

State Conservation Commission

Monday, September 21, 2026

8:00 AM Central Time

Arrowwood Cedar Shores

1500 Shoreline Drive

Oacoma, SD

605.773.3623

This meeting will be held in-person in Oacoma at the above address and by conference call. To access the meeting via telephone, please call +1 605-679-7263, then use the conference code 284288316 followed by #. We ask that participants mute their phones when they are not speaking.

• <u>Conflict of Interest Disclosures</u>	Commission
• Introductions	
• Approval of April Minutes • Corrections/Approval of Past and Upcoming Travel • Request for New Business to be Placed on the Agenda • Correspondence	RCF/Chair
• Revolving Loan Report/Emergency Revolving Loan Applications	Jordan Turgeon
• Grant Program/Updates/Changes Extensions/Final Reports/Amendments • Grant Status Reports	Alex Roeber
• Annual Review of the State's Open Meeting Laws as per SB 74A and HB 1059B (as passed by the 2025 South Dakota Legislature) • Commission Member Reports	Commission
• 2027 Cost-share Docket (put out the request for comments to districts and partners)	Jordan Turgeon
• Division Report (if time permits)	Jordan Turgeon
• Advisory Board Member Reports: (SD School & Public Lands, SD Game Fish & Parks, NRCS, SDSU Extension Service, SDSU Experiment Station) **Other Partners	Advisory Board Members
• <u>Open Forum and Public Comments</u>	All
• New Business • Location & Date of the November Meeting (Grant Round) • Ending Remarks & Adjourn	Chair

Additional Instructions:

Advisory Board and other partners wishing to submit a written report are requested to do so by September 8, 2026. Written reports should be emailed to Jordan.Turgeon@state.sd.us. **All grant amendments or emergency loan applications needed to be received by September 1 for consideration at this meeting.

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 (not including the day of the public hearing as per SDCL 1-26-4.6. All commenters are required to state their name and address (city) BEFORE being allowed to speak.

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State Conservation Commission
April 30, 2026
Matthews Training Center
523 East Capitol Ave, Pierre

Call to Order: Chairman Doug Hansen called the meeting to order at 12:02 PM CST.

Roll Call of Members Present: Tom Glover, Gene Williams, Charlie Moe, Dean Odden, Duane Schneider, Greg Josten, Jason Preble and Doug Hansen. Bruce Haines joined the meeting after January minutes were approved.

Absent: None.

Others Present: Bill Smith (DANR), Alex Roeber (DANR), Jordan Turgeon (DANR), Paul Lorenzen (DANR), April Reiter (DANR), Angela Ehlers (SDACD), Katie Schultz (Haakon Conservation District), MaryBeth Fravel (Stanley County), Colette Kessler (NRCS), and Mike Larson (NRCS).

Others present via Teams: Angie Jones (Dewey Conservation District), Mike Baldwin (Custer Conservation District), Cory Zirbel (Prairie Coteau Protection Project), Kyle Reeves (Clark County Conservation District), Paula Holley (Jackson Conservation District), Deanna Kunkel (Codington Conservation District), Rachell Fletcher (Hyde County Conservation District), and Dave Bartlett (DANR).

Conflict of Interest Disclosure: Dean Odden will abstain from voting for the Hand County Conservation District grant application.

Approval of January 29, 2026, Minutes: A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to approve January 29, 2026, minutes as submitted. Roll call vote: Tom Glover-aye, Bruce Haines-absent, 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: None.

Correspondence: None.

Upcoming Travel: Bill Smith provided an overview involving upcoming travel and meetings. Jason and Greg will attend the Hills Area meeting. Gene will attend rangeland days. Gene will attend the Northwest Area meeting. Charlie and Tom will attend the Prairie Area meeting. Dean will attend the North Missouri Area meeting. Bruce and Tom will attend the South James-Missouri Area meeting. Duane and Doug will attend the Coteau Area meeting. It has yet to be determined who will attend the Vermillion Big Sioux Area meeting.

Request for New Business to be Placed on the Agenda: None.

Correspondence: None.

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

Emergency Revolving Loan Application Review and Action: A motion was made by Gene Williams and seconded to approve Codington's request for \$60,000 for tree planting expenses. 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 Duane Schneider and seconded to approve Dewey's request to refinance loan balance of \$63,959 on loan #1106. 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.**

Grant Program Updates: Alex Roeber provided the commission with a status report on the commission grant program.

Grant Extensions/Amendments: A motion was made by Gene Williams and seconded to approve Clark County's request to use the 2026 Docket for their 2025-CSW-25 Shelterbelt Project and 2025-CSW-009 Tree Planting grant. Roll call vote: Tom Glover-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Gene Williams-aye, Charlie Moe-nay, Dean Odden-aye, Duane Schneider-aye, Greg Josten-aye, Jason Preble-aye, and Doug Hansen-aye. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Duane Schneider and seconded to approve Day County's request for a 6-month extension of their Prairie Coteau Project. 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-abstained. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Duane Schneider and seconded to approve McPherson County's request to use 2026 Docket for their Missouri Shelterbelt Renovation Shelterbelt Project. Roll call vote: Tom Glover-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Gene Williams-aye, Charlie Moe-nay, Dean Odden-aye, Duane Schneider-aye, Greg Josten-aye, Jason Preble-aye, and Doug Hansen-aye. **Motion carried.**

Grant Reversions: A motion was made by Bruce Haines and seconded to revert \$41,633.01 to be available for grants approved in the spring grant round. 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.**

Spring Grant Round Review: There were a total of fifteen grant applications received for the Spring Grant Round. The below reflects the alphabetical order of the grants as submitted by conservation districts rather than in chronological order in which they were acted upon.

