Brookings Conservation District Board Meeting NRCS Monthly Board Report August 5, 2020

Assistance/Progress

- CRP
- There are 34 Continuous CRP applications.
 - 30 plans have been completed and returned to FSA.
- There are 64 General CRP applications that have been selected and producers wanting to continue.
 - Planning is progressing nicely, with 32 plans having been returned to FSA so far.
- Providing assistance to new applications/interested participants.
- CSP
- None of our CSP-Classic applications were selected for funding.
 - 2 were funding for all of the Big Sioux RU.
- There are 21 applications for the 2021-1 Renewal sign-up. These will be addressed in FY2021, sometime after October 5th.
- EQIP
- We had 7 applications selected for funding under our regular EQIP sign-up.
 - All but one has been obligated to a contract.
- o EQIP Animal Emergency Mortality Management Sign-up
 - The one producer that had to depopulate has a contract and the payment process has started.
- WRP/WRE/FPE
 - o Work on CUA requests.
 - Wrapping up annual monitoring.

Other Items of Interest

- We are still at Phase I of our reopening. We can have any number of employees in the office; however, we are still not allowing customers in the office. Staff is still encouraged to telework. There is no timeframe for when we'll be back to business as usual, but my feeling is that we will be in Phase I for the foreseeable future.
 - o Jeremy's Work Cell 605-633-0527
 - o Megan's Work Cell 605-220-4716
 - Louis's Work Cell 605-220-4715
 - o David's Work Cell 605-680-3996
- Megan is at the Intro to Conservation Planning on Grazinglands training this week.