

**Brookings Conservation District Board Meeting
District Conservationist Report- October 3, 2018**

- Swampbuster/Sod/HEL
 - Wetland log is at 3 CWDs on the roster.
 - 1026s.
 - HEL workload
 - Backlog is fairly current. Last year over 600 requests were processed for new breaks, field combinations and tract splits.

- Conservation Programs
 - CRP
 - No word on any new CRP. Keeping current with modifications and existing contracts.

 - CSP
 - 9 FY2019-1 renewal applications
 - Working through CAET
 - Meshing old CSP with new makes things challenging 😊
 - Will start working on annual payments as soon as we get news they funds have been made available.
 - Just completed year end certifications

 - EQIP
 - 6 contracts with 2018 expiration dates
 - Working to clean up loose ends and complete any modifications that may be needed
 - 24 applications for FY2019
 - Some are low scoring carry-overs from 2018 and some are new inquiries
 - Goal is to contact everyone during my time here and get a gauge on where they would like to head with their projects
 - Several Ag Waste systems that will likely need TSP assistance

 - WRP/ACEP-WRE
 - Kaytee is sending out letters to owners with identified violations from the annual monitoring
 - We have a contribution agreement to put posts and possibly fence on easements where encroachment and missing posts have been an issue.

- Staff Report(s)
 - New District Conservationist on the horizon but no word on when the selectee will have a final job offer and be announced- to be continued 😊

- Conservation Plans for Review
 - None at this time