

Brookings Conservation District Board Meeting
District Conservationist Report- November 7, 2018

- Swampbuster/Sod/HEL
 - Wetland log is at 3 CWDs on the roster.
 - 1026s.
 - HEL workload
 - Backlog is growing a bit- there is a student at the BFSO that is planning to assist with this task throughout the school year.

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

 - CSP
 - 7 FY2019-1 renewal applications
 - CAET is complete just making sure we have all the details worked out with mapping.
 - Eligibility is a little tricky on some of these as they have to meet or exceed two additional resource concerns plus what is already being met on each land use.
 - Working on annual payments and status reviews. Lots of folks are coming in with FSA certifications so we're trying to catch them.
 - CSP QAR complete with the exception of one- due November 14th

 - EQIP
 - Wrapping up several projects- ag waste system built, pipeline tank fence project done rock crossing getting close along with a few others
 - 6 contracts with 2018 expiration dates
 - Working to clean up loose ends and complete any modifications that may be needed
 - Still waiting to hear back from three!
 - 24 applications for FY2019
 - Some are low scoring carry-overs from 2018 and some are new inquiries
 - Have made contact with about half of the applications and still working towards getting planning done. Hopefully the weather holds out for a few more site visits.

 - WRP/ACEP-WRE
 - Kaytee has accepted a new job in CA and will be leaving us the end of November. This will put a large workload back on the FO until her replacement is hired.
 - We will keep plugging away to stay on top of transfer agreements, violations, CUAs and interest in new applications! Nearly a full time job 😊

- 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 😊
- Soil Conservation Technician has received a temporary job offer- if all goes through he will be a good addition to the office as he has a background in conservation and government work.

- Conservation Plans for Review

- None at this time