

Brookings Conservation District Board Meeting
NRCS Monthly Board Report
July 3, 2019

Assistance/Progress

- CRP
 - Continuous CRP sign-up 52 started June 3 and runs thru Aug. 23.
 - See attachment for eligible practices
 - This sign-up paying 90% of Soil Rental Rate, no incentive payments, no cost-share for mid-contract management.
 - 1-year extension is being offered for contracts expiring this year
 - Contracts cannot exceed 15 years.
 - General sign-up expected in December
 - CRP Grasslands sign-up to follow the general sign-up
 - We have seen plenty of interest in the program so far.

- CSP
 - Continued work on the 13 applications we have for the latest sign-up
 - Prevent Plant – we will have to deal with each contract individually as to how prevent plant acres may affect each contract.
 - We had a special CSP-Grassland Conservation Initiative signup.
 - We have 2 eligible applications.

- EQIP
 - Had a preconstruction meeting for an animal mortality composting facility project.
 - We have announced a special EQIP sign-up for a select list of practices due to the challenging year we have had. Sign-up deadline was June 28.
 - We have 42 applications.

- WRP/WRE
 - Work on several CUA requests.
 - The national review of our CUA's was last week.

Other Items of Interest

- Jeremy attended the SDACD Vermillion/Big Sioux Area meeting on 6/17
- The office attended the ARS Field Day on 6/18.
- Louis is attending the Soil Health & Sustainability June 11-13.
- The office went to the Pipestone Systems Open House on 6/13.
- We received 1 whistleblower complaint regarding potential wetland violations.