A motion was made by Gene Williams and seconded to approve the Custer Conservation District's Thinning for a Resilient Forest Health grant application in the amount of \$35,000.00. 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 Charlie Moe and seconded to deny the Davison Conservation District's Micro irrigation application. Reason for denial is they already have a micro irrigation grant and Davison requested that their grant application be withdrawn. 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.**

A motion was made by Bruce Haines and seconded to approve the Day Conservation District's grant application for their Prairie Coteau Watershed Project in the amount of \$55,000.00. Roll call vote: Tom Glover-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Gene Williams-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Duane Schneider-abstained, Greg Josten-aye, Jason Preble-aye, and Doug Hansen abstained. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Gene Williams and seconded to approve the Dewey Conservation District's Wind & Water Mixed-Use grant application in the amount of \$35,000.00. 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 Bruce Haines and seconded to approve the Edmunds Conservation District's Conservation Education grant application in the amount of \$1,500.00 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 Duane Schneider and seconded to approve the Haakon Conservation District's Tree Planting grant application in the amount of \$35,000.00. 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 Bruce Haines and seconded to approve the Hand County Conservation District's Shelterbelt grant application in the amount of \$30,000.00. Roll call vote: Tom Glover-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Gene Williams-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dean Odden-abstained, Duane Schneider-aye, Greg Josten-aye, Jason Preble-aye, and Doug Hansen-aye. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Greg Josten and seconded to approve the Hutchinson Conservation District's Awareness, Education, & Outreach grant application in the amount of \$3,000.00. 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 Tom Glover and seconded to approve the Hyde/Faulk Enhancement Phase 4 grant application in the amount of \$32,000.00. 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 Bruce Haines and seconded to approve the Jackson Conservation District's Dam Repair and Cleanout grant application in the amount of \$10,000. Roll call vote: Tom Glover-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Gene Williams-abstained, 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 Charlie Moe and seconded to approve the Jackson Conservation District's Conservation Education & Awareness grant application in the amount of \$2,100.00. Roll call vote: Tom Glover-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Gene Williams-abstained, 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 Bruce Haines and seconded to approve the Lincoln Conservation District's Conservation Windbreak Renovation Summer 2026 grant application in the amount of \$10,000.00 and require all landowners to have an agreement with the Lincoln Conservation District to replant all shelter belts which are renovated. Roll call vote: Tom Glover-nay, Bruce Haines-aye, Gene Williams-aye Charlie Moe-aye, Dean Odden-nay, Duane Schneider-aye, Greg Josten-nay, Jason Preble-aye, and Doug Hansen-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Gene Williams and seconded to approve the Mellette Conservation District's 2026 MC Multi-Practice grant application for \$40,000.00. Motion and second of the original motion were withdrawn. A motion was made by Bruce Haines and seconded to approve the Mellette Conservation District's request for \$50,000. Roll call vote: Tom Glover-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Gene Williams-aye, Charlie Moe-abstained, Dean Odden-aye, Duane Schneider-aye, Greg Josten-aye, Jason Preble-aye, and Doug Hansen-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to approve the Roberts Conservation District's Conservation Education grant application in the amount of \$8,000.00. Roll call vote: Tom Glover-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Gene Williams-aye, Charlie Moe -aye, Dean Odden-aye, Duane Schneider-abstained, Greg Josten-aye, Jason Preble-aye, and Doug Hansen-aye. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Gene Williams and seconded to approve the Stanley County Conservation District's Shelterbelt grant application for \$25,000.00. 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.**

Natural Resources Conservation Award Review and Selections: A motion was made by Duane Schneider and seconded to approve all Natural Resource Conservation Award nominations received from the Bennett, Custer, Haakon, Kingsbury, and Marshall conservation districts. 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.**

Docket Proposal: A motion was made by Gene Williams and seconded to deny Custer's Conservation Districts 2026 Docket change proposal. 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.**

Commission Feedback from the Locally Led Meetings held in Huron and Philip: Greg Josten attended the Philip meeting and commented that the meeting was well organized. Doug, Dean, and Bruce attended the Huron meeting and agreed with Greg.

Commission Discussion Regarding Preference to Grants Tied to Local Workgroup Priorities: The commission decided to place this on the agenda for a future commission meeting.

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

Commission Member Reports: Jason Preble stated that the district's had good projects and good effort. Charlie Moe noted that the Conservation Speech Contest was great but there were fewer participants than normal.

Advisory Board Members Reports: Angela Ehlers provided the SDACD report. Angela also requested that commission add an agenda item at future meeting to discuss soil erosion and sediment complaints.

Mike Larson provided the NRCS report.

Open Forum and Public Comment: No requests for public comments were received.

Next Meeting location and place: The next commission meeting and time will be determined at a later date and time. The meeting will be where loan applications will be considered.

Ending Remarks: None.

Chairman Hansen declared the meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m. CST.

Upcoming Travel & Meetings

September 2026

- South Dakota Association of Conservation Districts Convention – September 20 – 22 – Cedar Shores ,Oacoma.
- State Conservation Commission Meeting – September 21 – Cedar Shores, Oacoma.

October 2026

- Game, Fish and Parks Commission Meeting – October 8 – 9 – Pierre/Zoom.
- National Conservation Districts Employees Association Meeting – October 20 – 22 – Fargo, ND.
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November 2026

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

- SDACD Board meeting – TBA, Pierre
- Nonpoint Task Force Meeting – TBA – Pierre.
- Game, Fish and Parks Commission Meeting – December 3 – 4 – Pierre/Zoom.
- NRCS State Technical Committee Meeting – TBA – Pierre/Teams.

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New Loans This Fiscal Year						Fully Paid Amount												
Total					\$ -													
Pending Loan Applications																		
Total					\$ -	Fully Paid Amount												
Loans Closed This Fiscal Year																		
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											
Loans Refinanced																		
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1092		01/01/2023	Beadle	Vehicle Purchase	\$ 22,909.89	\$ 24,881.32	\$ 5,002.48	11/01/2026		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,448.54	\$ 9,448.54	\$ 1,546.09	\$ 1,546.09	\$ 9,873.88
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	11/01/2026		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,558.97	\$ 18,558.97	\$ 3,036.86	\$ 3,036.86	\$ 19,394.44
1097		01/01/2023	Davison	Vehicle Purchase	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 54,302.57	\$ 10,917.73	11/01/2026		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,621.09	\$ 20,621.09	\$ 3,374.28	\$ 3,374.28	\$ 21,549.38
1098		01/01/2023	Gregory	Fabric Machine	\$ 16,500.00	\$ 17,919.85	\$ 3,602.85	11/01/2026		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,804.97	\$ 6,804.97	\$ 1,113.52	\$ 1,113.52	\$ 7,111.30
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	10/01/2026		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,235.77	\$ 10,235.77	\$ 659.83	\$ 659.83	\$ 10,847.46
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	10/01/2026		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,356.19	\$ 10,356.19	\$ 667.60	\$ 667.60	\$ 10,975.11
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

