



February 1, 2022

Dear Conservation Partner:

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will hold their regularly scheduled session of the State Technical Committee (STC) **on Wednesday, February 16, 2022, which will be held virtually**. The meeting will start at 10 a.m. CDT and those participating virtually will be joined by a Teams Meeting (video and audio available). Attached please find a copy of the meeting instructions on how you connect and join the meeting virtually. Based on the tentative agenda items, we anticipate the meeting may run approximately one to two hours. The link for the Teams Meeting will be sent out to each of you a few days prior to the meeting.

The tentative agenda items for the February 16, 2022, meeting will include:

- Welcome and Introduction
- Congressional Staff Updates
- Farm Service Agency Updates
 - Conservation Reserve Program
- Soil Health Update
- Conservation Innovation Grants
- Conservation Collaboration Cooperative Agreements
- Conservation Implementation Strategy
- Woody Species Encroachment DRAFT Strategic Plan
- Program Updates
 - Environmental Quality Incentives Program
 - Regional Conservation Partnership Program
 - Conservation Stewardship Program
 - Agricultural Conservation Easement Program
- South Dakota Wetland/HEL Compliance Update
- Partnership Topics - We have updated our agenda to include time for Partner Updates. If you want to share success stories, new programs or need feedback, please let Kathy Irving know and we will include your name in the agenda.
- Reports
- Other

If you have any additional topics you would like to see included, please contact Kathy Irving, Secretary, Huron State Office, at (605) 352-1200, or via e-mail at kathy.irving@usda.gov.

For more information regarding the meeting, please call our office; or leave a message on our 24-hour Voicemail messaging service by dialing 1-800-872-7502, Extension 1205, or visit the NRCS Web site at www.sd.nrcs.usda.gov.

Persons needing special accommodations should contact Kathy Irving at least one week in advance of the meeting date.

Sincerely,

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Acting State Conservationist

Attachment