotafest on Wednesday, August 19 to assist with education regarding Locally Led and tabled at Prairie Fest on Saturday, August 22 with information on Locally Led, pollinators, and conservation services. Upcoming Events: TBD based on grant funding.
City Partnership: Pollinator kits for still being sold, with plans to pause selling by the end of October. Other demonstration areas are TBD based on word from partners.
Grants/Funding Partnerships: Continuing to wait on TA Grant application. Continued work is being done toward training for conservation planning while awaiting information.
Other: Continued work is being done regarding improvements at Dewey C. Gevik Outdoor Learning Center, with new signs being put up soon. Discussion was had regarding Minnehaha Bird Club's plan to name the Creek near the dock at the site. MSP to support naming the area Wall Lake Creek by Severtson and Bonander. All ayes.

Public Comment Time – **15 minutes – Parker** briefly discussed Dakotafest and where Minnehaha County is at on survey responses from LocalLy Led Survey.

Update from Supervisors – **Bonander** briefly discussed to remember election day is coming up, and absentee voting starts September 18. **Severtson** discussed Homesteader's Day, which took place at Beaver Creek Nature Area on Sunday, September 13 and had approx. 530 people in attendance.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Service Report (bio-solids, tree planting, grass planting, Gevik Site)**
   Bio-solids: Working on contract/agreement.
   Trees: Approx. 25 people inquiring for Spring 2027.
   Grass: Caught up on this year's plantings. 1 contract currently for Spring 2027.
   Gevik Site: Continued work, as discussed in Urban Educator Report.
   Sioux Empire Water Festival: Kick-off meeting planned for Monday, September 28.
   Other: Discussion was had regarding Denise Fletcher planning to retire in October 2026.
2. **Potential Land Sale**
   Appraisal value was received, with further plans to be discussed at a later date.
3. **State Convention – September 20-22, Cedar Shores in Oacoma, SD**
   Parker discussed notifying him if planning to attend and have not already done so.
4. **Future Business Ideas**
   John asked everyone to continue sharing any new ideas for projects or types of services for MCD.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Training Modules**
   Board members were told to work on reviewing training modules located on the DANR website regarding various board information. It was decided members would do trainings on their own time, with check-ins at Board meetings to see where everyone is at regarding completion.
2. **DANR Coordinated Natural Resources Conservation Grants**
   Discussion was had regarding applying a grant to support habitat planting in the county through the Minnehaha Wildlife Habitat Project. MSP to support project applications by Severtson and Pfeifer. All ayes. Discussion was had regarding applying for a grant to assist education and

engagement in concurrence with MCD's TA Grant through the Minnehaha Technical Assistance Expansion Project. MSP to support project applications by Pfeifer and Severtson. All ayes.

Executive Session (if needed) – None

CONSERVATION PLAN SIGNING

None.

OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

MSP to adjourn at 4:41 P.M. by Bonander and Mackeprang. All ayes.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Tuesday, October 13, 2026, at 3:00 pm – USDA Service Center/Benson Rd.

Submitted by Alina Krone-Hedman in absence of Denise Fletcher, Recording Secretary

State Conservation Commission			Nov-26

Conservation District	Perkins	Project Name:	Perkins County Tree Planting Grant
Start Date	01/01/2027	End Date	12/31/2027

		Other funds:	Cash	In-kind
Total Project Amount:	$ 8,990.00	Total:	$ -	
Commisson Funds:	$ 2,520.00	RC&F:		
District Funds:		DANR:		
Landowner Cash:	$ 2,520.00	GF&P:		
Local In-kind:	$ 3,950.00	USFWS:		
Other Funds:		NRCS:		
		OTHER:		

Description of Grant Application:

This grant will benefit Perkins County by offering cost share on trees that will benefit livestock, wildlife, and fields that are not eligible for CRP, EQIP, or GFP funding.

The overall goal(s) of the project comply with the South Dakota Coordinated Soil & Water Conservation Plan and long-range plan of the Conservation District.

There is one producer lined up to participate in this grant.

If selected for funding, RC&F suggests that:

- The Conservation Commission will not reimburse any costs that exceed the current Conservation Commission Cost-share Docket. Please note other restrictions as listed there.
- All tree and shrub planting plans be reviewed and approved by one of the SDDANR RCF foresters prior to planting.
- Stand alone farmstead/homestead windbreaks do not qualify for cost-share from the Commission.
- District must secure a landowner application to determine eligibility for cost-share funds, copy to be provided with reimbursement request.
- District must provide the landowner with notification letter indicating whether or not they have been approved for cost-share, copy to be provided with reimbursement request.
- Project reimbursement will be based on actual bill/receipts submitted for completed work. Cost-share will be based on legitimate costs up to the specified maximum.
- The district provide a copy of the Joint Powers Agreement with all the conservation districts involved.
- The district provide timesheets or other documentation to demonstrate the actual time spent on salary/administration of the grant.
- Final report must be submitted before final reimbursement will be processed. This report must be submitted no more than 30 days after the end of the grant.

DANR:

GF&P:

Other current grants:	Project	Start date		End Date	Original Award	Balance	Extensions
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	

Approved: Denied:

Reason for denial:

SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY DIVISION
523 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501
Phone: 605.773.3623
danr.sd.gov

GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Applicant Information

Organization: PERKINS CONSERVATION DISTRICT Mailing Address: PO BOX 189

Telephone: (605) 409 - 5896 ext. 3 City: BISON State: SD Zip: 57620

Tax Status: _____

Project Contact

Project Officer: Christen Voller Telephone: (605) 409 - 5896 ext. 3

Fax: _____ Email: perkinsconservation@gmail.com

Project Information

Project Name: Perkins County Tree Planting Grant

Start Date: 01/01/2027 End Date: 12/31/2027

Legal description: County: Perkins

Township: _____ Range: _____

Section: _____ Qtr: _____

Type of Grant

- (●) Conservation Grant
- ( ) Community Forestry
- ( ) Insect/Disease
- ( ) Invasive Species
- ( ) Forest Stewardship
- ( ) Mountain Pine Beetle
- ( ) Other (specify): _____

Financial Information

Grant funds requested: 2520 Partner contributions (total): 6470 Total project cost: 8990

Please provide a brief, descriptive summary of the project:

This grant will benefit Perkins County by offering cost share on trees that will benefit livestock, wildlife, and fields that are not eligible for CRP, EQIP, or GFP funding.

The overall goal(s) of the project comply with the South Dakota Coordinated Soil & Water Conservation Plan and long-range plan of the Conservation District.

There is one producer lined up to participate in this grant.

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, this application is true and correct. I further agree to comply with the provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and regulations issued thereunder relating to nondiscrimination in federally assisted programs.

Applicant Signature _____ Title DISTRICT MANAGER Date 09/15/2026

A copy of the state required W-9 form must be attached to this application.

SD EForm – 0549 V5

OFFICE USE ONLY

Signature of Reviewer _____ **Title** _____ **Date** _____

Signature of Approval _____ **Title** _____ **Date** _____

BUDGET SHEET

The total for each of these three sections should equal the "Total Project Cost" on page 1.

