

**Brookings Conservation District Board Meeting**  
**NRCS Monthly Board Report**  
**April 7, 2021**

**Assistance/Progress**

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- CRP
  - CRP General Sign-up
    - There are currently 18 offers.
    - We are still waiting for them to announce when the sign-up will end.
  - CRP Grasslands Sign-up had been announced for March 15 – April 23, but that has been postponed.
  - There are ~40 contracts that will need to complete their seedings/reseedings this year.
  
- CSP
  - CSP-2021-1 Classic application deadline was March 26<sup>th</sup>.
    - We have 24 applications.
    - The next deadline is April 16 to have them screened in the Planning Prioritization Tool.
  - CSP-2022-1 Renewals (for expiring 2017 contracts) application deadline was extended from March 31<sup>st</sup> to April 7<sup>th</sup>.
    - We currently have 7 applications.
    - A new rule for this sign-up is that any application that chooses to not renew or tries but is not selected for funding will face a 2 year “cooling-off” period, during which time they are ineligible for the program.
  
- EQIP
  - The ranking deadline was 3/26.
    - We had 2 eligible EQIP applications.
    - 1 application was selected for funding.
  
- WRP/WRE/FPE
  - WRE ranking deadline was 3/19.
    - There are 5 applications for this sign-up.
  - Off-site monitoring was completed by the March 12<sup>th</sup>.
    - Thank you Brookings CD for your assistance.
  
- HEL/Wetland Determinations
  - 0 HEL determination requests on the log
  - 10 wetland determination requests on the log.
    - Craig is working on 5 new requests and 2 redeterminations, and there are 3 for the consultants.

- CIS Proposal
  - We had 8 producers/landowners complete the web-based survey from the link in the postcards we sent out. I also spoke with 4 or 5 folks on the phone that had received the postcard.
  - Deadline to submit proposals is April 15.

## Other Items of Interest

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- As of 4/6/21, we are allowed 50% of our staff in the office at a time; which means we can have 4 people at a time. This time our partners are included in the count for that number. Vaccinated employees still count against the 50%. There is no timeframe for when this directive will end. We received the updated “playbook” yesterday, which allows visitors on a very limited basis, as it states, “visits should be permitted for essential, time-sensitive service only”. There are also other rules that must be followed for a visitor to be in the office.
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- Louis’s Work Cell – 605-220-4715
- David’s Work Cell – 605-680-3996