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1118		01/15/2025	Grant	Tree Storage Repairs	\$ 16,500.00	\$ 17,780.58	\$ 3,602.85	10/01/2026		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,184.53	\$ 13,184.53	\$ 287.38	\$ 287.38	\$ 14,177.72
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	10/01/2026		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 21,654.58	\$ 21,654.58	\$ 471.99	\$ 471.99	\$ 23,285.82
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			\$ 237,435.03	\$ 14,904.72	\$ 252,339.75	\$ -	\$ 752,849.56	\$ 922,220.03	\$ 68,908.71	\$ 54,620.93	\$ 798,936.09

Payment Pending

NEW LOANS THIS FISCAL YEAR	\$ -	PAYMENTS DUE REMAINDER OF YEAR	\$ 149,908.65
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CURRENT CASH BALANCE	\$ 2,878,197.59
AVAILABLE CASH BALANCE	\$ 2,878,197.59
PENDING LOANS	\$ -
BALANCE - NEW LOANS AWARDED	\$ 2,878,197.59



Bennett County Conservation District
706 W. Bennett Ave., Suite 2
Martin, SD 57551
Phone/Fax (605)685-1243

August 12, 2026

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

State Conservation Commissioners,

The Bennett County Conservation District is requesting an extension of one year for our grant #2026-CSW-004, Bennett/Badlands Tree Plantings 2026. Due to the drought, we were not able to use all of the grant funds in 2026, but we have producers interested in planting in 2027 who have expressed interest in applying under the program. The grant is scheduled to expire December 31, 2026.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kenneth E. Bolzer".

Kenneth Bolzer
Chairman

Yes



Julie Kelly

Mellette and Todd County District

toddcoed@outlook.com

Po Box 286

Mission, SD 57555

mellettecd@sdconservation.net

Po Box I

White River, SD 57579

605-441-7190

From: Turgeon, Jordan <Jordan.Turgeon@state.sd.us>

Sent: Tuesday, September 8, 2026 9:40 AM

To: Todd County Conservation District <toddcoed@outlook.com>

Subject: RE: Docket Changes

Do you want to submit this as a proposal for a docket change?



Jordan Turgeon

Environmental Scientist II

Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources

523 E. Capitol Ave. Pierre SD, 57501

605.773.6718

danr.sd.gov



From: Todd County Conservation District <toddcoed@outlook.com>

Sent: Thursday, September 3, 2026 12:17 PM

To: Roeber, Alex <Alex.Roeber@state.sd.us>; Smith, Bill <Bill.Smith@state.sd.us>; Turgeon, Jordan <Jordan.Turgeon@state.sd.us>

Subject: [EXT] Docket Changes

On a current open grant I have I have fabricated windbreaks. The current docket price is only listed as 16.62 a l.f. So I looked at the NRCS Cost Docket. It's at \$44.81/Ft for Traditional Payment Rate. When I take the 90% HU Rate of \$53.78, it's \$60/Ft. Can we please get this updates to reflex current cost.

Barber Industries Storage Drinker Model SD2300



**Today's best solution for
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What sets Storage Drinkers apart from other water tanks?

Innovation: An integrated portable solution that keeps water accessible, clean, and manageable.

Flexibility: Calves, Bulls, Buffalo, Sheep....Permanent installation or mobile intense rotations... One tank leaves your options open.

When plans, or ownership of the operation change the storage drinker can move with the change rather than lose its effectiveness.

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The Calf Edge!



All calves have several things in common.

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2. They like to drink water.

Unfortunately cows drink first and water tanks are made to hold lots of water for tall thirsty cows.

Conventional tanks do not allow for the the calves to drink when the water is low. The storage drinker provides all of its water at a height that the calf can drink. Having access to clean drinkable water improves the bottom line on your calf crop. Healthier, heavier...profitable calves. Stop and calculate the difference in your calf check, when your calves have been drinking fresh water all summer compared to mud puddles and warm milk.



SD2300 Specifications:

- Total Water Capacity: 2300 Gallons
- Tank Height: 6 ft.
- Tank Diameter: 8 ft.
- Trough Height 13 Inches
- Weight: Approx. 2300 lbs
- Transport width (normal loading) 9 ft. 11 Inches.
- Maximum recommended Cow/Calf Pairs per Drinker: 250 Pairs

Standard Features:

- ¾" adjustable flow float valve.
- 1 ½" trough float valve.
- Integrated trough float cover and bird egress ramp.
- 2" NPT overflow fitting in trough
- Integrated tank to trough overflow holes and clevis lift holes.
- Skidsteer "tool less" attachment plate.
- Flip up removable hydrant/incomer line guard.
- (2) 2" NPT trough and tank drain fittings.
- 1" NPT steel coupling inlet fitting plumbed with customer attachment fitting.

Options:

- Additional incomer trough float (recommended for herds greater than 300 pairs or intermittent water sources.
- High pressure incomer float valve.
- Coal tar epoxy paint.
- Epoxy Paint.
- Summer Lid.
- Winter Insulated Cover.

All Storage Drinker products are serialized and qualify for Lease, and Lease to Own Purchase Plans.