A. Operating Budget

1. Salary/Benefits	3950
2. Travel	
3. Contractual Services	5040
4. Supplies	
5. Equipment (list major equipment)	
6. Consultation Services	
Total Project Costs	8990

This total must equal 8990

B. Activity Budget

	Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
1.	TREE PLANTING	1008	1008			2016
2.	SHRUB PLANTING					0
3.	FABRIC	1512	1512			3024
4.	NWA NRS			3950		3950
5.						0
6.						0
7.						0
8.						0
	Totals	2520	2520	3950	0	8990

This total must equal 8990

C. Project Partners

	Partners	Amount Cash	Amount In-Kind	Total
1.	COMMISSION GRANT	2520		2520
2.	LANDOWNERS	2520		2520
3.	NWA NRS		3950	3950
4.				0
5.				0
6.				0
7.				0
8.				0
	Totals	5040	3950	8990

This total must equal 8990

Please send application and attachments to the South Dakota Department of Agriculture & Natural Resources.

PROJECT NARRATIVE:

D. Project Description and Need

This proposed Perkins County Tree Planting Project will benefit the natural resource management of farmers and ranchers in Perkins County along with providing off site benefits to neighbors and other citizens in these producers' watersheds. The shelterbelts cost-shared will have the primary focus of livestock protection but will also be multi-purpose. The natural resource benefits to these shelterbelts include: improvement of surface water quality, erosion control on cropland, livestock protection to support proper grassland management, wildlife habitat creation, and energy savings.

Project Need:

Many landowners, farmers, and ranchers in Perkins County do not qualify for financial assistance for shelterbelt plantings from federal and state cost-share programs, because their needed shelterbelts are:

1. Located in an area that is currently grassland or pastureland (not eligible for CCRP).
2. Located in an area that is cropland and doesn't have the needed cropping history for the period 2008-2013 (not eligible for CCRP).
3. Their planned shelterbelt has natural resource benefits such as erosion control, wildlife habitat, and water quality improvement; however, it does not meet the size, location, requirements or ranking needed for cost-share (not eligible for EQIP or CCRP).

The demand for shelterbelts by farmers and ranchers involved in tree planting are not eligible under other existing programs and the proposed multi-purpose shelterbelts provide benefits to livestock, wildlife, water quality, energy savings, and assistance to beginning farmers and ranchers. Producers who participate in the proposed project will be required to prepare their shelterbelt site the summer and fall before tree planting and seek approval for cost-share prior to site preparation.

The shelterbelts to be planted in Perkins County Conservation District through this proposed project are needed to conserve the county's natural resources, as they are an important conservation practice used by landowners to:

- The shelterbelts to be planted under this proposed project are also very significant from an economic and social aspect to the area, as they are important to the overall economic success of the areas crop and livestock producers. The sustainability of livestock producers and the grasslands they manage are significantly impacted using shelterbelts to reduce feed costs and calf death losses, improve overall herd health, and implement planned grazing systems on grasslands. Shelterbelts also provide farmers and ranchers economic opportunities through diversification of their operations for recreation uses (aesthetics and wildlife habitat), and through reduced energy use and increased land values.
- Protect and/or improve the waters to provide needed water quality and quantity. Shelterbelt plantings support clean water for people, fish, and wildlife by filtering out and/or absorbing sediments, nutrients, and chemical or bacterial contaminants.
- Protect or improve soil productivity and quality. Shelterbelts protect soils from wind and water erosion.
- Improve wildlife habitat for game and non-game species. Shelterbelts are significant areas for resident as well as migratory birds for food, nesting and cover, and provide important habitat for game species - such as deer and upland game birds.

Project Goal: The proposed project's goal is to provide technical and financial assistance to landowners in Perkins County to complete 5,460 ft of trees, shrubs and weed control planted on acres that are not eligible thru CCRP program or similar conservation programs. This would improve the county's natural resources, the sustainability of farm and ranch operations, and greatly reduce energy cost and use of fossil fuels.

Project Objective: Increase the profitability of farm and ranch operations in Perkins County by providing technical and financial assistance to 1 landowners, reducing erosion, improving water quality, increase wildlife habitat and energy saving. All other shelterbelt establishment costs will be provided in-kind by the landowner, or technical assistance provider, and include: producer labor and equipment, site design, replacement trees for death loss and follow-up as needed. The District's proposed sources of funds to cost-share eligible items that meet the direction from the 2025 Conservation Commission Cost-share Docket. The shelterbelts where cost-share assistance is provided will include field windbreaks, livestock shelterbelts, riparian area plantings, farmstead/livestock shelterbelts, and wildlife plantings.

The District will set natural resource priorities and policy for this proposed cost-share assistance to landowners for windbreak and shelterbelt establishment. The Conservation District will continue to provide the landowner with information and assistance on applications for cost-share assistance from existing state and federal programs prior to consideration for cost-share under this proposal. The Conservation District will make the final decision on shelterbelts cost-shared based on the written priorities and polices, they establish and are as follows: (A maximum cost-share per planting/landowner will be $7,000).

#1 Priority: Shelterbelts that protect livestock, improve aesthetics, sequester carbon, conserve energy for landowners who make a significant part of their income from farming and ranching, and the reduction of fossil fuel consumption.

#2 Priority: Shelterbelts that improve or protect water quality in lakes, streams, and aquifers.

#3 Priority: Shelterbelts that improve or protect soil productivity.

#4 Priority: Shelterbelts that improve or protect grassland resources as part of a landowner's overall plan to improve or maintain good grassland management.

#5 Priority: Shelterbelts that establish needed wildlife habitat.

List of Project Activities:

Activity 1: Establishing program eligibility guidelines, program priorities, and make final approval of requests for program assistance (in-kind).

Activity 2: Information and education campaign to market shelterbelt benefits and this proposed shelterbelt program, through their newsletter, press releases, and on-farm contacts (in-kind).

Activity 3: Coordinating and/or providing technical assistance to landowners for shelterbelt design (in-kind). The Districts have a close working relationship with state and federal agencies that currently provide technical and financial assistance to landowners for shelterbelt plantings and will be able to coordinate assistance to avoid cost-shares where existing assistance is already available.

Activity 4: Contracting with landowners for trees, planting, and weed control for three years. Weed control is required; however, landowners choose methods and service providers.

Activity 5: Follow-up with landowners a minimum of one time per year for the first three years after shelterbelt planting, to ensure proper management as stated in the Conservation District/Landowner maintenance agreement. Weed control will be required for three years, and the landowner will replace trees that fail to establish.

Activity 6: Project financial records will be maintained, and documentation filed on the design, cost, planting (species, size, etc), and follow-up records on performance of each shelterbelt receiving cost-share.

E. Final Products:

The completion of this project's goals, objectives, and activities will provide the following products: 5,460 ft of trees, shrubs and weed control planted on acres that are not eligible thru CCRP program or similar conservation programs will be established in Perkins County, benefiting the natural resources of the counties and the economic stability of 1 agricultural landowners. Most of the landowners aided would not plant these shelterbelts without the proposed assistance.

