

OGLALA LAKOTA COUNTY UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 8, 2023

The Oglala Lakota Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on February 8, 2023. Present: Ramon Bear Runner, Allyssa Comer, Art Hopkins, Anna Takes the Shield (DuBray), Wendell Yellow Bull and Sue Ganje, Auditor.

The meeting was called to order at 1:14 p.m. by Chairwoman Takes the Shield (DuBray). The agenda was reviewed for conflicts. ALL MOTIONS RECORDED IN THESE MINUTES WERE PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE, UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.

Motion made by Comer, seconded by Hopkins, to approve the agenda with the addition of travel approval for the coroner.

Motion made by Takes the Shield (DuBray), seconded by Bear Runner, to approve the minutes of January 11 and January 27, 2023.

Motion made by Bear Runner, seconded by Hopkins, to approve the December Auditor's Account with the Treasurer as follows:

AUDITOR'S ACCOUNT WITH THE COUNTY TREASURER

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF OGLALA LAKOTA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

I hereby submit the following report of my examination of the cash and cash items in the hands of the County Treasurer of this County on this 31st day of December 2022.

Total Amount of Deposit in First Interstate Bank, HS:	\$	(133,902.74)
Total Amount of Cash:	\$	121.60
Total Amount of Checks in Treasurer's Possession Not Exceeding Three Days:	\$	238.50
FIRST INTERSTATE SAVINGS		
First Interstate, HS:	\$	3,400,083.59
CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT:		
First Interstate, HS:	\$	-
Black Hills Federal Credit Union, HS:	\$	-
First National Bank of Lead Checking	\$	-
First Nation Bank of Lead ICS Acct	\$	-
Schwab 2 year	\$	13,554.41
Schwab 2 year	\$	2,002,218.75

Itemized list of all items, checks and drafts that have

been in the Treasurer's possession over three days:

Sheriff Change Fund:	\$	200.00
Election Petty Cash:	\$	15.00

RETURNED CHECKS:

Deaton, Tyler	\$	110.10
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TOTAL \$ 5,282,639.21

Dated This 31st Day of December 2022.

/s/Sue Ganje, County Auditor of Oglala Lakota County

/s/Teresa Pullen, County Treasurer of Oglala Lakota County

County Monies	\$	5,216,077.93
Held for other Entities	\$	15,868.30
Held in Trust	\$	50,692.98
TOTAL	\$	5,282,639.21

The Above Balance Reflects County Monies, Monies Held in Trust, and Monies Collected for and to be remitted to Other ENTITIES: SCHOOLS, TOWNS, AND STATE.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Bear Runner, to approve the purchase of a Canon Desktop MP11DX-2 Calculator, Treasurer's Office, in the amount of \$62.99.

Motion made by Bear Runner, seconded by Yellow Bull, to approve travel for Commissioners to attend the SDACC 2023 Spring Workshop at the Ramkota Inn in Pierre, April 19 and April 20, 2023.

Frank Maynard met with the Board. Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Comer, to approve the following resolution:

OGLALA LAKOTA COUNTY RESOLUTION #2023-04

WHEREAS, the South Dakota Wildland Fire Coordinator is authorized to assist in fighting range fires through the State; and

WHEREAS, a county must formally request his assistance pursuant to SDCL 41-20-8.1; and

WHEREAS, because there is insufficient time to hold a meeting and adopt a resolution during a fire, Oglala Lakota County can designate a person with authority to request assistance under this law;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oglala Lakota County Commissioners hereby designate the following person (s) with the authority to request assistance from the State Wildland Fire Coordinator in fighting range fires:

Anna Takes the Shield (DuBray)
COMMISSIONER
605-441-4996 (CELL)

Allyssa Comer
COMMISSIONER
605-407-1839 (CELL)

Wendell Yellow Bull
COMMISSIONER
605-441-6405 (CELL) or 605-867-2263 (HOME)

Robert “Joe” Herman
OGLALA LAKOTA COUNTY SHERIFF
605-441-6215 (CELL)

Franklin W. Maynard
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR
605-890-7245 (CELL) or 605-745-7562 (OFFICE)

Dated this 8th day of February, 2023

/s/Anna Takes the Shield (DuBray), Chairwoman
Oglala Lakota County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

/s/Sue Ganje, Oglala Lakota County Auditor
Oglala Lakota County

Lynx Bettelyoun, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board. Motion made by Takes the Shield (DuBray), seconded by Yellow Bull, to approve the January 23, 2023 through February 2, 2023 Sheriff fuel transfer to reimburse the Highway Department for 68.9 gallons of fuel at \$3.419 per gallon, for a total of \$235.57.

Fuel quotes were presented as follows:

1/18/2023 Fuel Quotes	200-Gal Gasoline	2,000-Gal Diesel
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Westco	\$3.236/gallon	\$4.849/gallon
Pine Ridge Oil	No Bid	No Bid

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Comer, to approve the low and only bid from Westco for 200 gallons of gasoline at \$3.236 per gallon, for a total of \$647.20 and 2,000 gallons of diesel, at \$4.849 per gallon, for a total of \$9,698.00.

Motion made by Bear Runner, seconded by Yellow Bull, to approve the private road contract with Charles Conroy, in the amount of \$85.00, for road work.

Motion made by Bear Runner, seconded by Yellow Bull, to approve the following resolution:

OGLALA LAKOTA COUNTY RESOLUTION #2023-05

WHEREAS, the Oglala Lakota County Board of Commissioners did adopt the following 2023 ANNUAL LOAD RESTRICTIONS:

Oglala Lakota County will impose load and speed limits as follows in coordination with the State of South Dakota Highway's Annual Load Restrictions:

All oil roads will be posted at 45 Ton and 45 mph.
All gravel roads will be posted at 10 ton and 45 mph.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED this amendment was approved and passed on this 8th day of February, 2023.

/s/Anna Takes the Shield (DuBray), Chairwoman
Oglala Lakota County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

/s/Sue Ganje

Oglala Lakota County Auditor

Motion made by Comer, seconded by Bear Runner, to approve travel for Bettelyoun, Hopkins and Yellow Bull to attend the SDACHS 2023 Short Course in Deadwood, March 21 – March 23, 2023.

Motion made by Bear Runner, seconded by Yellow Bull, to approve the 2023 Aggregate Production Project Manual.

Bettelyoun updated the Board about blading County Roads and minor maintenance on equipment. Discussion was held on providing services and contracting with Jackson County.

The Private Road Work Hearing was held as advertised. Motion made by Bear Runner, seconded by Yellow Bull, to approve the continuation of private road work as per SDCL 31-11-41 thru 45, with the following rates per hour:

Motor Grader	\$85.00
Dump Truck/Loader/Water Truck	\$65.00
Semi/Belly Dump	\$139.00
Pit Run Gravel	\$2.00
Mower Tractor	\$55.00

Teresa Pullen, Treasurer, reported to the Board about Edison Briggs, parcel # 80000-00200-00100, and Debra Black Crow, parcel # 80000-00400-01600 regarding the payment plan that the individuals are currently on. They are not complying with the agreement. Pullen will bring new agreement plans to the next meeting. Pullen is also working on tax deeds.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Bear Runner, to table the Sheriff’s agenda items until the next meeting.

