

**Brookings Conservation District Board Meeting**  
**NRCS Monthly Board Report**  
**September 2, 2020**

**Assistance/Progress**

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- CRP
  - The SHIPP sign-up has been extended to Nov. 20.
  - We have 3 SHIPP applications to this point, and all 3 have plans completed and just need signatures.
  - There are 34 Continuous CRP applications.
    - All 34 have plans completed
    - 1 still needs landowner signatures.
  - There are 64 General CRP applications that have been selected.
    - 56 Plans have been completed and sent to FSA.
    - 4 Plans are done and have been mailed to participants for signatures.
    - 4 Plans remain that need plans written.
  - Providing assistance to existing CRP contracts.
  
- CSP
  - NRCS did receive additional CSP funds and we had one application selected.
  - There are 21 applications for the 2021-1 Renewal sign-up. We have screened these applications and they will be addressed in FY21, after October 5th.
  - FY20 contracts totaled ~\$900,000.
  - CSP-GCI sign-up announced with sign-up deadline of Oct. 16.
  
- EQIP
  - We had several additional EQIP applications funded, bringing our total to 10 contracts for FY20.
    - EQIP contracts totaled \$180,127 for FY20.
  - EQIP Animal Emergency Mortality Management Sign-up
    - 1 Producer had 2 contracts due to the need for continued depopulation.
    - At this time, we are unsure if there will be additional funds in FY21.
  
- WRP/WRE/FPE
  - Expect a FY21 Flood Plain Easement sign-up to be announced in the coming weeks.
  - David submitted 35 CUA requests for FY20.
  - Annual monitoring has been completed.
    - Several issues were found.

## Other Items of Interest

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- The Big Sioux Resource Unit was selected for a spot check this year, so we will be working the field support office staff to provide them with the needed documents to complete their reviews.
- 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.
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