

State Conservation Commission  
Regular Meeting  
USDA/NRCS Building, Pierre SD  
March 24, 2011

**Members Present:** David Fischbach, Doug Hansen, Charlie Moe, Wayne Bunge, Tom Glover. Members attending via conference phone: Aaron Kiesz, Alan Vedvei, Tom Wolles and Gerald Thaden.

**Others Present:** See Attached List.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM by Chairman David Fischbach.

**Election of officers:** The meeting was turned over to Ray Sowers.

Charlie Moe made a motion and seconded to nominate David Fischbach for Chairman. Charlie Moe made a motion and seconded that nominations cease. Motion carried.

Charlie Moe made a motion and seconded to nominate Tom Glover for Vice Chairman. Charlie Moe made a motion and seconded that nominations cease. Motion Carried.

The meeting was turned back to Chairman David Fischbach.

**SDACD Committee Appointments:** Charlie Moe and Doug Hansen were appointed to the Public Relations committee; Alan Vedvei and Aaron Kiesz were appointed to the District Capacity Committee; Tom Glover was appointed to the Missouri River Team Sub-committee of the Natural Resources Stewardship Committee; Wayne Bunge and Charlie Moe were appointed to the Renewal Energy Sub-committee of the Natural Resources Stewardship Committee and David Fischbach and Gerald Thaden were appointed to the Farm Bill Sub-committee of the Natural Resources Stewardship Committee.

Alan Vedvei made a motion and seconded to approve the November 18, 2010 minutes as mailed. Motion carried.

Charlie Moe made a motion and seconded to approve the following travel for 2011: Speech Contest; State Tech meetings; NACD Northern Plains meeting; SDACD Area meetings; Governor's Ag Summit Conference; and all regular Commission travel. Motion Carried.

**Revolving Loan Report:**

Doug Hansen made a motion and seconded to approve Minnehaha Conservation District revolving loan application in the amount of \$14,000 for the purchase of a Kubota Utility Vehicle. Motion carried.

After discussion, Wayne Bunge made a motion and seconded to approve a modified amount for the Deuel Conservation District revolving loan application in the amount of \$13,000 to be used for reconditioning their no-till drill and for the purchase of fabric. The funds are not to be used for operation expenses and the district will need to provide proof of all expenses. Motion Carried.

Alan Vedvei made a motion and seconded to approve Perkins Conservation District revolving loan application in the amount of \$18,307 for a 12' Truax No-Till Grass Drill. Motion carried.

Charlie Moe made a motion and seconded to approve Jackson Conservation District revolving loan application in the amount of \$3,400 for fabric for the 2011 season. Motion carried.

**Grant Report:**

Tom Glover made a motion and seconded to approve Todd and Mellette County Conservation Districts request to use Grant #2011-CSW-005 (Todd/Mellette County Wind & Erosion Control) to plant trees and lay fabric on a small planting in Bennett County. Motion Carried. Charlie Moe abstained.

Legislative updates were provided by Division staff.

Discussion was held regarding the 1992 MOU between SD Weed & Pest Control Commission; Division of Conservation; State Conservation Commission and the Division of Regulatory Services. The Commission suggested the Division of Resource Conservation & Forestry personnel check with SD Weed & Pest Commission about updating the MOU.

**2011 State Conservation Commission Goals and Objectives:**

The Commission discussed the 2011 State Conservation Commission Goals and Objectives. Division staff will present these revised Goals and Objectives for approval at the May Commission Meeting.

**2011 State Conservation Commission Priorities:**

The Commission discussed the 2011 State Conservation Commission priorities. The 2011 priorities will remain the same as 2010.

**Reports:**

Commission Member reports were given by the Commissioners

A written report was provided by NRCS. Verbal reports were given by DENR, GF&P and NRCS.

Written and verbal reports were given by SDACD and US Fish & Wildlife Services and a verbal report was given by SDACDE.

Fran Fritz gave a report on the National Conservation Leadership Conference.

The Division report was given by division staff.

The next meeting will be May 19, 2011. Location to be determined. The May meeting will also be a grant round.

**Executive Session:**

Charlie Moe made a motion and seconded to enter into executive session to consult with legal counsel pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (3). Motion carried. The Commission went into executive session at 11:27 AM. The Commission came out of executive session at 11:51 AM.

Adjourned: 11:52 AM

Marjorie Gregg  
Recording Secretary