Jerlene Arredondo, Veteran’s Service Officer, reported to the Board about taking a webinar on suicide prevention and attending the Contractor’s Workshop in Rapid City that dealt with home ownership in Native communities and understanding the VA home loan. Arredondo would like to be able to do further trainings on suicide prevention and keep reporting to the Board on those trainings; Takes the Shield (DuBray) would like Arredondo to be QPR certified to better assist veterans. Discussion was held on placement of headstones and VSO salaries.

Motion made by Hopkins, seconded by Yellow Bull, to accept the VSO Monthly Activity Reports for August 2022 through January 2023.

Public comment was heard from Chuck Conroy about the possibility of adding his road to the County system. Additional comments were heard from Shawnee Red Bear, Tribal VSO, regarding the Lakota Freedom Veteran Cemetery.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Bear Runner, to approve bills as follows:

GENERAL FUND

AT&T MOBILITY	WIRELESS PHONE SHERIFF	\$94.39
AT&T TELECONFERENCE	TELECONFERENCE SERVICE	\$40.12
BEAR RUNNER, RAMON	MILEAGE	\$66.30
BEAM INSURANCE ADMIN. LLC	VISION PLAN	\$31.36
BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT SYS	2023 BUDGET ALLOTTMENT	\$7,500.00
TAKES THE SHIELD, ANNA	MILEAGE	\$51.00
EFTPS	PAYROLL TAXES	\$2,307.04
GOLDEN WEST	LOCAL PHONE/EMAIL/LONG DISTANCE	\$133.64
GOLDEN WEST TECHNOLOGIES	COMPUTER	\$1,418.42
HOPKINS, ARTHUR L	MILEAGE	\$216.24

HORN LAW OFFICE, PROF LLC	MI/QMHP COURT ORDERE	\$198.00
HUSTEAD LAW OFFICE, P.C.	CAAF	\$814.99
LAKOTA TIMES	PUBLICATION	\$98.67
MARTINEZ, AUDREY	CORONER MILEAGE	\$132.09
MASTERCARD	COUNTY CREDIT CARD	\$869.27
OGLALA SIOUX TRIBE	MONTH RENT FOR VET SERVICE OFFICER	\$100.00
QUALIFIED PRESORT SERVICE	MAILING SERVICE	\$343.23
RAMKOTA HOTEL	HOTEL	\$630.00
RELIANCE STANDARD	LIFE INSURANCE	\$82.00
SD DEPT OF REVENUE	CAR TITLE & PLATES	\$24.20
SDAAO	2023 MEMBERSHIP DUES	\$75.00
SD DEPT OF HEALTH	BLOOD DRAW ANALYSIS	\$40.00
OL COUNTY TREASURER	SALES TAX	\$0.15
BADLANDS CONSERVATION	2023 BUDGET ALLOTTMENT	\$2,500.00
SD STATE RETIREMENT	SDRS CONTRIBUTIONS	\$1,192.39
THOMSEN REUTERS - WEST	ONLINE SOFTWARE SUBS	\$148.00
VANWAY TROPHY & AWARD	NAMEPLATE	\$27.18
YELLOW BULL, WENDELL	MILEAGE	\$132.60
COMER, ALYSSA	MILEAGE	\$97.92
COMMISSIONERS	JANUARY SALARIES	\$2,450.00
STATE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE	JANUARY SALARIES	\$500.00
VETERAN'S SERVICE OFFICE	JANUARY SALARIES	\$3,189.33
SHERIFF ARPA	JANUARY SALARIES	\$4,312.00
SHERIFF	JANUARY SALARIES	\$4,357.25
CORONER	JANUARY SALARIES	\$875.00
	TOTAL FOR GENERAL FUND	\$35,047.78

COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE

AT&T MOBILITY	WIRELESS PHONE SHERIFF	\$94.39
BEAM INSURANCE ADMIN. LLC	VISION PLAN	\$30.56
DELTA DENTAL OF SD	DENTAL PLAN	\$231.00
EFTPS	PAYROLL TAXES	\$3,754.03
FAIR MANUFACTURING, INC.	EQUIPMENT/SNOW BLOWER	\$162,318.00
BUCHE HARDWARE & LUMBER	SUPPLIES	\$31.98
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATION	LOCAL PHONE & INTERNET	\$220.82
LAKOTA TIMES	PUBLICATION	\$49.80
LAKOTA PLAINS PROPANE	PROPANE	\$1,338.26
MARTIN AUTO PARTS	PARTS/SUPPLY	\$253.20
MASTERCARD	COUNTY CREDIT CARD	\$96.23
MCI COMM SERVICE	LONG DISTANCE	\$51.61
RELIANCE STANDARD	LIFE INSURANCE	\$117.75
SDACHS	2023 SHORT COURSE	\$100.00
SD FEDERAL PROPERTY AGCY	SUPPLY	\$128.90
SD STATE RETIREMENT	SDRS CONTRIBUTIONS	\$1,748.37

TRUE NORTH STEEL, INC.	ROCK RING	\$380.00
WESTCO	FUEL/UTILITES	\$11,384.06
WESTERN COMMUNICATIONS	PARTS	\$122.64
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	JANUARY SALARIES	\$13,588.27
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	OVERTIME	\$2,519.79
	TOTAL FOR COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE	\$198,559.66
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN		
BEAM INSURANCE ADMIN. LLC	VISION PLAN	\$25.21
DELTA DENTAL OF SD	DENTAL PLAN	\$114.50
EFTPS	PAYROLL TAXES	\$812.28
RELIANCE STANDARD	LIFE INSURANCE	\$7.00
SD STATE RETIREMENT	SDRS CONTRIBUTIONS	\$689.92
	TOTAL FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN	\$1,648.91
	TOTAL PAID BETWEEN 1/12/23 AND 2/8/23	\$235,256.35

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Comer, to approve travel for Audrey Martinez, Coroner, and Sue Ganje, Auditor, to attend the South Dakota Department of Health Coroner Training in Rapid City, on March 16, 2023.

Lance Russell, State's Attorney, met with the Board. Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Comer, to approve the 2023 Oglala Lakota/Fall River Contract and authorize the chairwoman to sign.

Discussion was held on the possibility of outsourcing housing of prisoners, the Freedom of Religion Act and the Tribe collecting the 2% tax on municipalities.

The Board discussed what they learned at the Meth Conference; Hopkins would like to have further information on previous conferences and considered it a good resource.

Takes the Shield and Bear Runner exited the meeting at 3:44 p.m.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to adjourn at 3:45 p.m.

/s/Anna Takes the Shield (DuBray)
 Anna Takes the Shield (DuBray), Chairman
 Board of Oglala Lakota County Commissioners

ATTEST:
/s/Sue Ganje
 Sue Ganje, Oglala Lakota County Auditor

OGLALA LAKOTA COUNTY UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 27, 2023

The Oglala Lakota Board of County Commissioners met in special session on February 27, 2023. Present: Allyssa Comer (via phone), Art Hopkins (via phone), Anna Takes the Shield (DuBray) (via phone), Wendell Yellow Bull (via phone) and Sue Ganje, Auditor. Ramon Bear Runner was absent.

The meeting was called to order at 4:33 p.m. by Chairwoman Takes the Shield (DuBray). The agenda was reviewed for conflicts. ALL MOTIONS RECORDED IN THESE MINUTES WERE PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE, UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.

Motion made by Hopkins, seconded by Comer, to approve the agenda as written.

