

State Conservation Commission Minutes
Tuesday, November 14, 2023
8:15 AM CDT
Floyd Mathews Training Center-Joe Foss Building
523 East Pierre, SD

Call to Order: Chairman Doug Hansen, called the meeting to order at 8:45 AM CT.

Roll Call of Members:

Gene Williams, Tom Glover, Dusty Rodiek, Charlie Moe, Dean Odden, Doug Hansen, and Bruce Haines. Bill Coburn attended via Teams.

Members Absent: Mike Konechne

Others Present: Bill Smith (DANR), Jordan Turgeon (DANR), Paul Lorenzen (DANR), Alex Roeber (DANR), Kim Paxton (DANR), Angela Ehlers (South Dakota Association of Conservation Districts), Tami Moore (Miner Conservation District), Colette Kessler (NRCS), Matt Hayes (Davison Conservation District), Brock Greenfield (School and Public Lands), Doug Haugan (private citizen)

Others present Via Teams: Yvette Kirkman (Lawrence & Butte conservation districts), Dawn Schulte (Charles Mix Conservation District), Patricia Weyrich (DANR), Ashley Dimond (Mellette/Todd Conservation District), Shauna Kopren (Perkins Conservation District), Molly Hauck (Bon Homme Conservation District), and Deanna Kunkel (Codington Conservation District).

Conflict of Interest Disclosure: Chairman Hansen asked the Commission members if they had any conflicts of interest to disclose at this time. None were disclosed.

Approval of the Monday, September 18, 2023: A motion was made by Gene Williams and seconded to approve the September 18 minutes as submitted. Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Bill Coburn-aye. **Motion carried.**

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

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

Correspondence: None.

Revolving Loan Report: Jordan Turgeon informed the commission that there are 23 outstanding loans.

Grant Extension/Amendment requests: Grant extensions and amendment requests were presented by Jordan Turgeon.

EXTENSIONS:

A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to approve the Beadle Conservation District's one-year extension on their Livestock Water Quality Grant #2023-CSW-001. Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Bill Coburn-aye. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Gene Williams and seconded to approve the Davison Conservation District's one-year extension on their Multi-County Brush Managements Grant # 2023-CSW-010. Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bruce Haines-abstain, Bill Coburn. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Tom Glover and seconded to approve the Edmunds Conservation District's one-year extension on their Cover Crop Initiative Grant # 2022-CSW-029. Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Bill Coburn-aye. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Dean Odden and seconded to approve the Jones Conservation District's one-year extension on their Multi Practice Grant VII 2022 CSW-016. Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Bill Coburn-aye. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Dusty Rodiek and seconded to approve the Perkins Conservation District's one-year extension on their Tree Planting Grant 2023-CSW-024. Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye,

Charlie Moe-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Bill Coburn-aye. **Motion carried.**

Historical Gant Report: A motion was made by Gene Williams and seconded to revert the funds of \$701,952.85 to be available for new grant. Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Bill Coburn-aye. **Motion carried.**

Milestone report was given by Alex Roeber.

Final Reports: Jordan Turgeon provided the commission with the final reports on closed projects.

Open Grant Report: Alex Roeber provided the commission with the Open Grant Report.

Fall Grant Application Review: There were 19 grants submitted for funding consideration. The below minutes reflect the alphabetical order of the grants as submitted by conservation districts rather than the order chronologically in which they were acted upon.