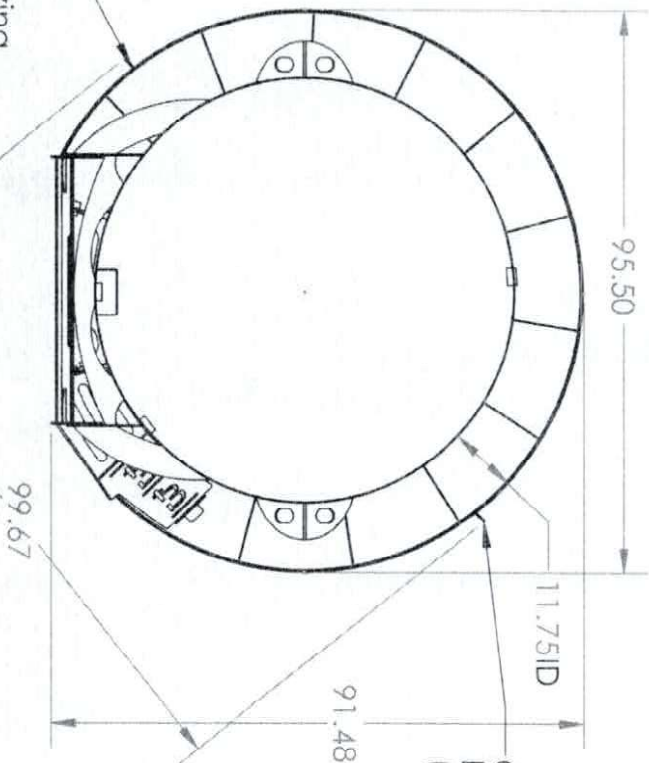
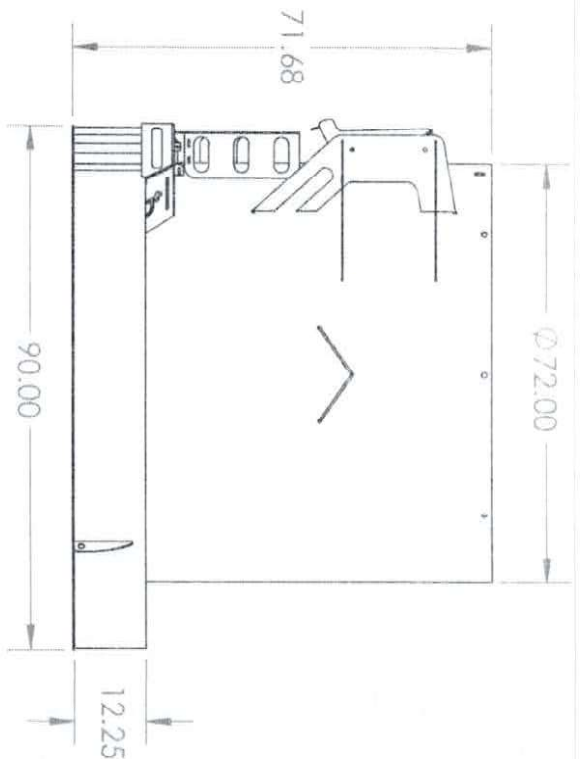
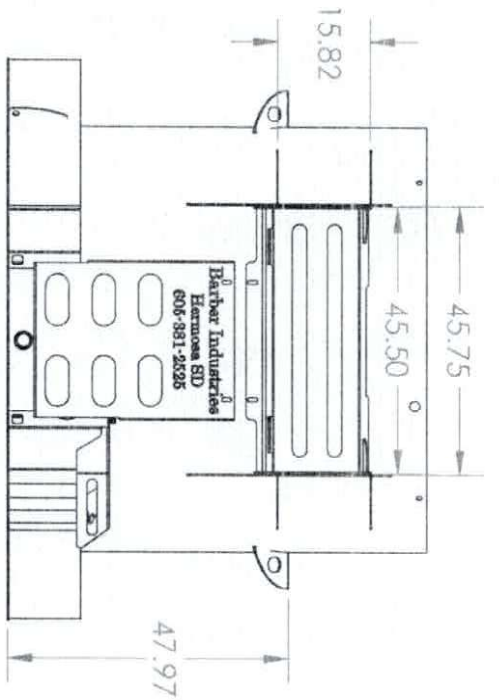
Give us a call or stop by!

**Barber Industries LLC.
15003 Lower Spring Creek Rd
Hermosa SD 57744**

**Shane Barber (Owner)
605-381-2525
Brian Barber (Sales)
605-381-4455**







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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	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!	
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!	
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!	
<u>Grand Total:</u>					\$26,799,618.70	\$110,527,056.60	\$19,690,633.34	\$57,318,831.00	\$2.91	\$5,910,231.21

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

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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	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!	
202608	Charles Mix	Brush Management	01/01/2026	12/31/2027	\$21,875.00	\$43,750.00	\$4,725.00	\$7,425.00	\$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	
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	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!	
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	\$7,629.00	\$7,629.00	\$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	
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	\$9,369.38	\$26,132.42	\$2.79	
202625	Perkins	Perkins County Tree Planting	01/01/2026	12/31/2026	\$3,740.10	\$18,280.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!	
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				\$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	\$35,723.61	\$63,335.60	\$1.77	
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	\$17,255.94	\$22,078.29	\$1.28	
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	
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	\$38,317.32	\$56,899.55	\$1.48	
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	
202533	Spink	Education & Promotion	07/01/2025	06/30/2026	\$6,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!	
202534	Stanley	Stanley County Tree Planting	07/01/2025	06/30/2026	\$26,333.00	\$76,532.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!	
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	

of the reasons therefor and findings of fact on each issue and conclusions of law necessary for the proposed decision. The final decision shall be made by a majority of the commission members, with each member's vote set forth in the written decision. The final decision shall be filed with the attorney general and shall be provided to the public entity and or public officer involved, the state's attorney, and any person that has made a written request for such determinations. If the commission finds a violation of this chapter, the commission shall issue a public reprimand to the offending official or governmental entity. However, no violation found by the commission may be subsequently prosecuted by the state's attorney or the attorney general. All findings and public censures of the commission shall be public records pursuant to § 1-27-1. Sections 1-25-6 to 1-25-9, inclusive, are not subject to the provisions of chapter 1-26.

1-25-8. OMC MEMBERS. The South Dakota Open Meeting Commission is comprised of five state's attorneys or deputy state's attorneys appointed by the attorney general. Each commissioner serves at the pleasure of the attorney general. The members of the commission shall choose a chair of the commission annually by majority vote.