Motion made by Hopkins, seconded by Yellow Bull, to approve overnight travel for Black Hills Association of County Commissioners and Officials Meeting on March 2, 2023, to Timber Lake, SD for the meeting on March 3, 2023, with all commissioners attending, but Bear Runner.

Motion made by Comer, seconded by Yellow Bull, to adjourn at 4:43 p.m.

/s/Anna Takes the Shield (DuBray)
Anna Takes the Shield (DuBray), Chairman
Board of Oglala Lakota County Commissioners

ATTEST:
/s/Sue Ganje
Sue Ganje, Oglala Lakota County Auditor



TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF OGLALA LAKOTA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:
 I hereby submit the following report of my examination of the cash and cash items in
 the hands of the County Treasurer of this County on this 31st day of January 2023.

Total Amount of Deposit in First Interstate Bank, HS:	\$	236,592.46
Total Amount of Cash:	\$	1,141.63
Total Amount of Checks in Treasurer's Possession Not Exceeding Three Days:	\$	28,462.55
FIRST INTERSTATE SAVINGS		
First Interstate, HS:	\$	3,125,576.90
CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT:		
Schwab 2 year	\$	14,871.88
Schwab 2 year	\$	2,009,437.50
Itemized list of all items, checks and drafts that have been in the Treasurer's possession over three days:		
Sheriff Change Fund:	\$	200.00
Election Petty Cash:	\$	15.00
RETURNED CHECKS:		
Deaton, Tyler	\$	110.10

TOTAL \$ 5,416,408.02

Dated This 31st Day of January 2023.

Sue Ganje, County Auditor of Oglala Lakota County

Teresa Pullen, County Treasurer of Oglala Lakota County

County Monies	\$	5,301,383.93
Held for other Entities	\$	41,144.47
Held in Trust	\$	73,879.62
TOTAL	\$	5,416,408.02

The Above Balance Reflects County Monies, Monies Held in Trust, and Monies Collected for and to be remitted to Other ENTITIES: SCHOOLS, TOWNS, AND STATE.

OGLALA LAKOTA COUNTY VSO

MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT February 2023

OFFICE VISITS APPOINTMENTS 4 WALK-INS 28 PHONE 20 TOTAL 52

DEATHS TRIBAL MEMBERS 1 NON-TRIBAL MEMBERS _____

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

NEW CLAIMS 2 (PERSON 2 PHONE _____)

EXISTING CLAIMS 41 (PERSON 35 PHONE 6)

NEW MEDICAL ENROLLMENT 1

DD214 REQUESTS 7 (OFFICE 7 OTHER _____)

HOME LOAN 1 VA STATE HOME 1 OTHER 3

SD STATE BENEFITS

VETERANS/ACTIVE DUTY BONUS _____ BURIAL BENEFITS 1 EDUCATION 2

HEADSTONE/SET UP 2 RECORDS/OTHER 16 STATE PARKS _____

HUNTING/FISHING LICENSES _____ LICENSE PLATES _____ DRIVERS LICENSE _____

TRIBAL

TRIBAL VETERANS FLAG _____ FUNERALS/ROLL CALL _____

MEETINGS 1 OTHER _____

PUBLIC OUTREACH

SOCIAL MEDIA _____ RADIO STATION _____ OTHER _____

OTHER online training w/ Regional Claims Office (updated forms) 2-6-23

VSO NAME J. Hines

Oglala Lakota County Highway Department

To: WESTCO 1000-762-9908

The Oglala Lakota County Highway Department is requesting a quote on fuel on this 21 day
of Feb, 2023.

Please provide a bid for the following.

300 Gallons of Unleaded Gas at \$ 3.619/gal.
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1,500 #1 Gallons of Diesel at \$ 4.769 /gal.

_____ Gallons of Propane at \$ _____ /gal.

The Oglala Lakota County Highway Depart. Tank is a 1,880 gallon tank, the current propane level is _____ percent.

Signature: [Signature] Date: 2/21/23

County Exemptions / Taxes Applicable:

Unleaded: Federal tax exempt: State Tax Applicable

Diesel: Federal and State tax exempt: \$0.02 EPA tax applicable

Please submit a bid on the above requested fuel. Fax to 1 (605) 282-1867

Oglala Lakota County Highway Department

P.O. Box# 208, Batesland SD 57716

PH: (605)282-1866 Fax: (605) 282-1867 Cell: (605) 441-6261

For office use only:

____ Response
____ No Response

Oglala Lakota County Highway Department

To: Pine Ridge Oil: 1(605)867-6225

The Oglala Lakota County Highway Department is requesting a quote on fuel on this 23 day of Feb, 20 23.

Please provide a bid for the following.

300 Gallons of Unleaded Gas at \$ _____ /gal.

1,500 ^{#)} Gallons of Diesel at \$ _____ /gal.

_____ Gallons of Propane at \$ _____ /gal.

The Oglala Lakota County Highway Depart. Tank is a 1,000 gallon tank, the current propane level is _____ percent.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

County Exemptions / Taxes Applicable:

Unleaded: Federal tax exempt: State Tax Applicable

Diesel: Federal and State tax exempt: \$0.02 EPA tax applicable

Please submit a bid on the above requested fuel. Fax to 1 (605) 288-1867

Oglala Lakota County Highway Department

P.O Box 208, Batesland SD 57716

PH: (605)288-1866 Fax: (605) 288-1867 Cell: (605) 441-6261

For office use only:

Response
 No Response

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Order Details

Ordered on February 17, 2023 Order# 114-6874761-6820240

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Shipping Address

Fall River County Auditor
906 N RIVER ST STE 104
HOT SPRINGS, SD 57747-1387
United States

Payment Method



Order Summary

Item(s) Subtotal:	\$197.99
Shipping & Handling:	\$0.00
Total before tax:	\$197.99
Estimated tax to be collected:	\$0.00
Grand Total:	\$197.99

[See tax and seller information](#)

Transactions

Order method Business

Delivered Feb 21, 2023

Signed by: AEBERLE



VIVO 36 inch Electric Motor Desk Converter, Height Adjustable Riser, Sit to Stand Dual Monitor and Laptop Workstation with Wide Keyboard Tray, Black, DESK-VE36K

Sold by: V I V O Product question? Ask Seller

Return eligible through Mar 24, 2023

\$197.99

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Condition: New

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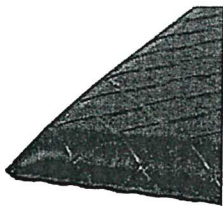
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Amazon Basics Anti-Fatigue Standing Comfort Mat for Home and Office - 5-Pack, 20 x 36-Inch, Black 8,230

\$149.99 (\$30.00/Item)

Get it as soon as Tuesday, Mar 14

FREE Shipping on orders over \$25 shipped by Amazon



1" Extra Thick Anti Fatigue Floor Mat, Kitchen Mat, Standing Desk Mat - Comfort at Home, Office... 1,969

Amazon's Choice in Floor

Comfort Mats \$38.75

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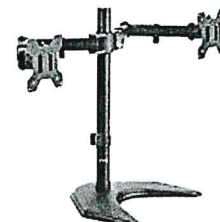


KANGAROO 3/4" Thick Superior Comfort, Relieves Pressure, All Day Ergonomic Stain Resistant Floor Rug Anti Fatigue... 18,323

\$41.98

Get it as soon as Wednesday, Mar 15

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VIVO STAND-V002F Dual LED LCD Monitor Free-Standing Desk Stand for 2 Screens up to 27 Inch Heavy-Duty Fully... 14,211

