

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

The July 9, 2020 meeting of the Custer County Conservation district was called to order in the W&P/Conservation garage at 2:02 PM by Dave Thom.

In attendance were: Caley Buckert, Dave Thom, Gladwin Paulsen, Justine Reid, Mike Linde, Oonagh Wood, Paul Nettinga, Tamarah Caster, Matt Walsh, Faryn Kelbe

All motions were approved unanimously unless otherwise noted.

June 11<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes and this meeting's agenda were approved after a motion by Oonagh with a second by Paul.

**Partnership Reports:**

- NRCS Representative: Justine Reid- District Conservationist- Report attached
- NWTF Forester: Faryn Klebe- Working on a few EQIP projects. Also has been working with Matt Walsh on fire workshop series. Has money that needs to be spent for contractual services.

**Financial Report:**

- No new bills.
- Account balances
  - Main Checking
    - \$12,160.10
  - Grant Checking
    - \$1458.41
  - Savings
    - \$41097.97

**Correspondence:**

- Conservation Commission Thinning Grant Award Acceptance Form
  - Caley signed and sent back in
- NRCE CIS funding – approval. Send final application package to Supervisors.
- NRCS Newsletter
- NACD Newsletter
- Black Hills Resilient Forest Meeting- **July 22**

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**Old Business:**

- NWTF salary support-
  - \$4000
  - Objectives discussed
    - Follow up French Creek, continue with Riparian project
    - Arbor Day
    - Stewardship planning
  - Motion By Tamarah with a second by Paul to pay the \$4000 and continue with the partnership
- County Fair
  - Take the year off
- SDACD Before/After photos
  - Dave has been talking with photographer, will work with Matt to find areas
- Supervisor Candidates
  - Justine to reach out to possible candidate
- Riparian Health Project Wrap-up
  - Matt and Justine to follow up with Jason

**New Business:**

- NRCS CIS
  - Outreach to all areas
    - Caley to send letter
- Conservation Commission Thinning grant
  - Dave to reach out to Chronicle about doing a before and after type article
  - Matt working with landowners
  - Roughly 80 acres can be done
- County budget
  - Same as 2020
    - Motion by Oonagh, second by Tamarah. Caley to reply to Auditor.

**Other Business:**

- Landowner Workshop
  - 9/25/20 – tentative depending on school availability. Lunch plans depend on new teaching staff. Tamara monitoring.

**Next meeting:** Thursday, August 13 2:00-4:00 PM County Weed and Pest Shop

**Adjournment:** 3:55 PM

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

Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)

- 2012 – 2019: 10 Active Contracts (0 Custer Co.)
  - Field work for checkouts is in full swing.
- 2020: 20 Applications (4 Custer Co.)
  - Obligation Deadline is July 31<sup>st</sup>. Still having national computer program issues.

Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)

- 2015 - 2019: 28 Active Contracts (4 Custer)
  - No changes.
- 2020: 4 Applications (0 Custer)
  - Ranking deadline moved to July 10<sup>th</sup>; obligation deadline is July 31<sup>st</sup>. Still having national computer program issues.

Meetings / Trainings / Correspondence / Other

- National Leadership Development Workshop Series – Justine is participating one day a month for 3 months
- SD Stockgrowers Association Annual Meeting – Valerie Riter, Area Agronomist presented the rainfall simulator and slake test
- COVID-19: no change in status; masks and social distancing required in offices

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Justine Reid  
District Conservationist