1-25-12. DEFINITIONS. Terms used in the open meetings laws mean:

(1) "Official meeting," any meeting of a quorum of a public body at which official business or public policy of that public body is discussed or decided by the public body, whether in person or by means of teleconference or electronic means, including electronic mail, instant messaging, social media, text message, or virtual meeting platform, provided the term does not include communications solely to schedule a meeting or confirm attendance availability for a future meeting;

(2) "Political subdivision," any association, authority, board, municipality, commission, committee, council, county, school district, task force, town, township, or other local governmental entity, which is created by statute, ordinance, or resolution, and is vested with the authority to exercise any sovereign power derived from state law;

(3) "Public body," any political subdivision or the state;

(4) "State," each agency, board, commission, or department of the State of South Dakota, not including the Legislature; and

(5) "Teleconference," an exchange of information by any audio, video, or electronic medium, including the internet.

1-25-13. ANNUAL REVIEW OF OPEN MEETING LAWS. Any agency, as defined in § 1-26-1, or political subdivision of this state, that is required to provide public notice of its meetings pursuant to § 1-25-1.1 or 1-25-1.3 must annually review the following, during an official meeting of the agency or subdivision:

(1) The explanation of the open meeting laws of this state published by the attorney general, pursuant to § 1-11-1; and

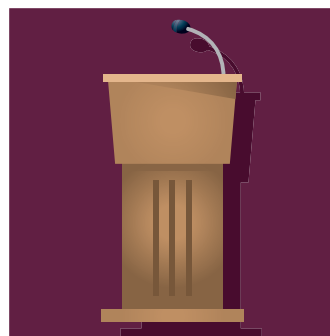
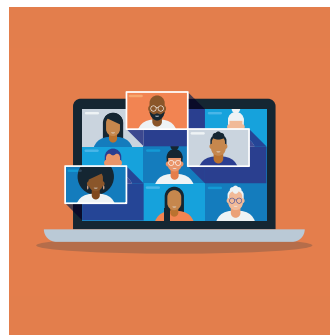
(2) Any other material pertaining to the open meeting laws of this state provided by the attorney general.

The agency or subdivision must include in the minutes of the official meeting an acknowledgement that the review was completed.

1-27-1.16. MEETING PACKETS AND MATERIALS. If a meeting is required to be open to the public pursuant to § 1-25-1 and if any printed material relating to an agenda item of the meeting is prepared or distributed by or at the direction of the governing body or any of its employees and the printed material is distributed before the meeting to all members of the governing body, the material shall either be posted on the governing body's website or made available at the official business office of the governing body at least twenty-four hours prior to the meeting or at the time the material is distributed to the governing body, whichever is later. If the material is not posted to the governing body's website, at least one copy of the printed material shall be available in the meeting room for inspection by any person while the governing body is considering the printed material. However, the provisions of this section do not apply to any printed material or record that is specifically exempt from disclosure under the provisions of this chapter or to any printed material or record regarding the agenda item of an executive or closed meeting held in accordance with § 1-25-2. A violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor. However, the provisions of this section do not apply to printed material, records, or exhibits involving contested case proceedings held in accordance with the provisions of chapter 1-26.

1-27-1.17. DRAFT MINUTES. The unapproved, draft minutes of any public meeting held pursuant to § 1-25-1 that are required to be kept by law shall be available for inspection by any person within ten business days after the meeting. However, this section does not apply if an audio or video recording of the meeting is available to the public on the governing body's website within five business days after the meeting. A violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor. However, the provisions of this section do not apply to draft minutes of contested case proceedings held in accordance with the provisions of chapter 1-26.

1-27-1.18. WORKING GROUP REPORTS. Any final recommendations, findings, or reports that result from a meeting of a committee, subcommittee, task force, or other working group which does not meet the definition of a political subdivision or public body pursuant to § 1-25-1, but was appointed by the governing body, shall be reported in open meeting to the governing body which appointed the committee, subcommittee, task force, or other working group. The governing body shall delay taking any official action on the recommendations, findings, or reports until the next meeting of the governing body.



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Q: WHAT ARE SOUTH DAKOTA'S OPEN MEETINGS LAWS?

A: South Dakota's open meetings laws embody the principle that the public is entitled to the greatest possible information about public affairs and are intended to encourage public participation in government. SDCL Ch. 1-25 requires that official meetings of public bodies must be public and advance notice is to be given of such meetings. The statutes define an "official meeting" as one where a quorum of the public body is present and at which official business or public policy of the body is discussed or decided. **Openness in government is encouraged.**

Q: WHO DOES THE OPEN MEETINGS LAWS APPLY TO?

A: The open meetings laws apply to all public bodies of the state and its political subdivisions. SDCL 1-25-1, 1-25-12(3). This includes cities, counties, school boards and other public bodies created by ordinance or resolution, such as appointed boards, task forces, and committees, so long as they have authority to exercise sovereign power. SDCL 1-25-12(2). Although no court decisions have been issued on the subject, this probably does not include bodies that serve only in an advisory capacity. The State Constitution allows the Legislature and the Unified Judicial System to create rules regarding their own separate functions.

Q: WHAT MUST BE INCLUDED ON THE PROPOSED AGENDA?

A: A proposed agenda, as required by § 1-25-1.1 or 1-25-1.3, must list all items to be considered by a public body during any official meeting. The proposed agenda items must be described in sufficient detail to reasonably inform the public of any official business or public policy intended to be considered at the meeting.

Q: ARE TELECONFERENCES CONSIDERED PUBLIC MEETINGS?

A: Yes. The open meetings laws allow meetings, including executive or closed meetings, to be conducted by teleconference – defined as an exchange of information by audio, video, or electronic means (including the internet) – if a place is provided for the public to participate. SDCL 1-25-1.5, 1-25-12(5). In addition, for teleconferences where less than a quorum of the public body is present at the location open to the public, arrangements must also be made for the public to listen by telephone or internet (except for portions of meetings properly closed for executive sessions). SDCL 1-25-1.6. The media and public must be notified of teleconference meetings under the same notice requirements as any other meeting.

Q: HOW ARE THE PUBLIC AND MEDIA NOTIFIED WHEN PUBLIC BUSINESS IS BEING DISCUSSED?

