



August 10, 2023

Dear Conservation Partner:

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will hold their regularly scheduled session of the State Technical Committee (STC) **on Thursday August 24, 2023, which will be held hybrid (virtually and in person)**. The meeting will be held at Drifter's Event Center located at 325 Hustan Avenue, Fort Pierre, South Dakota. The meeting will start at 10 a.m. CST 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 tentative agenda items for the August 24, 2023, are below:

- Welcome and Introduction
- Congressional Staff Updates
- Farm Service Agency Updates
- Soil Health Update
- Partnerships
  - Conservation Collaboration Cooperative Agreements
- Program Updates
- Technical Updates
  - Upcoming Practice Standard Releases
- South Dakota Wetland/HEL Compliance Update
- Sandy Smart/SDSU
  - Update on the Woody Plant Control Summit Strategic Plan
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Partnership Success Stories – five to ten minutes can be scheduled for partners attending virtually or in-person to share success stories, new programs, or need feedback, please contact Tami Burmeister by Friday August 18, 2023, if you plan to share, in order to be added to the agenda.

If you have any additional topics you would like to see included, please contact Tami Burmeister, Secretary, Huron State Office, at (605) 352-1200, or via e-mail at [Tami.Burmeister@usda.gov](mailto:Tami.Burmeister@usda.gov) by August 18, 2023, the have them added.

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](http://www.sd.nrcs.usda.gov).

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

Sincerely,

ANTHONY M. SUNSERI  
State Conservationist

Attachment

# STATE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Hybrid Meeting  
Drifters in Fort Pierre, South Dakota  
and/or Teams Meeting  
August 24, 2023  
10 a.m. CST

## Agenda

1. **Welcome and Opening Comments** Tony Sunseri
  - STC Subcommittees
2. **Congressional Representatives** Jim Selchert/Rebecca Herman
  - Senator Rounds Office Update (Virtual)
3. **Farm Service Agency Update** Owen Fagerhaug
4. **Soil Health Update** Tanse Herrmann
5. **Partnerships** Colette Kessler
  - Conservation Collaboration Grants
6. **Programs Update** Jeff Vander Wilt
7. **Technical Updates** Jessica Michalski
  - Upcoming Practice Standards Releases
8. **Partnership Reports**
  - SDSU** Sandy Smart
    - Update on the Woody Plant Control Summit Strategic Plan
  - SD Grassland Task Force-(in person)** Laura Kahler
    - Introduction and update
  - South Dakota Specialty Producers** Laura Kahler
  - Pheasants Forever (Virtual)** Matt Gottlob

## South Dakota State Technical Committee

August 24, 2023

### **USDA NRCS National News**

- NRCS South Dakota is excited to be hosting national NRCS cooperative agreements for Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative (GLCI) – the three partners are: the SD Grassland Coalition, The Nature Conservancy and Ducks Unlimited.

### **USDA NRCS serving South Dakota FY 23 Update**

#### Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG)

- For FY 23, NRCS SD received four proposals and is working with a recipient for processing the award through the USDA FPAC Grants and Agreements Division.
- National CIG opportunities posted on [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov), key word search “CIG” “NRCS”.

#### Conservation Collaboration Cooperative Agreements (CCCA)

- NRCS SD received 20 proposals for the FY23 Conservation Collaboration Cooperative Agreements (CCCA) Notice of Funding (NFO) requesting over \$12 million. We are working with the selections for processing the award through the USDA FPAC Grants and Agreements Division.
- NRCS SD will have a FY24 Notice of Funding Opportunity posted on [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) likely after the first of January.

## Conservation Stewardship Program Report FY2023 Obligations

<b>CSP-Renewals: Enrolled 234,333 Acres</b>	<b>Contracts</b>	<b>Obligated</b>
CSP Renewal 2023-1 Beginning F/R & Socially Disadvantaged	14	\$2,011,248
CSP Renewal 2023-1 Resource Units	70	\$8,883,060
<b>Total</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>\$10,894,308</b>
<b>CSP-Classic: Enrolled 290,000 Acres</b>		
SD FY2023 CSP Classic - Beginning F/R & Socially Disadvantaged	22	\$3,089,850
SD FY2023 CSP Classic -Resource Units	84	\$12,454,718
SD FY2023 CSP Classic – Shade Hill CIS	8	\$895,907
CSP NIPF	1	\$7,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>\$16,447,975</b>
<b>CSP-IRA: Enrolled 165,000 Acres</b>		
SD CSP FY2023 IRA - Beginning F/R & Socially Disadvantaged	5	\$504,984
SD CSP FY 2023 IRA - Resource Unit	48	\$6,304,302
<b>Total</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>\$6,809,286</b>
<b>CSP-GCI: Enrolled 2,332 Acres</b>		
GCI-Enrollment	35	\$209,865
<b>Total</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>\$209,865</b>

**South Dakota CSP 2018 Farm Bill FY2023 Enrollment Summary:**

**Total Acres Enrolled: 691,665**

**Total Obligated Contracts: 287**

**Total Financial Obligation: \$34,361,434**