State Conservation Commission Meeting Outline

September 30, 2020 1:00 pm CT

Teleconference

Call to Order: meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by Chairman Doug Hansen.

Members Present via Teleconference:
Gene Williams, Dusty Rodiek, Tom Glover, Doug Hansen, Bill Coburn, Charlie Moe, Gerald Thaden, Bruce Haines

Members Absent:
Mike Konechne

Others present Via Teleconference:
Interim Secretary of AG Hunter Roberts, RC&F staff Bill Smith, Bailey Gullikson, Brian Scott, Kim Paxton. A list of others attending is available upon request.

Conflict of Interest Disclosure: Chairman Hansen asked the Commission members if they had any conflicts of interest to disclose at this time. The Chairman also reminded the Commission that they would need to abstain from voting on requests submitted by their districts.

Approval of April 22, 2020 Minutes:
A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to approve the April 22, 2020 minutes as submitted. Roll call vote: 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

Corrections and or additions to the minutes: None

Upcoming travel: Bill Smith informed the Commission that the Eastern SD Water Conference that will be held virtually on October 14. Dusty Rodiek, Doug Hansen, Tom Glover, Bruce Haines asked for information to be sent to them.

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

Correspondence: None

DENR/SDDA Merger: Secretary Hunter Roberts provided the Commission with an overview on the merger.

Loan Report: Bailey Gullikson gave the loan status report.

Revolving Loan Applications: No applications.

Grant Program Report: Brian Scott gave a grant program status report.
Grant Amendments and Extensions:
The Hughes Conservation District requested an amendment to move the start date from 07/01/2021 to 01/01/2021 for Grant #2020-CSW-036 (Tree Initiative Grant). Bruce Haines made a motion and seconded to approve the amendment. Roll call vote: Tom Glover-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Gene Williams-aye, Doug Hansen-aye, Gerald Thaden-aye, Dusty Rodiek-aye, Bill Coburn-aye, Bruce Haines-aye. Motion Carried.

The Bennett County Conservation District requested a one-year extension as requested on Grant #2020-CSW-001 (Bennett/Badlands Tree Plantings). Charlie Moe made a motion and seconded to approve the extension. Roll call vote: 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.


The McCook Conservation District requested a one-year extension on Grant #2020-CSW-020 (Shelterbelts). Bruce Haines made a motion and seconded to approve the extension as requested. Roll call vote: 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.

The McPherson Conservation District requested a one-year extension on Grant #2020-CSW-021 (Tree Project). Charlie Moe made a motion and seconded to deny extension. The reason stated for denying the extension request was that they have a full year left on the grant. If they need more time after next year, they can submit a new request. Roll call vote: 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.

The Miner Conservation District requested a one-year extension on Grant #2020-CSW-024 (Soil Health Improvement). Dusty Rodiek made a motion and seconded to approve the extension as requested. Roll call vote: 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.

The Miner Conservation District requested a one-year extension on Grant #2019-CSW-047 (Pollinator/Rain Garden). Gene Williams made a motion and seconded to approve the extension as requested. Roll call vote: 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.


Fall Grant Round dates: November 17 or the 19 were identified as possible dates for staff to investigate.
Coordinated Plan for Natural Resources Conservation update: Given by Bill Smith

Division Report: Given by Bill Smith

Advisory Board Member Reports: (SD School & Public Lands, DENR, SD Game Fish and Parks, NRCS, SDSU Extension Services, SDSU Experiment Station) * other Partners: Chris Dozark from DENR gave an update to the Commission.

Open Forum and Public Comment: No public comment

New Business: None

Next Meeting: November 19 at the Casey Tibbs Bldg. in Fort Pierre. Social distancing will be in effect. Bailey Gullikson and Kim Paxton will work on the details.

Ending Remarks & Adjournment: None

Meeting ending time: 2:23 pm