A: SDCL 1-25-1.1 requires that all political subdivisions (except the state and its boards, commissions, or departments as provided in § 1-25-1.3) prominently post a notice and copy of the proposed agenda at the political subdivision's principal office. At a minimum, the proposed agenda must include the date, time, and location of the meeting and must be visible, readable, and accessible to the public for 24 continuous hours immediately preceding the meeting. Also, if the political subdivision has its own website, the notice must be posted on the website upon dissemination of the notice. For special or rescheduled meetings, political subdivisions must comply with the regular meeting notice requirements as much as circumstances permit. The notice must be delivered in person, by mail, by email, or by telephone to all local news media who have asked to be notified. It is good practice for local media to renew requests for notification of special or rescheduled meetings at least annually.

SDCL 1-25-1.3 varies slightly from SDCL 1-25-1.1 and requires the State and its agencies, boards, commissions, or departments to post a proposed agenda both on <http://boardsandcommissions>.

business or public policy intended to be considered at the meeting. A violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor.

1-25-2. EXECUTIVE SESSION. An executive session or closed meetings may be held only for the purposes of:

(1) Discussing the character, competence, fitness, performance, or qualifications of any current or prospective public officer or employee, not including an independent contractor;

(2) Discussing a student's:

(a) Discipline, expulsion, or suspension;

(b) Assignment or educational program; or

(c) Eligibility to participate in interscholastic activities provided by the South Dakota High School Activities Association;

(3) Consulting with legal counsel, or reviewing communications from legal counsel, about proposed or pending litigation or contractual matters;

(4) Preparing for contract negotiations or negotiating with employees or employee representatives;

(5) Discussing marketing or pricing strategies by a board or commission of a business that is owned by the state or any of its political subdivisions, if public discussion may be harmful to the competitive position of the business; or

(6) Discussing the following information pertaining to the protection of public or private property and any person on or within the property:

(a) Any vulnerability assessment or response plan intended to prevent or mitigate criminal acts;

(b) Emergency management or response;

(c) Public safety information that would create a substantial likelihood of endangering public safety or property, if disclosed;

(d) Communications network schema, computer systems, cyber security plans, passwords, or user identification names;

(e) Guard schedules;

(f) Lock combinations; and

(g) Any blueprint, building plan, or infrastructure record regarding any building or facility, which would expose or create vulnerability through disclosure of the configuration, location, or security of critical systems of the building or facility;

(7) Discussing any emergency or disaster response plans or protocols, safety or security audits or reviews, or lists of emergency or disaster response personnel or material; and

(8) Discussing the location of or listing any:

(a) Ammunition or weapons;

(b) Biological, chemical, or nuclear agents; or

(c) Other military or law enforcement equipment or personnel.

An executive session or closed meeting may be held only upon a majority vote of the members of the public body present and voting at an otherwise open official meeting.

In the absence of a unanimous vote, any vote to

enter executive session must be taken by roll call. A motion to enter executive session must state the applicable subdivision in this section, or any other applicable law, pursuant to which the executive session is to be held. The motion and vote to enter executive session must be reported in the minutes of the proceedings. Discussion during executive session is restricted to the purpose specified in the motion to enter executive session.

Any official action concerning the matters considered pursuant to this section must be taken at an open official meeting.

Nothing in § 1-25-1 or this section prevents an executive session or closed meeting if the federal or state Constitution or any federal or state statute permits or requires the session or meeting. A violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor.

1-25-6. DUTY OF STATE'S ATTORNEY. If a complaint alleging a violation of chapter 1-25 is made pursuant to § 23A-2-1, the state's attorney shall take one of the following actions:

(1) Prosecute the case pursuant to Title 23A;

(2) Determine that there is no merit to prosecuting the case. Upon doing so, the state's attorney shall send a copy of the complaint and any investigation file to the attorney general. The attorney general shall use the information for statistical purposes and may publish abstracts of such information, including the name of the government body involved for purposes of public education; or

(3) Send the complaint and any investigation file to the South Dakota Open Meetings Commission for further action.

1-25-6.1. DUTY OF STATE'S ATTORNEY (COUNTY COMMISSION ISSUES). If a complaint alleges a violation of this chapter by a board of county commissioners, the state's attorney shall take one of the following actions:

(1) Prosecute the case pursuant to Title 23A;

(2) Determine that there is no merit to prosecuting the case. The attorney general shall use the information for statistical purposes and may publish abstracts of the information as provided by § 1-25-6;

(3) Send the complaint and any investigation file to the South Dakota Open Meetings Commission for further action; or

(4) Refer the complaint to another state's attorney or to the attorney general for action pursuant to § 1-25-6.

1-25-7. REFERRAL TO OMC. Upon receiving a referral from a state's attorney or the attorney general, the South Dakota Open Meetings Commission shall examine the complaint and investigatory file submitted by the state's attorney or the attorney general and shall also consider signed written submissions by the persons or entities that are directly involved. Based on the investigatory file submitted by the state's attorney or the attorney general and any written responses, the commission shall issue a written determination on whether the conduct violates this chapter, including a statement

PERTINENT S.D. OPEN MEETINGS STATUTES (other specific provisions may apply depending on the public body involved)

1-25-1. OPEN MEETINGS.

An official meeting of a public body is open to the public unless a specific law is cited by the public body to close the official meeting to the public.

It is not an official meeting of one public body if its members provide information or attend the official meeting of another public body for which the notice requirements of § 1-25-1.1 or 1-25-1.3 have been met. It is not an official meeting of a public body if its members attend a press conference called by a representative of the public body.

For any event hosted by a nongovernmental entity to which a quorum of the public body is invited and public policy may be discussed, but the public body does not control the agenda, the public body may post a public notice of a quorum, in lieu of an agenda. The notice of a quorum must meet the posting requirements of § 1-25-1.1 or 1-25-1.3 and must contain, at a minimum, the date, time, and location of the event.

The public body shall reserve at every official meeting a period for public comment, limited at the public body's discretion as to the time allowed for each topic and the total time allowed for public comment, but not so limited as to provide for no public comment.

Public comment is not required at an official meeting held solely for the purpose of meeting in executive session, an inauguration, presentation of an annual report to the public body, or swearing in of a newly elected official, regardless of whether the activity takes place at the time and place usually reserved for an official meeting.

If a quorum of township supervisors, road district trustees, or trustees for a municipality of the third class meets solely for purposes of implementing previously publicly adopted policy; carrying out ministerial functions of that township, district, or municipality; or undertaking a factual investigation of conditions related to public safety; the meeting is not subject to the provisions of this chapter.

A violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor.

1-25-1.1. PUBLIC NOTICE OF POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS. Each political subdivision shall provide public notice, with proposed agenda, that is visible, readable, and accessible for at least an entire, continuous twenty-four hours immediately preceding any official meeting, by posting a copy of the notice, visible to the public, at the principal office of the political subdivision holding the meeting. The proposed agenda shall include the date, time, and location of the meeting. The notice shall also be posted on the political subdivision's website upon dissemination of the notice, if a website exists. For any special or rescheduled meeting, the information in the notice shall be delivered in person, by mail, by email, or by telephone, to members of the local news media who have requested notice. For any

special or rescheduled meeting, each political subdivision shall also comply with the public notice provisions of this section for a regular meeting to the extent that circumstances permit. A violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor.

1-25-1.3. PUBLIC NOTICE OF STATE. The state shall provide public notice of a meeting, at least seventy-two hours before the meeting is scheduled to start, not including Saturday, Sunday, or any legal holiday, by posting a copy of the proposed agenda:

(1) At the principal office of the board, commission, or department holding the meeting;

(2) That includes the date, time, and location of the meeting;

(3) That is visible, readable, and accessible to the public; and

(4) On a state website, designated by the commissioner of the Bureau of Finance and Management.

For any special or rescheduled meeting, the information in the notice must be delivered in person, or by mail, email, or telephone, to members of the local news media who have requested notice. The state shall also comply with all other requirements of this section, for a special or rescheduled meeting, as circumstances permit. A violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor.

1-25-1.5. TELECONFERENCE MEETING. Any official meeting may be conducted by teleconference. A teleconference may be used to conduct a hearing or take final disposition regarding an administrative rule pursuant to § 1-26-4. A member is deemed present if the member answers present to the roll call conducted by teleconference for the purpose of determining a quorum. Each vote at an official meeting held by teleconference may be taken by voice vote. If any member votes in the negative, the vote shall proceed to a roll call vote.

1-25-1.6. TELECONFERENCE PARTICIPATION. At any official meeting conducted by teleconference, there shall be provided one or more places at which the public may listen to and participate in the teleconference meeting. For any official meeting held by teleconference, that has less than a quorum of the members of the public body participating in the meeting who are present at the location open to the public, arrangements shall be provided for the public to listen to the meeting via telephone or internet. The requirement to provide one or more places for the public to listen to the teleconference does not apply to official meetings closed to the public pursuant to specific law.

1-25-1.7. AGENDA DETAILS ARE REQUIRED. A proposed agenda, as required by § 1-25-1.1 or 1-25-1.3, must list all items to be considered by a public body during any official meeting. The proposed agenda items must be described in sufficient detail to reasonably inform the public of any official

sd.gov and at their principal place of business at least 72 continuous hours before a meeting is scheduled to start (this does not include any weekend or legal holiday).

Q: WHO ARE LOCAL NEWS MEDIA?

A: There is no definition of "local news media" in SDCL ch. 1-25. "News media" is defined in SDCL 13-1-57 generally as those personnel of a newspaper, periodical, news service, radio station, or television station regardless of the medium through which their content is delivered. The Attorney General is of the opinion that "local news media" is all news media – broadcast and print – that regularly carry news to the community.

Q: IS A PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD REQUIRED AT PUBLIC MEETINGS?

A: Yes. Public bodies are required to provide at every official meeting a period of time on their agenda for public comment. SDCL 1-25-1. Each public body has the discretion to limit public comment as to the time allowed for each topic commented on, and as to the total time allowed for public comment. Public comment is not required at meetings held solely for an executive session, inauguration, presentation of an annual report, or swearing in of elected officials.

Q: CAN PUBLIC MEETINGS BE RECORDED?

A: Yes, SDCL 1-25-11 requires public bodies to allow recording (audio or video) of their meetings if the recording is reasonable, obvious, and not disruptive. This requirement does not apply to those portions of a meeting confidential or closed to the public.

Q: WHEN CAN A MEETING BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC AND MEDIA?

A: SDCL 1-25-2 allows a public body to close a meeting for the following purposes: 1) to discuss personnel issues pertaining to officers or employees; 2) consideration of the performance or discipline of a student, or the student's participation in interscholastic activities; 3)

consulting with legal counsel, or reviewing communications from legal counsel about proposed or pending litigation or contractual matters; 4) employee contract negotiations; 5) to discuss marketing or pricing strategies of a publicly-owned competitive business; or 6) to discuss information related to the protection of public or private property such as emergency management response plans or other public safety information. The statute also recognizes that executive session may be appropriate to comport with other laws that require confidentiality or permit executive or closed meetings. Federal law pertaining to students and medical records will also cause school districts and other entities to conduct executive sessions or conduct meetings to refrain from releasing confidential information. Meetings may also be closed by cities and counties for certain economic development matters. SDCL 9-34-19.

Note that SDCL 1-25-2 and SDCL 9-34-19 do not require meetings be closed in any of these circumstances.

Any official action based on discussions in executive session must, however, be made at an open meeting.

Q: WHAT IS THE PROPER PROCEDURE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSIONS?

A: A motion to enter executive session must be made and seconded, followed by a vote. If the motion does not receive a majority vote, a roll call vote is required. Both the motion and the resulting vote must be recorded in the minutes of the proceedings.

Q: WHAT MUST BE STATED IN A MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION?

A: Motions for executive sessions must refer to the specific state or federal law allowing for the executive session i.e. "pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(3)." Also, best practice to avoid public confusion would be that public bodies explain the reason for going into executive session. For example, the motion might state "motion to go into executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) for the purposes of discussing a personnel matter," or "motion to go into executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(3) for

the purposes of consulting with legal counsel."

Discussion in the executive session must be strictly limited to the announced subject. No official votes may be taken on any matter during an executive session. The public body must return to open session before any official action can be taken.

Q: WHAT HAPPENS IF THE MEDIA OR PUBLIC IS IMPROPERLY EXCLUDED FROM A MEETING OR OTHER VIOLATIONS OF THE OPEN MEETING LAWS OCCUR?