F. Partner Justification:

Project management, marketing, and shelterbelt design and shelterbelt maintenance will be provided to the project as an in-kind match. The Perkins County Conservation District will be responsible for all phases of project implementation, follow-up, and administration. Shelterbelt planning and maintenance requirements will be based on the Natural Resources Conservation Service Technical Guide for shelterbelt plantings. Landowners receiving financial assistance will enter into a five-year agreement with Perkins County Conservation Districts, identifying landowner shelterbelt maintenance requirements. The project will aid landowners in Perkins County who are involved in farming or ranching.

Landowners partnering with the Conservation Districts on this proposed project will provide approximately 50-60% of the cost of establishing these practices.

South Dakota Conservation Commission Soil and Water Conservation Grant is proposed to provide approximately 40-50% cost-share to landowners.

The Conservation Districts will work with existing sources of financial and technical assistance for new shelterbelt establishment, and these program's lead agencies include:

1. South Dakota Department of Agriculture – Technical Assistance from the area natural resource specialist.
2. Natural Resources Conservation Service and Farm Service Agency – Technical (NRCS staff) and financial assistance (CCRP, EQIP, CSP).

G. Project Success (Measurement)

The success of this proposed project will be measured by:

- Social and economic benefits to landowners, such as carbon sequestration, energy savings, and economic benefits to livestock and grazing enterprises.
- Natural resource benefits by acres of water bodies and/or miles of watercourse with improved water quality.
- Natural resource benefits by acres of cropland, grassland, and wildlife habitat benefited.
- The number of landowners and acres of shelterbelts planted.

2027 NORTHWEST AREA TREE PLANTING GRANT BUDGET

TREES & SHRUB PLANTING:

Tree planting - 3,360 ft. x $0.60/ft. = $2,016

Grant-50%	$1,008
Landowner-50%	$1,008

Shrub planting - 0 ft. x $0.60/ft. = $0

Grant-50%	$0
Landowner-50%	$0

FABRIC WEED CONTROL: 3,360 est. ft x $0.90/ft = $3,024

Grant-50%	$1,512
Landowner-50%	$1,512

FENCE-PROTECTIVE- 0 est. ft x $1.06/ft = $0

Grant-30%	$0
Landowner- 80%	$0

IN-KIND Natural Resource Outreach Technician

Admin. (50 hrs x $19.00/hr)	$950
Equipment/Supplies	$2,000
Travel	$1,000
	$3950

TREE PLANTING GRANT COMMISSION TOTAL: $2,520.00

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Menu Establishment Instructions

TREE PLANTING SPECIFICATION SHEET

Producer: [redacted] Year to be Planted: 2027

County Perkins Farm ____ Tract ____ Field ____ Windbreak Type Livestock Windbreak

Program GRANT CIN or referral # ____ Practice Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment Practice # 380

54 Soil Map Unit: 6d Legal Desc. Sec ____ TWP ____ RGE ____

Resource Concern (CPPE Impact) Livestock Production Limitation
Inadequate Shelter (5) Purpose: 380 - Provide shelter for structures, animals, and people.

Present Ground Cover:

List the herbicides applied	2026	
List the herbicides applied	2025	
List the herbicides applied	2024	

Fallow Needed?

Are Utilities Present? (Overhead or Underground)
(Call Before You Dig 1-800-781-7474)

Are Cultural Resource Concerns Addressed?

Site Preparation Needed Prior To Planting:

Describe Other:

Planting Method:

Planned Weed Control:

Within Row 3,356 Feet of Fabric

In Between Row 0.0 TreeTubes

Estimated Fencing Needed to Exclude Livestock (feet): ____ Feet of Fence

Planning Assistance By: [redacted] 9/15/2026
(Name) (Date)

PRACTICE CERTIFICATION

Date Planted: ____ **Planted By:** ____

Practice Meets SD Standards and Specifications: Yes No (If "No" is checked, state reasons in the comments on performance section)

Certified By: ____ ____ ____
(Name) (Title) (Date)

How Measured? ____ Describe other ____

1.16 **Acres Planned** ____ **Acres Applied** ____ **Feet of Windbreak Applied**

____ **Feet Fabric Applied** ____ **Tree Tubes Applied**

Comments on Performance: ____

Menu

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Site No.	CTSG	Spacing (feet) Within Row	Spacing (feet) Between Row	Row No.	Species from North or West	Cultivar	Alternate With	(Feet) Spacing in Row	Approx. Length of rows Feet	Approx. Length of rows Rods	Approx. No. of Plants	Fabric (Feet)	Tree Tubes	Seedling Source	APPLIED Width (feet) Within Row	APPLIED Width (feet) Between Row	APPLIED Spacing (Ft.) Approximate in the Row	APPLIED Length (Feet)	APPLIED Length (Rods)	Check if Installed Fabric (Feet)	Check if Installed Tree Tubes	Calculated No. of Plants
1					PLANTING INFORMATION – PLANNED																	
			20	1	Eastern redcedar		Rocky Mountain juniper	8	839	50.8	105	Yes										
	420		20	2	Honeylocust			12	839	50.8	70	Yes										
	420		20	3	Honeylocust			12	839	50.8	70	Yes										
				4	Eastern redcedar		Rocky Mountain juniper	10	839	50.8	84	Yes										

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2026 September MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Perkins County Conservation District was held Thursday, September 10, 2026, at 1:02 P.M. at the Bison NRCS conference room. Supervisors present were Chairman Lyndel Johnson, Vice Chairman Drew Anderson, Supervisors Chuck Anderson, Veronica Kari and Peggy Veal, along with District Manager Christen Voller, District Conservationist Sarah Eggebo representing NRCS, and Kirsten Linnemeier representing the American Bird Conservancy.

A motion was made by Supervisor Chuck Anderson to amend the minutes, adding a slot for conservation for a producer and drill repair after reviewing the minutes, this was seconded by Vice Chairman Drew Anderson; motion carried.

The August 2026 minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drew Anderson and seconded by Supervisor Chuck Anderson to approve the minutes; motion carried.

The board discussed the drill repair issue with the producer. Repairs were made to the drill by welding the auger sleeve, whereas the quote agreed on was for the damaged tube & auger to be replaced. Drill deflections after welding warped 15/16." Concerns were that seeds might crack where the auger scrapes the tube, operation integrity, and lesser trade in value. Chairman Lyndell mentioned running the auger while the producer was present to move forward on repair decisions. Supervisor Chuck Anderson made a motion to take a recess to evaluate drill, seconded by Supervisor Veronica Kari; motion carried. Recess started at 1:20 p.m. and ended at 1:39 p.m. After evaluation, the producer agreed to take the drill back to Lemmon and pay the presented quote from Gooseneck Implement for $1,250 plus freight and labor to repair the tubing.

The employee timesheets from August were reviewed. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drew Anderson and seconded by Supervisor Chuck Anderson to approve employee timesheets for the month; motion carried.

The financial report was reviewed. A motion was made by Supervisor Chuck Anderson and seconded by Vice Chairman Drew Anderson to accept the financial report and to pay monthly bills; motion carried.

