

Brookings Conservation District Board Meeting
NRCS Monthly Board Report
August 3, 2022

Assistance/Progress

- CRP
 - All selected General CRP plans have been completed.
 - 3 Grassland CRP offers were accepted and the deadline for having plans written is September 9th.
 - Work continues on reviewing expiring contracts and getting them ready for renewal. With help from other Big Sioux RU staff, we have been making great progress and this task should be wrapped up shortly.
 - Writing CCRP plans.

- CSP
 - Reminder letters were sent to participants to remind them to turn in their records by August 19th.

- EQIP
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 - Contract management and practice certification.

- Big Sioux RCPP
 - Our high priority application was selected for funding. Planning has been completed, just waiting on approval and obligation from NHQ.
 - The tentative batching date for FY23 applications is October 21st.

- WRP/WRE/FPE
 - FY22 Easement Monitoring.
 - Wrapping up monitoring.
 - Continue to process CUA requests as they are received.
 - David will start to turn his attention to easement violations once monitoring is complete.
 - David is covering Marcus's area while Marcus is on detail.

- HEL/Wetland Determinations
 - 183 HEL determinations were completed and mailed.
 - 3 wetland determinations were completed this month.
 - Finishing up with 40 easement monitoring reviews.

- Upper Deer Creek CIS Proposal
 - Submitted the CIS proposal.

- Oakwood Lakes CIS Project
 - 2 applications have been pre-approved, wrapping up planning on the 3rd application.

Other Items of Interest

- Emily participated in the Federal Women's Program Training.
- Emily participated in the Basic Survey and Design Training July 18-22.
- I will be attending the SD Watershed Academy Training on 8/4.
- Megan Johnson is scheduled to return to work on 8/29.
- Cody Rolfes has accepted the PF position in Aberdeen, his tentative last day is 8/31.

Plans for Board review & approval

- One plan for a contract that was approved through the EQIP CIC sign-up.
- Box of CRP plans for review and signature.

