

Brookings Conservation District Board Meeting
NRCS Monthly Board Report
May 3, 2023

Assistance/Progress

- CRP
 - Completing CRP Conservation Plans.
 - Completed FY23 expiring contract reviews, now working on FY24 expiring CRP's.
 - General CRP sign-up ended 4/7 and we have 10 offers.

- CSP
 - We had one application selected for funding. It has gone to contract.
 - CSP Renewal letters have been sent out to those eligible contracts that expire this year. They had until 4/28 to complete an application for renewal. Both eligible contracts submitted their renewal applications.

- EQIP
 - EQIP Classic
 - Contract management and practice certification.
 - We have received additional funding and 2 of our applications in Brookings have been selected. We are working on finishing up the planning and these should go to contract soon.
 - Act Now
 - Special sign-up for the Big Sioux and Mid Missouri Resource Units for windbreak/shelterbelts.
 - ~\$200,000 for the Big Sioux RU.
 - It will be a first come-first served sign-up, as long as the application meets a minimum threshold and eligibility requirements.
 - We have 6 applications in Brookings and 25 total in the Big Sioux RU.

- WRP/WRE/FPE
 - The signup for the Water Bank Program started on 4/17 and runs to 5/19.
 - Continuing to work on CUA's as they come in.

- HEL/Wetland Determinations
 - 2 wetland determinations that are nearly complete.
 - Field reviews have been completed for requests that required it.
 - Current on HEL requests.

- Upper Deer Creek CIS Proposal
 - Batching date was 3/17.
 - We received 8 applications by the deadline. Personally, I am very pleased with the amount of interest we have received.
 - With this level of interest, it appears we should be able to spend our allocation.

- Field work/planning will begin in earnest once the weather finally breaks.
- Oakwood Lakes CIS Project
 - The batching date was December 2nd for the FY23 sign-up.
 - We have 3 applications.
 - We may offer a 2nd sign-up this year.

Other Items of Interest

- Emily was at Cultural Resources Training 4/18-4/20.
- David will be taking Cultural Resources Training 5/9-5/11.
- We will have a grazing/range refresher on 5/11.

Plans for Board review & approval

- 1 plan for review this month.