***NRCS Update**: District Conservationist Sarah Eggebo reported that CSP applications are due Monday, September 14 and will be paid out on past producers when new budget is approved. There are 30 EQIP and 4 CSP current applications on file.*

American Bird Conservancy: *Kirsten Linnemeier shared her current status on the Grazing for Birds program which includes cost share on virtual fence. There are currently two "local" producers in North Dakota working with this program.*

FSA Update*: Nothing to report.*

SDACD/NACD Update: *Nothing to report.*

AIS Report: *District Manager Christen Voller submitted the AIS August hours invoice to GFP for reimbursement. Inspections will cease the last weekend of September 2026.*

District Operations Report: *District Manager Christen Voller updated the board on district activities. There are currently 4 producers interested in planting trees in 2027, combined interest between NRCS & district programs. After looking over the producer's application and proposed funding, Vice Chairman Drew Anderson made a motion to apply for the Fall Round Conservation Commission grant to help the district planting. Quickbooks update on account recovery, access, and use. The district's website was updated to reflect this year's meeting agendas and minutes. The Facebook page was able to be accessed and updated as well. Supervisor statuses were reviewed and a newspaper advertisement is to be made to show an opening for Drew Anderson's position ending 2026. Christen requested to attend the Northern Plains Regional Professional Development Workshop in Fargo, North Dakota in October. Vice Chairman Drew Anderson made a motion for her attendance and travel, Supervisor Peggy Veal seconded; motion carried.*

Natural Resource Outreach Report: *District Manager Christen Voller updated the board on the grant projects. Three producers are to be reimbursed for 2025 plantings. The NACD Technical Assistance grant is currently paying out last year's applicants and their website has not been updated to reflect future dates and openings, we will apply for another TA grant when the application opens back up.*

District Pickup, Trailer & Equipment: *Chairman Lyndell Johnson is looking for parts to repair the cracked water valve in the tree shed.*

No Till Drill Report: *District Manager Christen updated the board on the year's summary use report. A discussion was had to clarify the drill rental form. Christen is to reach out to our insurance company for legal advice on how to update this form to better protect the district from future use, care, and damages.*

The meeting adjourned at 2:55 P.M. The next meeting will be tentatively scheduled for Thursday, October 8th at 1:00 PM at the Bison NRCS office conference room.

State Conservation Commission			Nov-26
Conservation District	Sanborn	Project Name:	Public Awareness
Start Date	01/01/2027	End Date	12/31/2027

		Other funds:	Cash	In-kind
Total Project Amount:	$ 5,000.00	Total:	$ 500.00	$ -
Commisson Funds:	$ 2,500.00	RC&F:		
District Funds:	$ 2,000.00	DANR:		
Landowner Cash:		GF&P:		
Local In-kind:		USFWS:		
Other Funds:	$ 500.00	NRCS:		
		OTHER:	$ 500.00	

Description of Grant Application:

The public awareness project is dedicated to strengthening conservation education and outreach throughout Sanborn County by implementing a variety of initiatives: publishing a triannual newsletter to keep producers, non-operating producers, and urban communities informed about practices, programs, and events; offering hands-on conservation lessons and contests_for students in local schools to foster a new generation of conservationists; and organizing community outreach at events such as the annual Woonsocket Water Festival, where educational booths, demonstrations, and native seed distributions will raise awareness of soil and water conservation. The project also aims to establish native pollinator gardens around Sanborn County, showcasing resilient plant species and their benefits under diverse soil conditions. Additionally, workshops and social discussions will provide community members with direct opportunities to connect, learn, and ask questions about conservation practices.

If selected for funding, RC&F suggests that:

- The district provide timesheets or other documentation to demonstrate the actual time spent on salary/administration of the grant.
- Project reimbursement will be based on actual bill/receipts submitted for completed work. Cost-share will be based on legitimate costs up to the specified maximum.

DANR:

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	Project	Start date	End Date	Original Award	Balance	Extensions
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Conservation Reborn	2026-CSW-026	01/01/2026	12/31/2026	$ 2,850.00	$ 2,850.00	

Approved: Denied:

Reason for denial:

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Project Information

Project Name: Public Awareness
Start Date: 01/01/2027 End Date: 12/31/2027
Legal description: County: Sanborn
Township: _____ Range: _____
Section: _____ Qtr: _____

Type of Grant

- (●) Conservation Grant
- ( ) Community Forestry
- ( ) Insect/Disease
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- ( ) Mountain Pine Beetle
- ( ) Other (specify): _____

Financial Information

Grant funds requested: $ 2,500.00 Partner contributions (total): $ 2,500.00 Total project cost: $5,000.00

Please provide a brief, descriptive summary of the project:

The public awareness project is dedicated to strengthening conservation education and outreach throughout Sanborn County by implementing a variety of initiatives: publishing a triannual newsletter to keep producers, non-operating producers, and urban communities informed about practices, programs, and events; offering hands-on conservation lessons and contests for students in local schools to foster a new generation of conservationists; and organizing community outreach at events such as the annual Woonsocket Water Festival, where educational booths, demonstrations, and native seed distributions will raise awareness of soil and water conservation. The project also aims to establish native pollinator gardens around Sanborn County, showcasing resilient plant species and their benefits under diverse soil conditions. Additionally, workshops and social discussions will provide community members with direct opportunities to connect, learn, and ask questions about conservation practices.

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, this application is true and correct. I further agree to comply with the provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and regulations issued thereunder relating to nondiscrimination in federally assisted programs.

Applicant Signature Mark Snedeker Title Chairman Date 9-30-26

A copy of the state required W-9 form must be attached to this application.

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BUDGET SHEET

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A. Operating Budget

1. Salary/Benefits	$ 100.00
2. Travel	
3. Contractual Services	$ 900.00
4. Supplies	$ 4,000.00
5. Equipment (list major equipment)	
6. Consultation Services	
Total Project Costs	$5,000.00

This total must equal $5,000.00

B. Activity Budget

	Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
1.	Supplies	2,000.00			2,000.00	$4,000.00
2.	Contractual Services	400.00			500.00	$900.00
3.	Administrative	100.00				$100.00
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	Totals	$2,500.00			$2,500.00	$5,000.00

This total must equal $5,000.00

C. Project Partners

	Partners	Amount Cash	Amount In-Kind	Total
1.	Commission Grant	2,500.00		$2,500.00
2.	Sanborn Cons Dist	2,000.00		$2,000.00
3.	Sanborn Co Schools		500.00	$500.00
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2026 Conservation Commission Grant Proposal

Sanborn Conservation District

Public Awareness

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Create and publish a newsletter three times a year (Winter, Spring/Summer and Fall) that provides information for producers, non-operating producers and the urban communities.

a. In past years, Sanborn has only sent out one newsletter per year, the new goal is to increase this publication and improve communication with the community. Communication is key to increasing awareness of conservation and increasing conservation practices around the county. Each newsletter will contain an article that will provide information for the current season and topics that relate to producers/nonproducers, urban community and youth.

b. This will greatly benefit the community as they will stay informed in current conservation practices, programs and events happening throughout the state and local level. It will help support the Sanborn Conservation Partners as their events will be included in the newsletter.