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Order Details

Ordered on February 17, 2023 Order# 114-2743576-2948247

[Printable Order Summary](#)

Shipping Address

Fall River County Auditor
906 N RIVER ST STE 104
HOT SPRINGS, SD 57747-1387
United States

Payment Method



Order Summary

Item(s) Subtotal:	\$489.94
Shipping & Handling:	\$25.24
Free Shipping:	-\$25.24
Total before tax:	\$489.94
Estimated tax to be collected:	\$0.00
Grand Total:	\$489.94

Transactions

Order method Business

2 Shipments

Delivered Feb 24, 2023

Package was left inside the residence's mailbox



Sceptre 27-Inch FHD LED Gaming Monitor 75Hz 2X HDMI VGA Build-in Speakers, Ultra Slim Metal Black

Sold by: Amazon.com Services LLC
Return eligible through Mar 25, 2023
\$129.95

Business Price
Condition: New

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Delivered Feb 24, 2023

Package was left inside the residence's mailbox



HP OfficeJet Pro 9025e Wireless Color All-in-One Printer with Bonus 6 Months Instant Ink with HP+

Sold by: Amazon.com Services LLC
Return eligible through Mar 25, 2023
\$359.99

Condition: New

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Computer Repair *with therapy*
1225 E. St Patrick Street #E
Rapid City SD 57701
605-341-4152

office@computerrepairwt.com

QUOTE

QUOTE PREPARED FOR: Julie Fall River

Date	Quote Expiration *	Terms
03/07/23	03/14/23	Due at acceptance

Bill-To Address:	Ship-To Address:

Quantity	Model & Description	Unit Price	Extended Price
1	Lenovo TCM80t-I5-16GB-500GB i5 processor 16GB ram 500gb M2 SSD	\$1,199.99	\$1,199.99
1	1tb backup drive	\$100.00	\$100.00
2	Data Conversion and setup	\$105.00	\$210.00

Merchandise Total	\$1,509.99
Tax	\$98.15
Quote Total	\$1,608.14

QUOTE OPTIONS: Taxes not included

Quantity	Model & Description	Unit Price	Extended Price
	Actual time with be billed.		

We appreciate the opportunity to earn your business!

Signature: _____

Date: _____

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
OGLALA LAKOTA COUNTY
2023 AGGREGATE PRODUCTION PROJECT

General Notice

OGLALA LAKOTA COUNTY (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:

2023 AGGREGATE PRODUCTION PROJECT
BAI PROJECT NO. 24013.00

Bids for the construction of the Project will be received at the **Fall River County Courthouse Auditors Office located at 906 N River St, Hot Springs, SD 57747 until March 8, 2023 at 1:00 PM local time.** At that time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read. Submittal of the Bid shall be in accordance with Article 14 of the Instructions to Bidders.

The Project includes the following Work:

- Production and Stockpiling of 40,000 Tons of Gravel Surfacing Material at Owner provided pit (2-20,000 ton piles)
- Quality Control Testing

Bids are requested for the following Contract: 2023 Aggregate Production Project

The Project has an expected duration of **30 calendar days.**

Obtaining the Bidding Documents

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is:

Banner Associates, Inc.
409 22nd Avenue S
Brookings, SD 57006

Prospective Bidders may obtain or examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM CST and may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office as described above. Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office.

Copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Issuing Office upon a non-refundable payment in the sum of **\$25.00** including applicable taxes and fees for each set of Bidding Documents. Upon request, in accordance with South Dakota Codified Law 5-18B-1, one copy of electronic or paper Bidding Documents shall be furnished, without charge, to each prime contractor resident in South Dakota who intends, in good faith, to submit a bid to the Owner. Additionally, if a paper copy is provided under the conditions of SDCL 5-18B-1, in consideration of the documents being provided at no charge, unsuccessful bidders agree to return the documents to the office of Banner Associates, at the address listed above, within thirty (30) days after the bid opening.

2023 AGGREGATE PRODUCTION PROJECT
OGLALA LAKOTA COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA
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Information and Bidding Documents for the Project can be found at the following designated website:

www.bannerassociates.com

Electronic copies are also available and can be ordered and downloaded from the above website for a **\$25.00** non-refundable fee. All official notifications, addenda, and other Bidding Documents will be offered only through the designated website.

Instructions to Bidders.

For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.

This Advertisement is issued by:

Owner: **Oglala Lakota County**

By: **Mr. Lynx Bettelyoun**

Title: **County Highway Superintendent**

Date: **February 8, 2023**

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31-12-14. Deadline for bids--Advertisement--Rejection of bids.

If the cost of any road, bridge, tile, or culvert construction, repair work, or materials upon a county highway system or secondary roads exceeds the amount provided for in § 5-18A-14 or any less amount for which work bids are to be called for, and after plans and specifications therefor have been prepared and filed in the office of the county auditor, the board having charge shall designate a time not less than twenty days from the date of such filing, at which sealed bids for such work or materials will be received. The board shall cause notice thereof to be published once each week for two successive weeks in one of the official newspapers of the county. The notice shall state where plans and specifications may be examined, when and where bids will be opened, a brief statement of the principal items of work and materials contemplated by the improvement, and the location of the same, the amount of the certified check or bidder's bond to be required, and such further notice as the board having supervision may deem advisable. Bids may be received at any special or regular meeting of the board. The board may refuse to accept any bids submitted.

Source: SDC 1939, § 28.0115; SL 1972, ch 32, § 4; SL 1982, ch 223, § 1B; SL 1987, ch 211, § 3; SL 1993, ch 218, § 1; SL 2011, ch 2, § 135.

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Pennington County Sheriff's Office

Jail Division



Brian Mueller
Sheriff

307 Saint Joseph Street Rapid City, SD 57701-2889
Ph. 605-394-6116
Fax 605-716-6102

Rob Yantis
Jail Commander

January 11, 2023

Sheriff Robert (Joe) Herman
Oglala Lakota County Sheriff's Office
906 N. River Street
Hot Springs, SD 57747

Re: Prisoner Housing Contract

Dear Sheriff Herman,

Enclosed you will find the 2023 Prisoner Housing Contract for Pennington County. Upon review, please sign and return; keeping a copy for your file.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 605-394-6116.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Donell Welch".

Donell Welch
Office Manager, Pennington County Jail



CONTRACT FOR HOUSING OF PRISONERS AND DETAINEES
IN THE PENNINGTON COUNTY JAIL

Comes now, the Pennington County Sheriff (PCSO), located at 300 Kansas City Street in Rapid City, South Dakota and the Oglala Lakota County Sheriff (OLCSO), located at 906 N. River St. in Hot Springs, South Dakota, and agree as follows:

WHEREAS, PCSO manages and operates the Pennington County Jail located at 307 Saint Joseph Street in Rapid City, South Dakota used for housing of prisoners and detainees and that OLCSO does not have adequate facilities in Oglala Lakota County (OLC) for the housing of prisoners and detainees, and

WHEREAS, PCSO is willing to enter an agreement with OLCSO for the housing of prisoners and detainees from OLC under the terms and conditions set forth herein.

