

State Conservation Commission Minutes

February 20, 2020

DENR LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM

Via Teleconference

Call to Order: via teleconference: Meeting called to order at 1:05 pm by Chairman Doug Hansen.

Members Present Via Teleconference:

Mike Konechne, Gene Williams, Tom Glover, Doug Hansen, Bill Coburn, Charlie Moe, Gerald Thaden, Bruce Haines

Members not present:

Dusty Rodiek

Election of officers:

Charlie Moe nominated Doug Hansen as the Chairman and Gene Williams as the Vice-Chairman. Mike Konechne seconded the nominations. All in favor, **Motion carried.** No further comments.

Others present in Pierre:

Pierre staff, Bill Smith, Bailey Gullikson and Kim Paxton

Others present via teleconference:

Sioux Falls staff Brian Scott, Peggy Loomis, Annette Steilen, Jeff Vander Wilt, Tanya Flegel, Wendy Mathers, Angela Ehlers, Tami Moore, Laurie Chauncey, Amy Schuelke

Approval of December Minutes:

A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to approve the December 11, 2019 minutes as submitted. Roll call vote: Mike Konechne-aye, Gene Williams- aye, Tom Glover-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Gerald Thaden-aye, Bruce Haines-aye. **Motion carried**

Corrections and or additions to the minutes: None

Upcoming travel:

Bill Smith presented a schedule of the upcoming meetings to the commission. SDACDE Leadership Conference March 2-4, 2020 and the Resource Conservation Speech Contest that is set for April 25, 2020. Charlie Moe has volunteered to participate as a judge for the Speech Contest. Tom Glover offered to be an alternate if Charlie Moe would not be able to make it.

Request for New Business to be placed on the agenda: None

Code of Conduct: The Code of Conduct as approved in 2019 was provided to make new members of the Commission aware of the code and allow existing members to consider changes at future meeting if desired.

Correspondence: None

Loan Report:

Bailey Gullikson gave the loan status report.

Revolving Loan Applications: None

Grant Program/Updates/Changes/Amendments/Report:

Brian Scott gave the Grant Program/Updates/Changes/Amendments/Report

Hamlin County Conservation District is requesting a one-year extension on Grant # 2019-CSW-044 (2020 Tree Planting). A motion was made by Gene Williams and seconded to deny the Hamlin County Conservation District's request for an extension on Grant # 2019-CSW-044. Gene suggested that they should bring this to the April meeting as a new grant application. Roll call vote: Mike Konechne-aye, Gene Williams-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, Charlie Moe -aye, Gerald Thaden-aye, Bruce Haines-aye. **Motion carried**

2020 Docket:

A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to approve the not-to-exceed unit cost on plastic wells to \$38 per foot. Roll call vote: Mike Konechne-aye, Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, Charlie Moe-Abstained, Gerald Thaden-aye, Bruce Haines-aye. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Gene Williams and seconded to approve the not-to-exceed unit costs for tree to \$5.20 and for shrub to \$6.20. Roll call vote: Mike Konechne-aye, Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Gerald Thaden-aye, Bruce Haines-aye. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to approve the increase the cost-share for temporary protective fence to 50%. Roll call vote: Mike Konechne-aye, Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, Charlie Moe-Abstained, Gerald Thaden-aye, Bruce Haines-aye. **Motion carried.**

Charlie Moe suggested we table the request for landowner labor as cost-share until a later date. Charlie Moe is asking that more information be brought back to the commission. A subcommittee will be formed to gather more information. Bruce Haines volunteered to represent the commission on this subcommittee.

A motion was made by Tom Glover and seconded to approve the 2020 Docket as amended. Roll call vote: Mike Konechne-aye, Gene Williams-aye, Tom Glover-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Gerald Thaden-aye, Bruce Haines-aye. **Motion carried.**

Coordinated Plan for Natural Resources Conservation update:

Bill Smith gave the update on the Coordinated Plan for Natural Resources Conservation.

Division Report:

Bill Smith gave the Division update.

Recognition for Past Commissioners:

Bill Smith suggested that at the next in-person meeting we recognize the past board members, Aaron Kiesz, Wayne Bunge and Tom Wolles, for their years of service on the Commission. Recognition will be given at the April meeting.

Advisory Board Member Reports (SD School & Public Lands, DENR, SD Game Fish and Parks, NRCS, SDSU Extension Services, SDSU Experiment Station) and other Partners:

Reports were given by:

Jeff Vander Wilt with NRCS, Angela Ehlers with the SDACD and Tami Moore with the Employees Association each gave reports for their respective associations.

Open Forum and Public Comment: None

New Business: None

Next Meeting location and Place Spring Round for 2020:

April 22, 2020 is the tentative date for the State Conservation Commission Spring Grant round in Pierre. April 21, 2020 is the tentative date for a meet an greet with the SDACD board.

Ending Remarks & Adjournment:

Meeting ending time: 2:46 pm