A motion was made by Dusty Rodiek and seconded to approve the Bon Homme Conservation District, Conservation Enhancement Program grant application in the amount of \$22,160.00. As a reminder no salaries or benefits can be used with grant money. Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Bill Coburn-aye. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Gene Williams and seconded to approve the Butte Conservation District's Multi County Ditch to Pipe Project grant application in the amount of \$30,000. Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Bill Coburn-aye. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to approve the Charles Mix Conservation District' Brush Management grant application in the amount of \$15,000.00. Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-Abstain, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Bill Coburn-aye. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Dusty Rodiek and seconded to approve the Charles Mix Conservation District' Shelterbelt grant application in the amount of \$10,000.00. Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Bill Coburn-aye. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Gene Williams and seconded to approve the Codington Conservation District's Public Awareness of Conservation grant application in the amount of \$2,000.00. Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dusty Rodiek-abstain, Charlie Moe-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Bill Coburn-aye. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Tom Glover and seconded to approve the Codington Conservation District's Soil Health Improvement grant application in the amount of \$19,108.00. Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dusty Rodiek-abstain, Charlie Moe-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Bill Coburn-aye. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Dusty Rodiek and seconded by Charlie Moe to approve the Davison Conservation District's Microirrigation grant application in the amount of \$4,000.00. This grant application is being moved to the Forest Resiliency category. Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bruce Haines-abstain, Bill Coburn-aye. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to approve the Davison Conservation District's DCD Tree Planting in the amount of \$ 7,500.00. Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bruce Haines-abstain, Bill Coburn-aye. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Gene Williams and seconded to approve the Edmunds Conservation District Conservation's Education grant application in the amount of \$700.00. Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Bill Coburn-aye. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Dusty Rodiek and seconded to approve the Jerauld Conservation District's Windbreak grant application in the amount of \$40,000.00. Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Bill Coburn-aye. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Tom Glover and seconded to approve the Jones Conservation District's Shelterbelt Fire Recovery Grant II grant application in the amount of \$1,417.50. This application is being moved to the Forest Resiliency grants. Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Bill Coburn-aye. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to approve the Lawrence Conservation District's Thinning for Forest Health grant application in the amount of \$31,5000.00. Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Bill Coburn-abstain. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Den Odden and seconded to approve the Mellette Conservation District's Multi Practice Grant application in the amount of \$60,000.00. Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Charlie Moe-abstain, Dean Odden-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Bill Coburn-aye. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Dusty Rodiek and seconded to approve the Miner Conservation District Conservation's Education & Awareness Grant application in the amount of \$2,500.00. Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Bill Coburn-aye. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Gene Williams and seconded to approve the Miner Conservation District's SDACDE 2024 Promoting Conservation Grant application in the amount of \$7,900.00. Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Bill Coburn-aye. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Dean Odden and seconded to approve the Miner Conservation District's Improving Soil Health Grant application in the amount of \$7,900.00. Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Bill Coburn-aye. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Bruce Haines and seconded to approve the Perkins Conservation District's 2024 Fencing Pipeline and Seeding Grant application in the amount of \$12,488.52. Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Bill Coburn-aye. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Gene Williams and seconded to approve the Perkins Conservation District's 2024 Community Outreach Grant application in the amount of \$5,150.00 with \$5,000 budgeted for presentation, \$3,000 budgeted for advertising, and \$150 budgeted for rent. Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Bill Coburn-aye. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Dusty Rodiek and seconded to approve the Perkins Conservation District's Perkins County Tree Planting Grant application in the amount of \$23,722.11. Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Bill Coburn-aye. **Motion carried.**

Commission Member Reports: None.

2024 Cost-Share Docket: Jordan Turgeon discussed the input received from SDACDE and the Custer Conservation District regarding updating the docket. **A motion was made by Gene Williams and seconded to approve the following on the 2024 commission docket as follows:**

Brush Control-Mechanical will be \$175 per hour, Shrubs and planting will be \$0.49/lf, Trees and planting will be \$0.47/lf, Weed & pest control fabric weed barrier & installation will be \$0.75/lf, Tree Protectors with stake will be \$7.25 each, add Installation of tree protects at \$1.70 each, Forest Stand Improvement thinning will be \$1,500/acre, and Forest Stand Improvement slash disposal will be \$300/acre. Roll call vote: Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-

aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Bill Coburn-aye. **Motion carried.**

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

2024 Guidelines and Priorities: Chairman Hansen suggested putting together a work group to review and make recommendations regarding grants that include farmstead and homestead windbreaks. Chm. Hansen volunteered to lead the group and will create a work group charge and send to members. Other members will include Dusty Rodiek, Charlie Moe, Tom Glover, and Nathan Kafer, DANR.

Dusty Rodiek suggested another work group to review and make recommendations regarding questions and concerns that have arisen with grant applications for funding communication, outreach, and education activities. Bruce Haines volunteered to take the lead. Other members will include Gene Williams, Dean Odden, and Collette Kessler, NRCS. Chm Hansen will send out a work group charge to members.

Advisory Board members Reports: Angela Ehlers and Colette Kessler provided reports.

Open Forum and Public Comment: None

New Business: None

Next Meeting location and place: The next commission meeting will be determined.

Ending Remarks: None

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM CDT.