ACCORDINGLY, the parties stipulate and agree as follow:

1. PCSO agrees to house and take care of prisoners and detainees of OLC, provide food, clothing, bedding, shoes, hygiene supplies, and other items provided to Pennington County (PC) prisoners on a daily basis. Supervision will be provided by PCSO or its designee in accordance with the written document known as the PC Jail Policies and Procedures Manual. In return for said services being performed by PCSO, OLCSO agrees to pay PCSO [\$95] per day for each inmate day. Inmates identified by PCSO as special management due to behavioral, medical, or mental health issues that utilize more resources will be billed at [\$120] per day for each inmate day. PCSO will communicate with OLCSO prior to charging the increased rate. PCSO will bill for the day of arrival but not for the day of departure.
2. OLCSO herein agrees and understands that it is their responsibility to transport prisoners to the PC Jail at their expense and to provide transportation for prisoners to and from Court at the expense of OLCSO. OLCSO further agrees and understands that it is the responsibility of FRCSO to know when prisoners of OLC are to be in Court. OLCSO also agrees that PCSO does not routinely provide transportation for inmates to Court, Video Court, or medical facilities. OLCSO herein agrees and understands that if transportation is requested by OLCSO and agreed to by PCSO, PCSO will bill transportation costs to OLCSO at [\$0.68] per mile and [\$35.00] per hour for one deputy/guard and an additional [\$35.00] per hour for any additional deputy/guard, as deemed necessary by PCSO. Transportation costs include moving

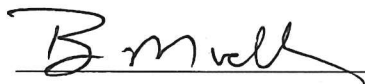
prisoners to video court within the PC Jail. All transport costs have a minimum fee of one hour, with billing occurring in ¼-hour increments after the first hour.

3. OLCSO herein agrees and understands that PCSO will, when necessary, provide extraordinary and emergency medical or dental care for prisoners or detainees of OLC, that OLCSO will pay the entire expense associated with said extraordinary and emergency medical or dental care; including transportation to and from medical or dental facilities, hospital expenses, drug expenses, doctor expenses, guard fees and any other necessary and proper expenses born by PCSO in connection with extraordinary and emergency medical and dental care. OLCSO herein further agrees and understands that the determination as to whether or not medical or dental care is an emergency will be left to the discretion of the PCSO or his designee. If extraordinary care is indicated, the PCSO will consult with OLCSO to determine proper and reasonable medical care for which OLCSO will be financially responsible.
4. OLCSO herein agrees and understands that PCSO will bill OLCSO for prisoners and detainees held by PCSO for OLCSO. Said bill shall include the cost of each days housing or lodging at the rate of [\$95] per day and any and all medical, mental health, dental or physician care incurred by PCSO. OLCSO agrees to reimburse PCSO on a monthly basis for all bills submitted by PCSO.
5. OLCSO herein agrees and understands that all prisoners and detainees of OLC housed in the PC Jail are subject to supervision provided by the PCSO or his designee in accordance with the written documentation known as the PC Jail Policies and Procedures Manual and any and all State standards that may be forth coming by the South Dakota legislature or other authorized committee or agency of the State of South Dakota.
6. OLCSO agrees to hold harmless and indemnify PC, PCSO and its officers, agents and employees, from and against any and all claims, actions, suits, damages, liability, judgments or other proceedings, including attorney fees and court costs, which may arise as a result of OLC prisoners and detainees being housed in the PC Jail and receiving medical or dental care and transportation services, all as contemplated and authorized in this Agreement. This section does not require OLCSO to hold harmless and indemnify PC, PCSO and its officers, agents and employees from claims or liability arising solely from the acts or omissions of PCSO, its officers, agents and employees.
7. The parties to this agreement herein fully agree and understand that PCSO may cancel this agreement by giving thirty (30) days written notice to the OLCSO. Said notice shall be sent by certified or registered mail. OLCSO herein agrees and understands it shall have no claim or claims of any kind against PC or the PCSO for cancellation of this agreement. OLCSO further agrees and understands that should

PCSO wish to alter any terms or conditions of this agreement, including the cost of housing prisoners, that said alterations or changes shall be provided in writing to the OLCSO by certified mail and OLCSO herein agrees and understands that said alterations or changes shall commence and take full force and effect thirty (30) days after notice of the same is received by OLCSO.

8. The parties to this agreement specifically agree and understand that any and all changes in this agreement shall be made in writing and attached to the master copy of this agreement which shall be held by PCSO. The parties to this agreement do further agree and understand that this agreement constitutes the complete understanding and agreement of the parties hereto and that no other oral agreements have been made that are binding upon the parties hereto.
9. OLCSO herein agrees to provide copies of the authority to PCSO to hold a prisoner or detainee. The authority to hold shall be either an Order of the Court, Warrant of Arrest and/or Complaint, Bench Warrant, Traffic Citation, Sentence, together with the signature of the officer delivering said prisoner or detainee on a form entitled Custody Authorization Form. PCSO reserves the right to reject any prisoner or detainee delivered without adequate authorization. Said paperwork is the consent of OLCSO for PCSO to bill OLCSO under the terms and conditions of this agreement or future addendum or modification of this contract.
10. OLCSO hereby acknowledges that PC is the owner of the PC Jail and that the operation and management of said Jail is vested in PCSO. Any rights, terms or condition provided for in the PC Jail as part of this agreement vests in, and is subject to, the ultimate control of PCSO.
11. Effective Date/Term of this Agreement is January 1, 2023 thru December 31, 2023.

Dated this 2nd day of January, 2023.



Brian Mueller, Pennington County Sheriff (PCSO)

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2023.

Robert "Joe" Herman, Oglala Lakota County Sheriff (OLCSO)

2022 Annual Report & Newsletter

February 2023

Trees Add to Your Home Landscape

Trees add so much to the home landscape! They provide shade, clean air, value to your property, habitat for wildlife and even memories.

If your yard does not have any trees at the moment, you may want to consider planting some. Studies have shown that trees and landscaping add value to your property. Even if you do not intend to sell your property, trees can provide years of enjoyment. If you have trees in your yard, check to see that they are healthy. If they are near the end of their life expectancy or show signs of decline, you may want to plant new trees that will become established before the old trees are removed.

If properly located and planted, trees can help control energy costs. A large shade tree planted on the southwest side of the house can provide cooling shade in the summer, helping reduce air conditioning costs. Once the leaves drop in the fall, the winter sun is free to warm your house on cold winter days. Evergreen trees, planted to block cold winter winds, can help reduce winter heating costs.

Have you wondered what you could do to reduce greenhouse gases and address global warming? Planting trees will help. One of the greenhouse gases causing the most concern is carbon dioxide. Plants take this gas out of the air and use it in photosynthesis. Carbon is stored in the wood

and living tissues of trees. When leaves fall and are composted, carbon is added to the soil. This improves the soil for plant growth and stores more of the carbon in the form of lumber and other wood products. By planting trees in your yard, you can help reduce greenhouse gases.

Trees also provide shelter and food for a variety of wildlife. While installing bird feeders will help attract birds to your yard, providing them with nearby trees and shrubs to escape danger, build nests, and obtain food, will be even more effective. Squirrels and other small mammals use trees for nesting sites and food sources. When selecting trees, consider what food value they may offer to the wildlife in your community.

Trees can offer years of enjoyment. Planting trees and watching them grow can be part of your family's memories. Consider planting a tree to commemorate a milestone in your family's life. Hanging a swing, building a tree house, or simply relaxing under the shade of a tree on a hot summer day can be a memorable experience.



Is Your Windbreak Doing It's Job?