This goal coincides with Coordinated Plan of Natural Resources Conservation Goal 6: Public Awareness and Objective 6.2: Develop at least one new item of outreach material yearly to promote conservation awareness.

During the Woonsocket Water Festival (held annually over the Fourth of July holiday), Sanborn Conservation District will provide a booth education about water, provide native plants for the public, trees and outreach materials.

- Each year the City of Woonsocket hosts a festival around the lake with an attendance of over 200 people. This will be a great opportunity to provide education and outreach about soil and water conservation. Financial assistance from this grant and the Conservation District the goal is to purchase Expo Rainfall Stimulators to show the community how they can benefit from planting cover crops, native grasses and plants. The Enviroscapes Watershed/Nonpoint Source Model will be set up to show how water runoff effects the streams and lakes. This model will benefit both kids and adults. Throughout the Water Festival the Conservation District booth will be holding demonstrations with these models. The booth will also have material handouts, native plant seed packets and promotional items like pens, stickers, stress flowers/trees and key chains all with the Conservation District logo on them.
- The benefit is the community to show why good conservation practices must be performed. It will provide an insight into how to protect the watershed and how they do the right practices to preserve the Woonsocket Lake so it can be enjoyed by next generations.

This goal matches with Coordinated Plan of Natural Resources Conservation Goal 2: Water Resources and Objective 2.4: Establish and maintain practices that protect source water quality.

Provide conservation education to community schools.

Sanborn County has two schools and one colony: Sanborn Central School, Woonsocket School and the Upland Colony. Sanborn had not engaged with the youth about conservations. The goal is providing education to each grade level through an educational activity.

- 1st Grade: Water Cycle: Students will learn about the water cycle and will make 'water cycle bracelets' to remind them of water quality and quantity.
- 2nd Grade: Plants & Pollinators: "Bee Smelly" students will learn about native plants, given seed packets to plant and learn how SD pollinators pollinate plants.
- 3rd Grade: Soil: "The Soil Quilt" by Amanda Radke will be read to the class and then kids will make their own 'soil quilt.'
- 4th Grade: Watershed: The conservation district, with financial assistance of this grant, will promote water quality and purchase the Enviroscapes Watershed/Nonpoint Source Model to demonstrate how storm water runoff carries pollutants through the watershed to a pond, lake, river, bay, or ocean – and the best management practices to prevent this type of pollution from occurring.
- 5th Grade: Arbor Day Poster Contest & Black Hills Spruce Giveaway: Students will be given trees to plant and will learn planting techniques and how planting trees help improve air quality. While planting their trees, they will gain inspiration from partaking in a conservation practice for the Arbor Day Poster Contest.
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This will cover the objectives in the Coordinated Plan of Natural Resources Conservation Goal 6: Increase South Dakota citizens awareness and understanding of the benefits of natural resources management in urban and rural areas.

Public Awareness Project Beneficiaries

- Sanborn Co Producers & Non-Operating Producers
- Sanborn Co Urban Community
- Sanborn Youth

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Final Products

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State Conservation Commission			Nov-26

Conservation District	Sanborn	Project Name:	Shelterbelt Program
Start Date	01/01/2027	End Date	12/31/2028

		Other funds:	Cash	In-kind
Total Project Amount:	$ 20,000.00	Total:	$ -	$ -
Commisson Funds:	$ 10,000.00	RC&F:		
District Funds:		DANR:		
Landowner Cash:	$ 10,000.00	GF&P:		
Local In-kind:		USFWS:		
Other Funds:		NRCS:		
		OTHER:		

Description of Grant Application:

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If selected for funding, RC&F suggests that:

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- The district provide timesheets or other documentation to demonstrate the actual time spent on salary/administration of the grant.
- Final report must be submitted before final reimbursement will be processed. This report must be submitted no more than 30 days after the end of the grant.

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Project Information

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Start Date: 01/01/2027 End Date: 12/31/2028
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Section: _____ Qtr: _____

Type of Grant

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Total Project Costs	$20,000.00

This total must equal $20,000.00

B. Activity Budget

	Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
1.	Shelterbelt Installation	9,000.00	9,000.00			$18,000.00
2.	Site Prep	500.00	500.00			$1,000.00
3.	Administration	500.00	500.00			$1,000.00
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1.	Conservation Commission	10,000.00		$10,000.00
2.	Producers	10,000.00		$10,000.00
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2026 Conservation Commission Grant Proposal

Sanborn Conservation District

Shelterbelt Grant

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Primary Beneficiaries & Location

This project is designed to provide financial assistance to landowners to plant trees on sites not eligible for other cost-share programs. Cost share will be provided to Sanborn County producers and land administered in Sanborn County to plant trees, install fabric and add new seedlings to existing aging shelterbelts.

SCCD Shelterbelt Project will install practices within the boundaries of Sanborn County.

Producers and landowners will benefit by reducing soil erosion and providing protection to crops, livestock and homesteads. These shelterbelts keep winter winds at bay, protection from deep snow piles, as well as how summer winds and soil erosion. Wildlife benefits from being provided more habitat to be protected in the summer and winter. Economically, shelterbelts reduce farmstead/feedlot energy costs, improve livestock health and improve value of land.

Implementation, Maintainence & Follow UP

The Sanborn Conservation District will be responsible for the implementation of this project but will coordinate closely with all producers, NRCS, South Dakota Dept. of AG and Agroforester. Maintenance of the project will be monitored by Sanborn Conservation District and provided by either SCCD or the producer. An application will be required by those applying for cost-share. It will include the requirements the cooperator will follow for receiving the cost-share and the long-term requirement, which will include protecting the plantings from destruction and controlling noxious weeds. The cooperator will also permit access to the site by District personnel for periodic inspections. The planting plans will be reviewed and approved prior to approval for cost-share by the Agroforester. The SCCD Board will review all the applications submitted for cost-share and will determine those eligible or ineligible.

Soils, data, proper site preparation principals and prior chemical use will be monitored carefully to ensure that the tree planting is successful, and the newly established plants have the best possible chance to survive. Cultural resource data and utility line location will also be part of the project to help protect the producers' project from harming others. Plans will be designed to provide the maximum benefit for the producer, the type of livestock, wildlife and erosion needs in each specific area.

Goals Met from SD Coordinated Plan of Natural Resource Conservation

The shelterbelts and windbreaks planned are needed to conserve the counties' natural resources. Shelterbelts and windbreaks are important conservation practices used to protect and conserve our soil by reducing wind and water erosion. Wind erosion will be reduced because plantings will slow down wind speeds, therefore minimizing wind effects. Water erosion will be reduced by tree plantings because the trees and shrub roots help hold the soil together. (Goal 3.5) It will benefit the landowner's livestock by providing shade and shelter.

