

State Conservation Commission
September 17, 2018
Ramkota, Sioux Falls

Call to order: 7:00 am by Chairman Tom Glover

Members Present: Mike Konechne, Tom Glover, Doug Hansen, Aaron Kiesz, Charlie Moe, Gerald Thaden, Tom Wolles, and Gene Williams.

Members Absent: Wayne Bunge

Others Present: Sign-up Sheet(s) with Commission Minutes File.

Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Doug Hansen and seconded by Mike Konechne to approve May 17, 2018 minutes as submitted. **Motion carried.**

Past and/or Upcoming Travel:

Doug Hansen and Gerald Thaden will attend the Coteau Legislative meeting in Webster on October 15.

Grant Report:

Motion by Doug Hansen and seconded by Tom Wolles to approve the Hamlin Conservation District request for a 12-month extension on grant #2018-CSW-017 (Prairie Coteau Watershed Enhancement). **Motion carried.**

Brian Scott provided the Commission with a status report on the grants program.

Revolving Loan Report:

Tiffany Thompson reported that we received no applications for the revolving loan program. The current balance in the loan fund is \$99,681.70

Division Report:

Bill Smith gave a brief report of the division and department activities.

Cost-Share Docket:

Bill Smith presented a memo to the districts regarding updates for the 2019 cost-share docket. The Commission was comfortable with the memo and provided their informed consent for staff to send this to the districts.

Commission Member Reports:

Gene: Attended the Hills, Prairie and Northwest Area meetings.

Gerald: Attended Coteau Area meeting in Webster and South Dakota Association of Conservation Districts (SDACD) Partners Retreat

Tom G: Attended Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) meeting and SDACD Retreat

Mike: Attended South James – Missouri Area meeting in Mitchell

Advisory Board Member Reports:

Angela Ehlers gave a report on the July SDACD Partner Retreat that focused on internal partners.

Karl Jensen, SDACD President, provided dates for upcoming locally-led block training meetings.

Jeff Zimprich with Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) gave program and funding updates.

Kurt Forman with US Fish and Wildlife Service gave update on their private lands programs.

Tami Moore with South Dakota Association of Conservation Districts Employees Association provided information on the different fairs within the state, March 2019 training dates and other information on employee related items.

Kris Dozark with Department of Environment and Natural Resources gave update on their programs.

Dr. Charlie Fenster with the South Dakota State University Ag Experiment Station talked about program to collect data in real-time and resources available.

Next meeting will be a grant round on November 15, 2018 at the Pierre Chamber of Commerce Building.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 AM.

Tammy Harmon, Recording Secretary with assistance from Tiffany Thompson and Brian Scott.