A properly placed shelterbelt can help save livestock and also save a lot of time and labor in removing snow from the livestock feed area and around the farmstead. Did your windbreak do it's job? Did it hold the snow from your yard and buildings? If it didn't, now is a good time to evaluate what needs to be done to prevent the same problems in the future. If your windbreak is old, maybe underplanting rows of cedar and juniper between the existing rows will do the trick. If there isn't room to underplant, rows can be added to the outside of the existing trees.



Badlands Conservation District

Board of Supervisors:

- Nathan Kehn, Chairman
- Marion Schultz, Vice-Chairman
- Virgil Rust, Treasurer
- Larry Kehn, Supervisor
- Sam Smith, Supervisor

Assisting the District:

- Patty Beck, District Clerk

USDA-Natural Resources

Conservation Service:

- Sandra Huber, District Conservationist
- Rob Goodman, Tribal Liaison
- Joe Eastman, Soil Conservationist
- Jon Deuter, LUSA
- Jordan Cano, Soil Cons. Technician



2022 District Year in Review

The Badlands Conservation District continued several successful programs through out 2022. Included were the following: Sponsored the local portion of the Resource Conservation Speech contest; the local Arbor Day Essay contest; Promoted Stewardship Week; Supplied 1,251 trees, shrubs, native plants and perennials to area producers; Leased out the District drill to producers for a total of 130 acres; Pub-

lished the Annual Report and Newsletter and the Tree Newsletter; Co-Sponsored an informational booth at the Bennett County Fair and Rodeo; Held board meetings; Assisted producers in the management of their resources; Promoted conservation programs; Encouraged the increased management of Prairie Dogs; and, Assisted the USDA-NRCS and other agencies.

One Water -National Soil and Water Stewardship Week April 30—May 7, 2023

In 2023, the 68th annual Stewardship Week will be focused on watersheds and the theme of “One Water”. But what is a watershed? A watershed is an area of land that channels rainfall and snowmelt to creeks, streams, and rivers, eventually leading to outflow points such as reservoirs, bays and the ocean. Those bodies of water are all connected, so every drop that falls becomes part of *one water*.

Watersheds can be any size and usually have some high points of land like hills, mountains, or ridges. When rain, sleet, or snow falls to the ground, the precipitation runs from those higher points to the lower points. Gravity pulls the water downhill until it reaches a body of water. If the land in the watershed is steep, the water usually runs off into rivers or streams. If the land in the watershed is level, the water will slowly flow into lakes or ponds, or seep into the soil and add to groundwater. If the watershed is close to the ocean, then tidal marshes, estuaries, and wetlands will be part of the watershed. From the top of the mountain all the way to the coast, it is all *one water*.

Have you ever watched it rain? The raindrops fall on the ground and flow through the soil. Water soaks through the soil until it reaches groundwater, which is water that moves through spaces in soil and rock underground. A lot of the water we use and drink every day comes from water in the ground. As it rains and the water runs off, it collects in rivers, lakes, and oceans and then returns to the atmosphere to fall as rain somewhere else. All land across the entire earth is made up of watersheds. We all live in a watershed. We share the water in our watershed with other people, with animals, and with plants because... it is all *one water*.



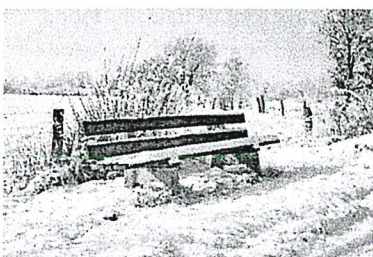
Use Caution when Applying De-Icing Salts

By Dr. John Ball, Professor, SDSU Extension Forestry Specialist

After the heavy snows we had several days with temperatures in the 30s. Once the melted snow froze overnight, many sidewalks and driveways became ice rinks.

This brought out the de-icing salts. There are many sidewalks out there that are saltier than fast-food fries. While the de-icing salts can melt ice, the chemicals in the salt do not disappear. Instead, they can run off and enter our waterways and soils.

Many de-icing salts are still rock salt, sodium chloride. This chemical can injure plants through sodium toxicity, but the greater concern is the chloride. Chloride injures plants through two entry points: root uptake into plant tissue or absorption through buds, shoots, and



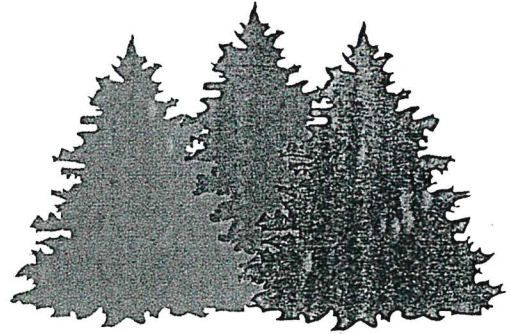
needles.

Most of the injury will occur come spring. The soils are currently frozen so there is no root uptake. Chloride is easily leached through the soil so watering in the spring can flush the chloride out of the root zone.

The problem will be from the salt that dried on the plant. The brine dries on the buds, shoots and needles and is absorbed into tissue in the spring. Washing the plants along sidewalks and driveways in early spring with a stream of water can remove the dried brine. For now, try to use just enough salt to loosen the ice so it can be shoveled. Also, use sand to create a traction grid to reduce slips. And remember, it is the chloride that causes the most harm so substituting calcium for sodium—calcium chloride instead—still means chloride is being added.

2022 Financial Report

Badlands Conservation District



Income:

County Funding	\$ 2,500.00
Charges for Goods & Services	\$ 3,098.00
Other Income	\$ 4.53
Total Income	\$ 5,602.53

Expenses:

Office Expenses	\$ 1,083.83	Other Expenses	\$ 70.00
Supervisor Expenses	\$ 00	Employee Expenses	\$ 2,574.88
Tree Planting Expenses	\$ 1,380.15	Depreciation Expenses	\$ 60.00
Equipment Expenses	\$.00		
		Total Expenses	\$ 5,168.86

Windbreaks and Soil Health

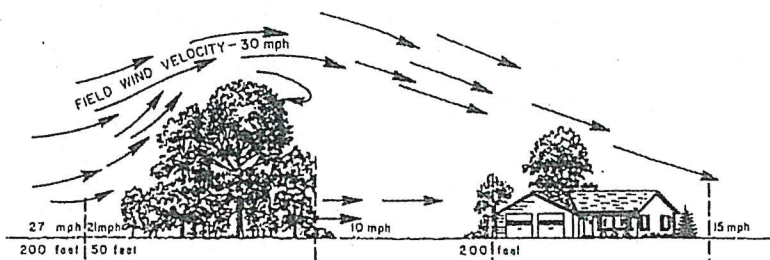
Soil health management systems can include single or multiple conservation practices that contribute to the four basic soil health principles:

- * Use plant diversity to increase diversity in the soil;
- * Manage soils more by disturbing them less;
- * Keep plants growing throughout the year to feed the soil; and,
- * Keep the soil covered as much as possible.

The most common practices include conservation crop rotation, cover crop, no-till, mulch tillage, nutrient management, and pest management. Implementation of other conservation practices, such as field windbreaks, can also improve soil health and provide long-term environmental and economic benefits. Windbreaks are strips of trees and/or shrubs planted and maintained to alter wind flow and microclimate, thereby protecting a specific area. Field windbreaks can protect a variety of wind sensitive crops, control wind erosion, and increase bee pollination and pesticide effectiveness. It is important to note that windbreaks also have the

potential to positively influence soil health on the protected cropland acres.