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Further, it will provide shade along with organic materials found under them that help to hold moisture so that it can be absorbed and used to replenish groundwater levels. Shade will also keep water cooler for fish eggs to have a better chance at hatching. (Goal 2.4)

Partner Justification

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Landowners will provide a balance of costs associated with the tree planting projects. They will also assume the responsibility for all replacement trees and all the tree maintenance costs after trees are planted

Measuring the Success

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State Conservation Commission			Nov-26

Conservation District	Spink	Project Name:	Educational and Promotional
Start Date	01/01/2027	End Date	12/31/2027

		Other funds:	Cash	In-kind
Total Project Amount:	$ 12,000.00	Total:	$ -	$ -
Commisson Funds:	$ 6,000.00	RC&F:		
District Funds:	$ 6,000.00	DANR:		
Landowner Cash:		GF&P:		
Local In-kind:		USFWS:		
Other Funds:		NRCS:		
		OTHER:		

Description of Grant Application:

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If selected for funding, RC&F suggests that:

- The district provide timesheets or other documentation to demonstrate the actual time spent on salary/administration of the grant.
- Project reimbursement will be based on actual bill/receipts submitted for completed work. Cost-share will be based on legitimate costs up to the specified maximum.

DANR:

GF&P:

Other current grants:	Project	Start date		End Date	Original Award	Balance	Extensions
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	

Approved: Denied:

Reason for denial:

SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY DIVISION
523 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501
Phone: 605.773.3623 Fax: 605.773.3481
sdda.sd.gov

GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Applicant Information

Organization: Spink Conservation District Mailing Address: 628 2nd Street West
Telephone: 605-472-0102 City: Redfield State: SD Zip: 57469
Tax Status: Exempt

Project Contact

Project Officer: Ivy Pazour Telephone: 605-472-0102
Fax: _____ Email: ivy.lathampazour@sd.nacdnet.net

Project Information

Project Name: Education and Promotional
Start Date: 01/01/2027 End Date: 12/31/2027
Legal description: County Spink
Township: _____ Range: _____
Section: _____ Qtr: _____

Type of Grant

- (●) Conservation Grant
- ( ) Community Forestry
- ( ) Insect/Disease
- ( ) Invasive Species
- ( ) Forest Stewardship
- ( ) Mountain Pine Beetle
- ( ) Other (specify): _____

Financial Information

Grant funds requested: 6000 Partner contributions (total): 6000 Total project cost: 12000

Please provide a brief, descriptive summary of the project:

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I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, this application is true and correct. I further agree to comply with the provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and regulations issued thereunder relating to nondiscrimination in federally assisted programs.

Applicant Signature _____ Title District Manager Date 9/14/27

A copy of the state required W-9 form must be attached to this application.

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OFFICE USE ONLY

Signature of Reviewer _____ **Title** _____ **Date** _____

Signature of Approval _____ **Title** _____ **Date** _____

BUDGET SHEET

The total for each of these three sections should equal the “Total Project Cost” on page 1.

A. Operating Budget

1. Salary/Benefits	3000.00
2. Travel	300.00
3. Contractual Services	4500.00
4. Supplies	4200.00
5. Equipment (list major equipment)	
6. Consultation Services	
Total Project Costs	12000

This total must equal 12000

B. Activity Budget

Activity	Grant Funds	Local Funds	Local In-Kind	Other Funds	Total
1. Salary		3000.00			3000
2. Travel	150.00	150.00			300
3. Contractual Services	3500	1000			4500
4. Supplies	2350.00	1850			4200
5.					0
6.					0
7.					0
8.					0
Totals	6000	6000	0	0	12000

This total must equal 12000

C. Project Partners

Partners	Amount Cash	Amount In-Kind	Total
1. Spink Conservation District	6000.00		6000
2. SDDANR	6000.00		6000
3.			0
4.			0
5.			0
6.			0
7.			0
8.			0
Totals	12000	0	12000

This total must equal 12000

Please send application and attachments to the South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Grant Application

Project Partners- The Spink Conservation District will provide most of the promotional and administration work. We will line up the workshops and bus tours as well as any other work that needs to be done.

The South Dakota Soil Health Coalition does help a little with the bus tour and workshops, but the amount of support varies from year to year.

The local FFA chapters will help handout trees to their schools.

Project Description- The primary beneficiaries of this project will be the attendees of the workshop and bus tour along with Spink County students. With the SDDA's financial contribution, we can spread our mission and knowledge throughout the county, reaching all ages. In the past we have focused on soil health for crop fields, but we are seeing more interest in wildlife planting and home gardening. By offering workshops and bus tours for those groups, we are also getting our name out to a new group of customers. Students that attend the South Dakota Rangeland and Soil days will also benefit from this grant. This is an amazing event and a great learning opportunity for kids of all ages. With us covering the registration fees for all Spink County students, this helps the parents, FFA chapters, and 4-H groups focus their money on gas and lodging. We have all Spink County FFA chapters interested in handing out seedling trees to all their elementary students. We split the cost of the trees with the FFA chapters to keep their cost low and to help encourage them to keep doing this project.

Most of this project will be in Spink County. Anyone from any county will be able to attend the workshops and bus tour. By opening these to anyone these events will help promote and educate more people on soil health and the options to implement new conservation practices in their operation. These events will be a success depending on the speakers we can get and the crowd that will attend. With this grant we will be able to promote these events in newspapers and radio.

SPINK CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Minutes of the Meeting
September 11th, 2026

Board Members Present: Doug Braun, Keith Lambert, Kristie Binger, Jamie Johnson, Lindsey Haskell, Tony Lyren, Don Masat
District Employees: Dennis Clemens, Ivy Pazour, Brad Englund

The Spink Conservation District Board was presented the proposed 2027 Educational and Promotional Grant via email. Discussion was held. The board was in favor of submitting the grant. With no objections, Ivy will proceed with the grant and get it sent to the Conservation Commission.

Reported By: Ivy

SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS, CONSERVATION DISTRICT REVOLVING LOAN FUND
Scheduled Payments for Fiscal Year 2027
(July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027)

Accumulated Interest Since 1965	$ 252,224.64
Accumulated Interest from HB1210 (2022)	$ 169,335.70
Accumulated Loans Since 1965	$ 4,085,507.20

RCF Loan #	AG-DEV Loan #	Date of Loan	Conservation District	Loan Purpose	Amount of Original Loan	Amount of Loan with Interest	Payment Due this FY	Month Due / Paid = Next Pmnt Date	Month Paid	Period Principal Paid	Period Interest Paid	Total Paid	Extra Paid	Principal Balance	Beginning FY27 Total Principal Due	Total Interest Paid Balance	Beginning FY27 Total Interest Paid	Total Current Outstanding
New Loans This Fiscal Year																		
Total					$ -													
Pending Loan Applications																		
Total					$ -													
Loans Closed This Fiscal Year						Fully Paid Amount												
1090		11/10/2021	Grant	Vehicle Purchase	$ 45,000.00	$ 48,394.09	**$ 8,306.50**	09/01/2026	08/19/2026	$ 8,064.56	$ 241.94	$ 8,306.50	$ -	$ -	$ 8,064.56	$ 3,394.09	$ 3,152.15	$ -
1128		04/30/2026	Codington	Tree Planting	$ 60,000.00	$ 60,375.00	**$ 60,375.00**	10/01/2026	*08/17/2026*	$ 60,000.00	$ 375.00	$ 60,375.00	$ -	$ -	$ 60,000.00	$ 375.00	$ -	$ -
Total					$ 105,000.00	$ 108,769.09	$ 68,681.50			$ 68,064.56	$ 616.94	*$ 68,681.50*						
Loans Refinanced					$ -	$ -				$ -	$ -	$ -						
Total																		

