

**Brookings Conservation District Board Meeting**  
**NRCS Monthly Board Report**  
**March 6, 2023**

**Assistance/Progress**

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- CRP
  - Completing CRP Conservation Plans.
  - Completing FY23 expiring contract reviews.
    - Our in-house deadline for completion is 3/10.
  - Completing TSP certifications for recently completed practices.
  - General CRP sign-up started 2/27 and runs thru 4/7.
  
- CSP
  - Workload Prioritizations Tool completion deadline was Feb 24<sup>th</sup>.
    - We have 22 applications we screened, of which 3 screened as High Priority.
    - Ranking Deadline has been extended to 3/17.
  - Wrapping up practice certifications and payments.
    - The last FY22 payment has been processed.
  
- EQIP
  - EQIP Classic
    - Contract management and practice certification.
    - Planning for FY 23 applications.
      - Ranking deadline is March 3rd.
        - We assessed/ranked only the 4 High Priority applications we have.
  
- Big Sioux RCPP
  - We have 3 applications.
  - Ranking deadline was 3/3 for High & Medium priority applications.
    - We have 1 Medium application that was ranked.
  
- WRP/WRE/FPE
  - Continue to process CUA requests as they are received.
  - Brookings CD has finished their off-site monitoring assignments.
  
- HEL/Wetland Determinations
  - Current with all offsite 1026 requests for WC. There are ~4-5 requests that require onsite reviews and will be completed this spring/summer.
  - Current on HEL requests.
  
- Upper Deer Creek CIS Proposal
  - Batching date of 3/17.
  - Postcards were sent to 121 producers and landowners in the CIS project area.

- Oakwood Lakes CIS Project
  - The batching date was December 2<sup>nd</sup> for the FY23 sign-up.
    - We have 3 applications
    - We may offer a 2<sup>nd</sup> sign-up this year.

### **Other Items of Interest**

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- NRCS will be having an All Employee Meeting in Mitchell from March 27-29.

### **Plans for Board review & approval**

- No plans for review this month.

