

**Custer County Conservation District**  
**Meeting Notes**  
25363 US Hwy 385 Custer, SD. 57730  
605-673-5680

The September 10, 2020 meeting of the Custer County Conservation district was called to order via teleconference at 9:04 AM by Dave Thom.

In attendance were: Caley Buckert, Dave Thom, Oonagh Wood, Paul Nettinga, Tamarah Caster, and Justin Boerboom.

All motions were approved unanimously unless otherwise noted.

August 13<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes and this meeting's agenda were approved after a motion by Oonagh with a second by Tamarah.

**Partnership Reports:**

- NRCS Representative: Justin Boerboom gave Justine's report- Report attached
  - Start work on next years CIS – Possibly two chiefs project with grasslands to work more with landowners in the eastern side of county

**Financial Report:**

- Account balances
  - Main Checking
    - \$8,113.02
  - Grant Checking
    - \$1,458.41
  - Savings
    - \$41,098.67

**Correspondence:**

- Pacer
  - Intent to mine- Caley to send letter
- 2020 Convention info- Caley to scan and e-mail out

**Old Business:**

- NRCS CIS
  - Justin Boerboom came to talk about setting a batching date for the NRCS
    - Set this date for June 1
    - Our "deadline" for interest will be Dec 1
  - Caley to work out outreach design for postcard
    - Caley to get price quote from local print shop
    - Dave to work on revised letter for Caley to get wording from
- Supervisor Candidate
  - Willing to come to October meeting
- Caley transition/position
  - Caley currently has 15 hrs part time work for the county

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- Meeting on September 18 to figure out where position is going

**New Business:**

- October 9<sup>th</sup> clean out day-after meeting

**Other Business:**

**Next meeting:** Friday October 9<sup>th</sup> 9:00-11:00 AM - Pine room

**Adjournment:** 10:43 AM

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*August 13, 2020*

### *NRCS Field Office Report to the Custer County Conservation District*

#### Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)

- 2012 – 2019: 10 Active Contracts
  - Field work for checkouts is in full swing.
- 2020: 3 New Contracts (2 Custer)
  - Getting signatures and obligating
  - 1 Forestry, 2 High Tunnels
  - *Hot Springs has 5 going to contracts for Custer – all Forestry*

#### Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)

- 2015 - 2019: 28 Active Contracts
  - Documentation review earlier and payments earlier
- 2020: 1 New Contract (0 Custer)
  - Getting signatures and obligating
  - *Hot Spring has maybe 1 going to contract for Custer*
- 2021 Renewals: 7 Applications (1 Custer)
  - Screening soon
  - *Hot Springs has 7 applications for Custer*

#### Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) – FSA Program

- Status reviews on existing contracts
- 1 General, 2 Grasslands
- High workload in Resource Unit – staff flexibility

#### Meetings / Trainings / Correspondence / Other

- Justine has National Leadership Development Workshop Series – one day a month for 3 months
- Dan Tomlinson's last day in office is August 11<sup>th</sup>
- Cassie Bell has a Women's Workshop and Introduction to Agronomy training in August
- COVID-19: no change in status; masks and social distancing required in offices

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RCF Report for Custer County Conservation District  
08/07/2020

- **EQIP**
  - EQIP approval has happened currently working with 4 landowners to mark boundaries.
  - Should be a few more approved by beginning of September
- **County Thinning Grant**
  - Attached preliminary map of Svenkenson/ Jarding thinning application locations, working with them to finalize their application and come up with a prescription.
  - Contacted Julie Oswald about potential doing some thinning she is on the fence on whether she wants to do it this year.
  - Possibly have another landowner lined up to apply recently purchased 80 ac on pleasant valley road.
  - Will continue calling old applicants to find someone interested in final ~ 22 ac
- **Women and Wildland Fire Home Defense Workshop**
  - Tentatively 9/30-10/2
  - Looking for locations to hold event (outdoor, house in trees, parking)
  - Working with women on woodlands forestry guild
  - 3 sessions, 10 participants max, 1 northern hills, 1 mid hills, 1 southern hills
  - Attached tentative flyer
- **FSP**
  - Currently finishing up a 150 ac FSP of off VIP road on the boundary of Custer State park along Spokane creek
  - Will then begin two FSP's for neighboring properties at Custer/ Fall River line totaling ~4,000 ac
- **RCF Staffing Updates**
  - Patricia Weyrich is the new rural forestry team lead she started on July 13<sup>th</sup>
  - Krista Erdman is the new Northern Hills Service Forester

Matt Walsh

RCF Service Forester Hot Springs