Current Loan Portfolio

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1092		01/01/2023	Beadle	Vehicle Purchase	$ 22,909.89	$ 24,881.32	**$ 5,002.48**	11/01/2027	10/28/2026	$ 4,719.02	$ 283.46	$ 5,002.48	$ -	$ 4,729.52	$ 9,448.54	$ 1,829.55	$ 1,546.09	$ 4,871.40
1093		01/01/2023	Codington	Vehicle Purchase Refi	$ 27,950.00	$ 30,355.14	**$ 6,103.01**	11/01/2027	*08/19/2026*	$ 5,757.19	$ 345.82	$ 6,103.01	$ -	$ 5,770.00	$ 11,527.19	$ 2,232.04	$ 1,886.22	$ 5,943.10
1094		01/01/2023	Codington	Compressor Cooler	$ 18,000.00	$ 19,548.93	**$ 3,930.38**	11/01/2027	*08/19/2026*	$ 3,707.67	$ 222.71	$ 3,930.38	$ -	$ 3,715.93	$ 7,423.60	$ 1,437.45	$ 1,214.74	$ 3,827.41
1095		01/01/2023	Brule-Buffalo	Spray Drone	$ 45,000.00	$ 48,872.32	**$ 9,825.96**	11/01/2027	09/30/2026	$ 9,269.19	$ 556.77	$ 9,825.96	$ -	$ 9,289.78	$ 18,558.97	$ 3,593.63	$ 3,036.86	$ 9,568.48
1097		01/01/2023	Davison	Vehicle Purchase	$ 50,000.00	$ 54,302.57	**$ 10,917.73**	11/01/2027	10/08/2026	$ 10,299.10	$ 618.63	$ 10,917.73	$ -	$ 10,321.99	$ 20,621.09	$ 3,992.91	$ 3,374.28	$ 10,631.65
1098		01/01/2023	Gregory	Fabric Machine	$ 16,500.00	$ 17,919.85	**$ 3,602.85**	11/01/2027	10/09/2026	$ 3,398.70	$ 204.15	$ 3,602.85	$ -	$ 3,406.27	$ 6,804.97	$ 1,317.67	$ 1,113.52	$ 3,508.45
1099		04/01/2023	Minnehaha	Tractor	$ 55,692.00	$ 59,627.73	**$ 12,160.60**	09/01/2027	09/02/2026	$ 11,495.77	$ 664.83	$ 12,160.60	$ -	$ 10,665.37	$ 22,161.14	$ 3,615.77	$ 2,950.94	$ 10,985.32
1100		04/01/2023	Perkins	No-Till Drill	$ 59,565.00	$ 63,310.80	**$ 13,006.29**	09/01/2027	08/18/2026	$ 12,449.72	$ 556.57	$ 13,006.29	$ -	$ 6,102.56	$ 18,552.28	$ 3,562.72	$ 3,006.15	$ 6,285.64
1101		03/01/2023	Spink	Tractor	$ 180,000.00	$ 192,956.88	**$ 39,303.82**	09/01/2027	08/06/2026	$ 37,148.35	$ 2,155.47	$ 39,303.82	$ -	$ 34,700.58	$ 71,848.93	$ 11,915.87	$ 9,760.40	$ 35,741.60
1102		03/01/2023	Turner	No-Till Drill	$ 30,000.00	$ 32,159.48	**$ 6,550.64**	09/01/2027	08/31/2026	$ 6,191.40	$ 359.24	$ 6,550.64	$ -	$ 5,783.41	$ 11,974.81	$ 1,985.98	$ 1,626.74	$ 5,956.92
1103		07/13/2023	Lincoln	Vehicle Purchase	$ 14,508.00	$ 15,614.92	**$ 3,167.89**	04/01/2027		$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 5,850.02	$ 5,850.02	$ 845.70	$ 845.70	$ 6,111.24
1105		07/13/2023	Day	Vehicle Purchase	$ 44,500.00	$ 47,895.22	**$ 9,716.78**	04/01/2027		$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 17,943.62	$ 17,943.62	$ 2,593.96	$ 2,593.96	$ 18,744.88
1107		03/01/2024	Hughes	Mulch Machine	$ 17,000.00	$ 18,271.53	**$ 3,712.03**	10/01/2027	*09/16/2026*	$ 3,404.97	$ 307.07	$ 3,712.04	$ -	$ 6,830.80	$ 10,235.77	$ 966.90	$ 659.83	$ 7,135.42

