

**Brookings Conservation District Board Meeting**  
**NRCS Monthly Board Report**  
**January 8, 2020**

**Assistance/Progress**

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- CRP
  - A General CRP sign-up was announced and began on 12/9/19 and runs through 2/28/2020
  - A Continuous CRP sign-up was also announced and goes through 8/21/2020.
  - Working on modifications and field checks for expiring contracts.
  - Providing assistance to new applications/interested participants.
  - NRCS will now be doing field checks on 100% of CRP contracts, this includes visits when practices are completed, seedings are established, contract management and a final review within the last year of the contract. This will create a large workload for NRCS.
  
- CSP
  - Completed status reviews on contracts.
  - Given the short window we had to do payments for those that wanted payment in 2019, we did an excellent job working to get producers paid. There were a few that had issues that did not get paid in 2019, but everyone else did. It was an “All Hands on Deck” situation, so I really want to thank the entire staff for their work that made our progress possible.
  - We have now shifted our focus to modifications and payments for those that wanted paid in 2020.
  
- EQIP
  - Completed status reviews on contracts.
  - Payments for recently completed Grassed Waterways and Lighting System Improvements.
  - Site visit to check on progress of some Livestock Pipeline.
  - No information on the FY2020 sign-up as of yet, hopefully we will know more very soon.
  - Ongoing planning for EQIP applicants.
  
- WRP/WRE/FPE
  - 5 applications for the Flood Plain Easement sign-up
  - Work on CUA requests.
  - Work on addressing a number of easement violations.

## Other Items of Interest

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- I attended the DC meeting on 12/4.
- Louis had a booth at the Deubrook High School Career Fair on 12/4.
- Louis attended the CRP Training in Pierre on 12/17.
- Dusty will be Acting State Range Specialist in Oregon for up to 120 days, starting January 21.
- We have been moving toward some new tools (Conservation Desktop & Conservation Assessment Tool “CART”) and we expect we will be trained on them early in the new year.

