

Brookings Conservation District Board Meeting
NRCS Monthly Board Report
June 7, 2023

Assistance/Progress

- CRP
 - Completing CRP Conservation Plans.
 - Wrapping up FY24 expiring CRP Status Reviews.
 - General CRP sign-up ended 4/7 and we have 10 offers, waiting for the announcement of who has been selected.

- CSP
 - 2 CSP-IRA applications were selected for funding.
 - Checklists were sent to all contract holders to help with documentation and payment certification.

- EQIP
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 - Contract management and practice certification.
 - Act Now
 - Special sign-up for the Big Sioux and Mid Missouri Resource Units for windbreak/shelterbelts.
 - Brookings has 4 applications that have been pre-approved/approved and we are finishing the contracting documents, and these should go to contract soon.

- WRP/WRE/FPE
 - Continuing to work on CUA's as they come in.
 - On-site easement monitoring has begun.

- HEL/Wetland Determinations
 - 0 wetland determinations to complete, but a few letters need to be sent.
 - 2 HEL requests outstanding.
 - They have posted the job opening to fill Craig's position in the Brookings FO and it closes on 6/7.

- Upper Deer Creek CIS Proposal
 - Batching date was 3/17.
 - We have 8 applications for this sign-up
 - We have set a deadline of 7/21 to have assessments and rankings done on these applications.

- Oakwood Lakes CIS Project
 - We have 3 applications.
 - We have set a deadline of 6/30 to have assessments and rankings done on these applications.

Other Items of Interest

- Ryan Forbes, Eric Barsness, and I helped Ed Bahm with planting trees at the off-site evaluation plot at the Tree Shed on 5/25.
- We had a grazing/range refresher on 5/11 with 9 employees from around the area participating.

Plans for Board review & approval

- 2 plans for review this month.