Windbreaks reduce wind erosion by providing a zone of wind reduction on the leeward side of the trees and shrubs. The size of the area protected is determined by windbreak height and density. Windblown topsoil can contain high levels of organic matter which plays a key role in providing nutrients to plants improving soil structure, increasing available water capacity, and feeding soil microorganisms. Windbreaks with properly spaced tree and shrub rows reduce erosion across the field and keep organic matter on fields where it benefits both the crops and the soil biology.



An Example of the Effects of a Windbreak on Wind Speed

NRCS 2022 Annual Report and Update

Continual change seems to be the name of the game. For NRCS we had some very good additions in 2022. First we were happy to have Brenda Cano join us as Acting Tribal Liaison for a few months this summer, while we were waiting for a new Tribal Liaison to be hired. Then in November we were able to add a Soil Con Technician and a new Tribal Liaison to the Martin Office. We are very happy to have them on board and are looking forward to what we can accomplish in 2023. Our current staff includes:

- Sandy Huber – District Conservationist
- Rob Goodman – Tribal Liaison
- Joe Eastman – Soil Conservationist
- Jordan Cano – Soil Conservation Technician
- Jon Deuter – Leading Solutions (Administrative Secretary)

We know that 2022 was very challenging for the producers in our area. Drought hit everyone hard followed by blizzards in December. In addition, the after affects of Covid 19 has left many repercussions. A labor force is hard to come by and finding contractors to complete practices has been difficult.

The Martin Field Office and Pine Ridge sub-office were able to provide technical assistance and program assistance to ag producers in 2022 through EQIP and CSP. Unfortunately, the funding available for new applications was lower in 2022. The number of practices completed in 2022 was also lower mainly due to a lack of contractors to complete the job. Several practices were completed in early in December that we have been unable to complete a construction check on due to weather conditions and drifted snow. We are now looking forward to some sunshine and green grass and better times to do field work.

To give you a recap on some of our accomplishments in 2022 here is a brief outline of the contracts written, practices completed, and technical assistance provided.

EQIP

24 General EQIP applications

6 Applications Funded

\$500,672 Total Funded

18,571 Total Acres

CSP

6 CSP Classic Applications

1 Application Funded

1 Renewal Application

1 Renewal Applications Funded

Total Funded Contract Allocation: \$600,000 on 47,966 acres

Practices completed under all active EQIP and CSP contracts:

1.5 acres of Access Control

38,561 feet Fence

2300 feet Livestock Pipeline

30,391 acres Prescribed Grazing

3 Pumping Plants

.2 acres Tree/Shrub Site Preparation

4 Watering Facilities (Tanks)

5 Escape Ramps

4 Wells

3,565 ft Mulching

16,981 ft Windbreak/Shelterbelt

1,935 ft Windbreak/Shelterbelt Renovation

383 acres Cover Crops

618 ac Forage Harvest Management

166 ac Nutrient Management

264 Integrated Pest Management

16 ac Herbaceous Weed Control

4 High Tunnels

594 acres Nutrient Management

1338 acres Forage Harvest Management

Total Cost Share for all Practices completed in FY 2022 = \$271,771

In additions to the NRCS programs available, we also assist Farm Service Agency (FSA) with technical assistance on programs such as CRP. Last year we wrote managed haying and grazing conservation plans for 7 CRP contracts totaling 328.17 acres. We also planned one CRP SAFE habitat planting and wrote a conservation plan for one re-enrollment. In addition, we planned two Continuous CRP Tree Plantings totaling 20,291 ft of trees on approximately 10 acres.

This highlights just some of the more popular practices and programs NRCS has to offer to address your resource concerns. We also have the Conservation Implementation Strategy (CIS) that can be used for an area which has similar resource concerns. If there are a group of producers in an area that have similar issues a proposal can be written to set aside funding to address the problems in that area. This is for all producers including Specialty Producers. Something new for NRCS in FY2023 are changes to several of our practice standards which include specification that better fit Urban Agriculture, which is essentially small-scale producers. We would like to encourage anyone with questions on our programs or resource concerns on land they are managing to give us a call at 605-685-1239 Ext 3. Take time to check out our programs and what we can provide in technical service either on the website, or by stopping by or giving us a call. We are here to help you and look forward to working with you in 2023.

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Opportunities for Students

SDACDE Memorial Scholarship

Three \$500 scholarships are available to high school seniors going into a conservation/agricultural related field at the college, university or vocational school of their choice. These scholarships, sponsored by the South Dakota Association of Conservation District Employees (SDACDE) are payable upon the completion of the second semester registration. Applications are available now through the conservation district office or your school superintendent/counselor's office and are due at the Brookings Conservation District office by March 31st.



Resource Conservation Speech Contest

A total of \$2,500 will be awarded to the first, second and third place winners of the 2023 Resource Conservation Speech contest. This contest is open to all high school students in South Dakota. The theme will be "Backyard Conservation: Don't Water It Down". The local level contest must be completed by March 25th. Two winners will be chosen to go on to the area level contest. The area level contest will be held by April 8, 2023. From there, two winners are chosen to advance to the state level contest held in Pierre on April 22nd. The three place winners of the state contest will be awarded \$1,200, \$800 and \$500 respectively.

Arbor Day Creative Writing Contest

This is an opportunity for 5th and 6th grade students to win cash awards as well as learn more about the importance of trees and caring for the environment. Essays or poems, 250 words or less, should be submitted to the Badlands Conservation District no later than March 25th, 2023. These entries will be judged and the first place essay will be sent on to the state level contest. At that level, the first, second and third place winners will receive \$100, \$75 and \$50 respectively.



Organic Matter in Soil

The golden rule of gardening says, "If you treat your soil well, it will treat your plants well." This applies to farming and ranching, also!

Healthy, fertile soil is a mixture of water, air, minerals, and organic matter. In soil, organic matter consists of plant and animal material that is in the process of decomposing. When it has fully decomposed it is called humus. This humus is important for soil structure because it holds individual mineral particles together in clusters. Ideal soil has a granular, crumbly structure that allows water to drain through it, and allows oxygen and carbon dioxide to move freely between spaces within the soil and the air above.

One of the best ways to improve soil fertility is to add organic matter. It helps soil hold important plant nutrients. By adding organic matter to sandy soil, you improve the ability of the soil to retain water. In a clay soil, humus will loosen the soil to make it more crumbly. You can increase the organic matter in your soil by adding compost or applying mulch.

Application of organic matter to the soil adds carbon, which promotes the growth of beneficial bacteria, which increase the likeli-

hood of hearty plants. Another benefit is when crops grow and demand more nutrients, added organic matter can be used as plant food. Remember that every time you disturb soil by turning or tilling, oxygen is added to the soil. This increases microbial activity, which feeds on organic matter. Therefore, soil disturbance can decrease the soil's organic matter reserves and should be kept to a minimum.

Scientists have been researching the benefits of organic material for decades. They have found that plant deficiency diseases usually are less severe in soils that are well supplied with organic matter. This not only increases the vigor of the plants, but various soil microorganisms become more active in the presence of an abundance of organic matter. For example, certain kinds of fungi that live in decaying organic matter have been found to kill harmful nematodes.