A: Excluding the media or public from a meeting that has not been properly closed subjects the public body or the members involved to: (a) prosecution as a Class 2 misdemeanor punishable by a maximum sentence of 30 days in jail, a \$500 fine or both; or (b) a reprimand by the Open Meeting Commission ("OMC"). The same penalties apply if the agenda for the meeting is not properly posted, or other open meeting violations occur.

Also, action taken during any meeting that is not open or has not been properly noticed could, if challenged, be declared null and void.

Q: HOW ARE ISSUES REFERRED TO THE OPEN MEETINGS COMMISSION ("OMC")?

A: Persons alleging violations of the open meetings laws must make their complaints with law enforcement officials in the county where the offense occurred. After a signed and notarized complaint is made under oath, and any necessary investigation is conducted, the State's Attorney may: (a) prosecute the case as a misdemeanor; (b) find that the matter has no merits and file a report with the Attorney General for statistical purposes; or (c) forward the complaint to the OMC for a determination. The OMC is comprised of five State's Attorneys or Deputy State's Attorneys appointed by the Attorney General. The OMC examines whether a violation has occurred and makes written public findings explaining its reasons. If you have questions on the procedures or status of a pending case, you may contact the Attorney General's

Office at 605-773-3215 to talk to an assistant for the OMC. Procedures for the OMC are posted on the website for the Office of Attorney General.
<http://atg.sd.gov/>.

Q: WHAT DOES THE TERM "SOVEREIGN POWER" MEAN?

A: The open meetings laws do not define this term, but it generally means the power to levy taxes, impose penalties, make special assessments, create ordinances, abate nuisances, regulate the conduct of others, or perform other traditional government functions. The term may include the exercise of many other governmental functions. If an entity is unclear whether it is exercising "sovereign power" it should consult with legal counsel.

Q: MAY AGENDA ITEMS BE CONSIDERED IF THEY ARE ADDED LESS THAN 24 HOURS BEFORE A MEETING?

A: Proposed agendas for public meetings must be posted at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting. The purpose of providing advance notice of the topics to be discussed at a meeting is to provide information to interested members of the public concerning the governing body's anticipated business. Typically, the public body adopts the final agenda upon convening the meeting. At the time the final agenda is adopted, the governing body may add or delete agenda items and may also change the order of business. See *In re Yankton County Commission, Open Meetings Commission Decision # 20-03*, December 31, 2020. New items cannot be added after the agenda has been adopted by the governing body.

Public bodies are strongly encouraged to provide at least 24 hours' notice of all agenda items so as to be fair to the public and to avoid dispute.

For special or rescheduled meetings, public bodies are to comply to the extent circumstances permit. In other words, posting less than 24 hours in advance may be permissible in emergencies.

Q: ARE EMAIL DISCUSSIONS "MEETINGS" FOR PURPOSES OF THE OPEN MEETINGS LAWS?

A: The definition of an "official meeting" in SDCL 1-25-12(1) specifically includes meetings conducted by "electronic means, including electronic mail, instant messaging, social media, text message, or virtual meeting platform[.]" A quorum of a public body that discusses official business of that body via electronic means is conducting an official meeting for purposes of the open meetings laws. Electronic communications made solely for scheduling purposes do not fall within the definition of an official meeting.

Q: WHAT RECORDS MUST BE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC IN CONJUNCTION WITH PUBLIC MEETINGS?

A: SDCL 1-25-1.4 requires state boards, commissions, or departments to make public meeting materials available on <http://boardsandcommissions.sd.gov>. SDCL 1-27-116 requires that any other public body must post meeting materials on the public body's website or make those materials available to the public at least twenty-four hours prior to the hearing or when made available to the members of the public body, whichever is later. Finally, SDCL 1-27-117 requires that draft minutes of public meetings must be made available to the public at the principal place of business for the public body within 10 business days after the meeting (or any audio and visual recording must be made available on the website for the public body within five business days).

These laws are in addition to any specific requirements for public bodies (i.e., publication requirements in state laws pertaining to cities, counties, or school districts). Enforcement of public records laws contained in SDCL Ch. 1-27 are handled by separate procedures found in SDCL 1-27-35, et. seq. rather than the open meeting procedures described above. Violations of SDCL 1-27-116 and 1-27-117 are also Class 2 misdemeanors.

Q: WHAT REQUIREMENTS APPLY TO TASK FORCES, COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS?

A: Task forces and committees that exercise "sovereign power," and are created by statute, ordinance, or proclamation are required to comply with the open meetings laws. SDCL 1-25-12(1). Task forces, committees, and working groups that are not created by statute, ordinance, or proclamation, or are advisory only, may not be subject to the open meetings laws, but are encouraged to comply to the extent possible when public matters are discussed. Ultimately, if such advisory task forces, committees and working groups present any reports or recommendations to public bodies, the public bodies must wait until the next meeting (or later) before taking final action on the recommendations. SDCL 1-27-118.

Q: ARE PUBLIC BODIES REQUIRED TO REVIEW THE OPEN MEETINGS LAWS?

A: Public bodies must annually review an explanation of the open meetings laws provided by the Attorney General, along with any other material pertaining to the open meetings laws made available by the Attorney General. SDCL 1-25-13. Each public body must report in its minutes that the annual review of the open meetings laws was completed.



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Re: 2027 Conservation Commission Cost-share Docket

The South Dakota Conservation Commission is requesting comments from the conservation districts for changes intended for the 2027 Conservation Commission Cost-share Docket. Conservation districts interested in proposing changes should draft a letter outlining conservation practices they would like to have added or changed in the docket. Additional information and supporting documentation should include:

- Describing the importance of the new practice or recommended change
- Suggested cost-share rates and unit costs
- Other information and documentation that would assist the Commission to make revisions for the 2027 Docket.

All suggested comments must be submitted to me by October 1, 2026. That deadline will allow our staff enough time to research the recommendations and prepare them for consideration at the November Conservation Commission meeting.

Conservation districts interested in further promoting their suggestions are encouraged to attend that meeting. The date, time and location will be announced later.

A copy of the 2026 Commission Docket can be viewed at: [2026 Commission Docket](#)

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