

Brookings Conservation District Board Meeting
NRCS Monthly Board Report
April 1, 2020

Assistance/Progress

- CRP
 - There are 34 Continuous CRP application.
 - We have been busy with eligibility determination and writing these plans.
 - National Headquarters has made their selections for the General CRP sign-up.
 - We have 72 applications and we should know any day now which ones were selected. (78% of South Dakota's applications were selected)
 - Providing assistance to new applications/interested participants.

- CSP
 - CSP Renewal sign-up deadline was 3/20.
 - There are 8 applications for the 2020-1 Renewal sign-up
 - 5 have been screened high and will go through the ranking and assessment. Our deadline for these is April 24.
 - There are 21 applications for the 2021-1 Renewal sign-up. These will be addressed later this summer.
 - There are 2 applications for the CSP Classic sign-up.
 - The deadline to apply is 5/29.

- EQIP
 - Completed FY2020 status reviews on contracts.
 - Work on EQIP applications.
 - 3/20 was the cut-off for applying for the next sign-up.
 - There are 10 applications in the system. There are also a number of deferred contracts from 2019's sign-up that could possibly be included in this year's sign-up if they wish to move forward.

- WRP/WRE/FPE
 - Offsite monitory was completed by 3/1.
 - Work on CUA requests.
 - Work on addressing several easement violations.
 - No announcement yet for the next sign-up.

Other Items of Interest

- The office staff attended the Conservation Desktop/CART/Program Rollout training Feb 25-27 in Mitchell.
- Megan has completed her detail to Hayti and is officially back in the Brookings Field Office.
- NRCS is operating under Level II guidance due to COVID-19, which means the office is open, but NRCS is allowed 1 employee in the office at a time. The front door is to remain

locked at all times and there are to be no customers in the building at any time. This last portion applies to the CD as well. NRCS will be rotating its staff through the office so each employee will have some time in the office. If we are not at the office, we will be teleworking from our homes or doing field work. I am the only one with a work cell and can be reached on that at (605) 633-0527. If the other staff need to be reached while teleworking, email would be best.