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1108		03/01/2024	Codington	Mower	$ 24,494.00	$ 26,326.06	**$ 5,348.38**	10/01/2027	*08/19/2026*	$ 4,905.94	$ 442.44	$ 5,348.38	$ -	$ 9,842.00	$ 14,747.94	$ 1,393.14	$ 950.70	$ 10,280.92
1109		03/01/2024	Moody	Mulch Machine	$ 17,200.00	$ 18,486.51	**$ 3,755.70**	10/01/2027	*09/28/2026*	$ 3,445.01	$ 310.69	$ 3,755.70	$ -	$ 6,911.18	$ 10,356.19	$ 978.29	$ 667.60	$ 7,219.41
1111		03/01/2024	Charles Mix	Skid Steer Refi	$ 150,000.00	$ 161,219.46	**$ 32,753.19**	10/01/2027	*09/08/2026*	$ 30,043.72	$ 2,709.47	$ 32,753.19	$ -	$ 60,271.93	$ 90,315.65	$ 8,531.50	$ 5,822.03	$ 62,959.89
1112		03/01/2024	Charles Mix	Vehicle Purchase Refi	$ 33,000.00	$ 35,468.28	**$ 7,205.70**	10/01/2027	*09/08/2026*	$ 6,609.62	$ 596.08	$ 7,205.70	$ -	$ 13,259.83	$ 19,869.45	$ 1,876.93	$ 1,280.85	$ 13,851.18
1113		05/01/2024	Deuel	Drill Repairs	$ 20,000.00	$ 21,721.02	**$ 4,367.09**	04/01/2027		$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 12,248.09	$ 12,248.09	$ 982.27	$ 982.27	$ 12,986.84
1114		07/17/2024	Hand	2024 Ford F350	$ 65,000.00	$ 70,038.57	**$ 14,193.05**	04/01/2027		$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 39,298.58	$ 39,298.58	$ 2,684.68	$ 2,684.68	$ 41,652.47
1116		01/15/2025	Spink	John Deere Tractor	$ 171,000.00	$ 184,271.36	**$ 37,338.63**	10/01/2027	*08/06/2026*	$ 33,239.44	$ 4,099.19	$ 37,338.63	$ -	$ 103,400.18	$ 136,639.62	$ 7,077.44	$ 2,978.25	$ 109,594.10
1117		01/15/2025	Butte	No Till Drill	$ 33,000.00	$ 35,561.13	**$ 7,205.70**	10/01/2027	*09/08/2026*	$ 6,414.63	$ 791.07	$ 7,205.70	$ -	$ 19,954.42	$ 26,369.05	$ 1,365.82	$ 574.75	$ 21,149.73
1118		01/15/2025	Grant	Tree Storage Repairs	$ 16,500.00	$ 17,780.58	**$ 3,602.85**	10/01/2027	*10/07/2026*	$ 3,207.31	$ 395.54	$ 3,602.85	$ -	$ 9,977.22	$ 13,184.53	$ 682.92	$ 287.38	$ 10,574.87
1119		01/15/2025	Davison	Vehicle Purchase	$ 50,000.00	$ 53,880.51	**$ 10,917.73**	10/01/2027	*09/08/2026*	$ 9,719.14	$ 1,198.59	$ 10,917.73	$ -	$ 30,233.96	$ 39,953.10	$ 2,069.42	$ 870.83	$ 32,045.05
1120		01/15/2025	Jones	Grass Drill	$ 27,100.00	$ 29,203.23	**$ 5,917.41**	10/01/2027	*09/21/2026*	$ 10,535.54	$ 649.64	$ 11,185.18	$ 5,267.77	$ 11,119.04	$ 21,654.58	$ 1,121.63	$ 471.99	$ 12,100.64
1121		07/24/2025	Clark	Vehicle Purchase	$ 30,000.00	$ 31,260.76	**$ 10,605.91**	04/01/2027		$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 19,769.09	$ 19,769.09	$ 375.00	$ 375.00	$ 20,654.85
1122		07/24/2025	Roberts	Tractor Refinance	$ 80,000.00	$ 85,766.11	**$ 17,468.37**	04/01/2027		$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 63,531.63	$ 63,531.63	$ 1,000.00	$ 1,000.00	$ 68,297.74
1123		07/24/2025	Brule Buffalo	Skid Steer Purchase	$ 65,000.00	$ 69,684.97	**$ 14,193.05**	04/01/2027		$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 51,619.45	$ 51,619.45	$ 812.50	$ 812.50	$ 55,491.92
1124		07/24/2025	Minnehaha	Drill Refinance	$ 40,000.00	$ 43,040.62	**$ 8,734.18**	04/01/2027		$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 31,905.82	$ 31,905.82	$ 640.00	$ 640.00	$ 34,306.44
1125		09/22/2025	Minnehaha	Bobcat Purchase	$ 36,400.00	$ 39,194.28	**$ 7,948.11**	06/01/2027		$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 29,058.56	$ 29,058.56	$ 606.67	$ 606.67	$ 31,246.17
1126		03/01/2026	Butte	No-Till Drill	$ 8,400.00	$ 9,051.93	**$ 1,834.18**	10/01/2027	09/08/2026	$ 1,687.88	$ 146.30	$ 1,834.18	$ -	$ 6,712.12	$ 8,400.00	$ 146.30	$ -	$ 7,217.75
1127		04/01/2026	Dewey	Refinance #1106	$ 60,347.77	$ 66,389.82	**$ 13,177.21**	07/01/2027		$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 60,347.77	$ 60,347.77	$ -	$ -	$ 66,389.82
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COLUMN TOTALS					**$ 1,614,066.66**	**$ 1,732,830.98**	**$ 402,248.40**			**$ 285,713.87**	**$ 18,230.67**	**$ 303,944.54**	**$ 5,267.77**	**$ 704,570.72**	**$ 990,284.59**	**$ 76,003.75**	**$ 57,773.08**	**$ 747,331.30**

NEW LOANS THIS FISCAL YEAR	**$ -**
PAYMENTS DUE REMAINDER OF YEAR	**$ 98,303.86**
CURRENT CASH BALANCE	**$ 2,929,802.38**
AVAILABLE CASH BALANCE	**$ 2,929,802.38**
PENDING LOANS	**$ -**
BALANCE - NEW LOANS AWARDED	**$ 2,929,802.38**

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Lawrence Conservation District
1230 North Avenue, Suite 8
Spearfish SD 57783-1572
605-642-3590 lawrencecd@sdconservation.net

October 7, 2026

Re: District Name Change

Conservation Commission:

The Lawrence County Conservation District is requesting a name change to the district by way of removing 'County' from the name. Lawrence County Conservation District would become Lawrence Conservation District, located at 1230 North Avenue Ste. 8, Spearfish, SD 57783.

It has come to our attention that the district name has not been used consistently with the agencies and business we work with and to make changes with some of these agencies and businesses we must send a Certificate of Good Standing from the Secretary of State. Our information is currently recorded inaccurately, name-wise and location, considering our current name change request.

The process of making these changes must start with the Conservation Commission approving the name change, then we are able to update with the Secretary of State and obtain the appropriate Certificate of Good Standing documentation to conduct business.

In reviewing past records, in 1996 all districts across the state were asked to decide whether to use 'County' in the name, assuming it created some confusion with county governments and still does. It appears that Lawrence opted to leave 'County' in the name but did not make that distinction consistently, when setting up accounts with agencies such as the IRS and sam.gov, 'County' was not used.

Thank you for your time in considering this request.

Sincerely,

Karl Jensen, Chairman

Eric Hanson, V Chairman

Charles Edwards, Supervisor

South Dakota Conservation District Employees

Josh Wagner, President
Yvette Kirkman, Vice-President
Tami Moore, Secretary/Treasurer

October 1, 2026

TO: South Dakota Conservation Commission

RE: 2027 Conservation Commission Docket Recommendations

Based on input from the SDACDE Area Directors and Officers we would like to recommend the following for the 2027 Conservation Commission Approved Practices Docket.

Shelterbelt Renovation:	Dead Tree Removal - $7,000 / acre This has been $6,100 since 2010. Cost-share is 40%.
Grazing Management:	Plastic above ground - $2.50 / ln ft This has been $1.80 since 2014. CRP rate is $3.38/ln ft PVC 1½" to 2" below ground - $3.75 for both sizes This has been $3.10/$3.60 since 2013. CRP rate is $4.03/ln ft Rural Water Hookup - $5,000 This has been $3,500 since 2018. CRP rate is $5,275
Soil Health:	Cover Crop (inc seedbed prep & operation) - $35/acre This was raised to $30 in 2025, in 2018 it was $45/acre

With the increased price in fuel and equipment costs, we feel these increases are justified.

Thank you for your consideration of these possible changes to the Approved Practices Docket.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

South Dakota Conservation District Employees
Josh Wagner, President *Yvette Kirkman, Vice-President*
Tami Moore, Secretary/Treasurer
Area Directors:
Dawn Schulte, South James/Missouri *Valerie Feddersen, Prairie*
Bonnie Schmidt, North-West *Meshele Townsend, North Missouri*
Mike Baldwin, Hills *Jean Fagerland, Coteau*
John Parker, Vermillion/Big Sioux

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Dear South Dakota Conservation Commission Board,

Gregory County is requesting that in Grazing Management HDPE pipeline be increased to $4.00 per foot, PVC 1 ¼ price to $3.50 and finally a Standard tank installation w/base to $2 per gallon. By doing this it will get the Cost-share percent closer to 50% since the prices of labor and fuel have went up.

Thank You!

Finn Hanson – Gregory County's Conservation District Manager