

Brookings Conservation District Board Meeting
NRCS Monthly Board Report
June 3, 2020

Assistance/Progress

- CRP
 - There are 34 Continuous CRP applications.
 - We have been busy with eligibility determination and writing these plans. All applications have had their planning started and in various stages of planning. We have completed many of the Conservation Plans and returned to FSA.
 - There are 64 General CRP applications that have been selected and producers wanting to continue.
 - Planning has started on these.
 - Providing assistance to new applications/interested participants.

- CSP
 - All four of our high priority 2020-1 Renewals have been chosen for funding.
 - Working on having contract documents signed.
 - There are 16 applications for the 2020 CSP Classic sign-up.
 - The deadline to apply was 5/29.
 - We have started screening these and should soon know the threshold for what will be screened high.
 - There are 21 applications for the 2021-1 Renewal sign-up. These will be addressed later this summer.

- EQIP
 - Work on EQIP applications.
 - Deadline to rank and assess applications has been moved to 6/12.
 - 3/20 was the cut-off for applying for the next sign-up.
 - There are 13 applications in the system.
 - EQIP Animal Emergency Mortality Management Sign-up
 - Special sign-up for hog farms that may need to depopulate due to COVID-19.
 - Currently have 3 applications.

- WRP/WRE/FPE
 - Waterbank applications are due by June 12th.
 - Work on CUA requests.

Other Items of Interest

- NRCS continuing to operate 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. Megan & Louis now have work cellphones also.

- Jeremy's Work Cell – 605-633-0527
- Megan's Work Cell – 605-220-4716
- Louis's Work Cell – 605-220-4715
- David's Work Cell – 605-680-3996