Cost-share Options for Tree Plantings

It's not too late to start the planning process for Spring 2023 tree plantings, particularly if you are thinking of putting a shelterbelt into an area that is currently cropped. Some cost-share options available include:

Conservation District Grant:

The District has a grant through the SD Conservation Commission to cost-share tree plantings with weed barrier fabric. The grant includes:

- * 50% cost-share for plantings that provide wildlife habitat, improve livestock protection or reduce erosion;
- * 50% cost-share for weed barrier fabric and installation

Sites in sod must be worked the fall prior to planting. Tree planting plans must be reviewed and approved by the State Forester. This grant is only available for plantings completed in the Spring of 2023.

Continuous Conservation Reserve Program (CCRP):

This program is administered by the USDA-Farm Service Agency (FSA) and includes:

- ◆ 50% cost-share for planting trees/shrubs, plus an annual rental payment on the acres, if the site meets the criteria and current cropping history determined by USDA-FSA.

The planning, field work and paper work for CCRP takes some time so by coming into the FSA and NRCS offices early, you will avoid the last minute rush of planning and the possibility of having a limited selection of spe-

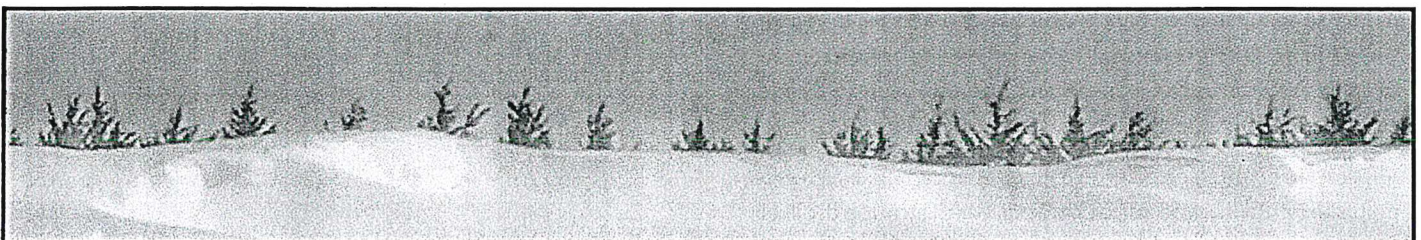
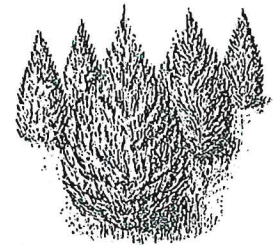
cies to choose from for your shelterbelt. For more information on this program, contact USDA -FSA.

SD Game, Fish & Parks Woody Habitat Program:

- * 75% cost-share for planting woody habitat for wildlife (up to \$10,000/planting/yr.)
- * Planting must be at least 8 rows wide and a minimum of 1 acre in size;
- * At least half of all rows planted must be shrubs, cedars or junipers
- * Colorado Spruce, Cottonwoods and Russian Olive may not be planted in any plantings;
- * Woody habitat plantings cannot be made in native prairie/sod. Land converted from native sod to cropland after 2008 is not eligible.

Practices eligible for cost-share includes costs incurred for trees, shrubs, and planting and the weed barrier fabric and installation. A fencing program may also be available for fencing the tree planting site. Deadline for this program is November 1 so start planning for the 2024 planting season.

For assistance with a 2023 tree planting plan, or if you have questions, be sure to contact the Badlands Conservation District located in the Ag Service Center on Highway 18 on the west edge of Martin or call 685-1243 for the Conservation District.



Check Your Planting - Replace Dead/Missing Trees!

Have you planted a windbreak in the last 2-4 years? If you have, it is important to replace any dead or missing trees in the planting.

It is important to the basic design of the planting to fill in any gaps. If you planted trees under a cost-share program, you are required to replant the missing trees and shrubs. If you are having problems with a particular species, give us a call and we will see if a different species can be worked into your site. Plantings must have a minimum of 85% survival and no gaps of 2 or more trees to stay in compliance. If this is not maintained, you may be required to pay back payments you received for the planting. This could also affect your eligibility for future cost-share programs.

Cover Up!

One soil health building approach gaining interest is the inclusion of cover crops in rotations. Cover crops can be used to meet specific goals such as minimizing soil erosion, moisture management, weed suppression and improving soil conditions.



Cover crops can also provide an opportunity for producers to both extend the grazing season and provide a rest period for cool-season pasture or rangeland. Fol-

lowing small grain harvest, cover crop mixtures can provide high quality forage late into the fall.

The cover crop species generally called brassicas, which includes turnips, canola, radishes and rape, make excellent forage for livestock. Brassicas are short season root crops that produce an abundance of top growth providing grazing in about 60 days.

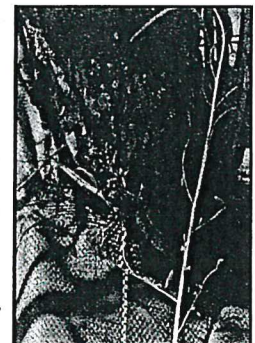
Other benefits to grazing cover crops include additional rest for pastures, soil quality improvements and greater ease of springtime planting.

Remember to Maintain Your Fabric

Weed barrier fabrics have been used with great success in the establishment of tree plantings around the country. The barrier conserves moisture and controls competitive weeds and grasses. Survival and seedling growth has improved as a result of the barrier.

Initial estimates suggested that the fabric would degrade after about 5 years from the sun. Due to the shading from the trees, this has not happened and the potential for tree girdling by the fabric is becoming more apparent. It is now recommended that the material be cut back from around the trees as their diameter increases.

Please take time to look at your planting. Weed barrier fabric has made an important contribution to the health and growth of your planting. It is essential that you remove and fabric strictions for the continued success of your windbreak!




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Winter Damage to Trees

Despite winter dormancy, many trees and shrubs can suffer extensive injury during the winter months. Winter injury is rarely caused by excessive cold but rather by excessive and rapid fluctuations in temperature. It is the temperature fluctuations in the fall and late winter/early Spring that cause most of the winter injury.

Bud and stem damage as a result of extreme cold cannot be prevented other than by being sure that only winter hardy trees are planted. Most northern temperate trees can withstand midwinter temperatures of -40 degrees F as they undergo a two stage process called acclimation, or hardening. The first stage, triggered by the shorter days of early fall, initiates the cessation of growth and the beginning of cold hardiness. The second stage is triggered by repeated exposure to night temperatures below 26 degrees. F and day temperatures of above 32

degrees F. The more of these cycles that the plant goes through, the more hardy it becomes.

The heavy build-up of snow and/or ice, especially on evergreens, can be an issue. Our native trees have adapted to growing in the Great Plains area and are able to withstand the build-up of snow and ice. In most cases, the best thing to do is nothing. Do not try to dig them out, as this may cause much more physical damage to the tree than leaving it alone. If ice accumulates on plants, do not remove it. Limbs and twigs are very brittle when frozen and attempting to remove the ice may result in breakage and more damage.

Deer, rabbits, mice and other rodents can be a serious winter problem for trees. Damage can be especially severe during prolonged snow cover. Rabbits often

gnaw on the lower trunks of trees, resulting in girdling. If only one third of the circumference of the tree trunk has been eaten, to a foot or less in height, the plant is likely to survive. If more than two thirds is injured, it will likely die. When a shrub row has been severely damaged by gnawing rabbits or mice, it is best to prune back damaged branches to a height of three to four inches

