



# Central South Dakota Enhancement District

"Assisting Communities, Businesses, and Individuals in Achieving their Highest Economic Potential"

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## A Note from the Director:

As the first newsletter the District has produced during my time as Director, I feel it is necessary to let you know about changes to the office and the work the Central South Dakota Enhancement District continues to accomplish on behalf of our member county and municipal governments. Central South Dakota Enhancement District staff will continue to complete the work on behalf of our county and municipal government District members in meeting the needs they have entrusted us to execute for them.

There have been significant changes that have occurred at the District office. A principle priority that I have as Director of this office is that our new staff be very active in traveling to work with our members, to be available to meet with you to address current works we are committed to completing and discussing new opportunities to collaborate on future works. I feel it is imperative that our members meet with new District staff and build working relationships based upon face to face interactions, not just working remotely via email and telephone conversations.

I have been traveling the District to meet with many of our members over the past few months and am extremely encouraged by my discussions about opportunities to serve counties and municipalities in their efforts to provide services to their respective citizens.

I have also been focused on assembling an experienced, capable staff at the District to ensure that we continue to provide needed services and support for our members. Central to this pursuit has been hiring people with a desire to serve and that have close ties to communities within our District. Malinda, Paul, Jennie and I all have deep ties to this region and are excited to work with our members in central South Dakota. I encourage you to contact us if you would like the District to meet with you to discuss future or current needs and we all look forward to working with you.

Best,

David Reiss

## West Nile Virus Grants Available

West Nile Grants Available Once again the West Nile Virus Prevention Grant is open and due this year by June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019. West Nile Virus is the leading disease spread by mosquitos to people on the continent. There are no known vaccines to prevent or medications to treat West Nile. We do our best to prevent West Nile Virus by controlling the mosquitos. The state of South Dakota and our local governments have worked hard to control mosquitos to decrease the risks of infection. The state has \$500,000 in available for local mosquito control.

There are changes to the award process this year that applicants should be aware of compared to prior years:

Award Recipients will be reimbursed up to the amount awarded, Award Recipients will need to submit an itemized invoice and a proof of purchase of equipment and supplies totaling, at minimum, the award amount. The expenditure period of mosquito control purchases of supplies and equipment has been extended to include the month of April. The CSDDED is available to assist members of the District to apply for the West Nile Virus Prevention Grant.

## David Reiss, Executive Director



David Reiss joined the Central South Dakota Enhancement District in December of 2018 and serves as the District Executive Director. Prior to taking on his current role at the District, David spent over 6 years as the senior policy analyst and director of programs at the South Dakota Department of Tribal Relations. During his time working for the State of South Dakota, David spent extensive time working with counterparts addressing economic development, agriculture development, fisheries and wildlife management, taxation, veteran issues, and lobbying in the state legislature. David also has previous experience serving as county equalization staff and as a legal clerk for the US Dept. of Interior.

David grew up in Pierre and has earned several college degrees, the most recent being a Master of Science in Administration from the University of South Dakota awarded this past fall. David and his wife Amanda have 4 young children and are active in local youth hockey and enjoy numerous outdoor activities including camping, hiking, and hunting. David looks forward to the challenge of leading the Central South Dakota Enhancement District and helping provide vital services for member counties and municipalities to improve availability of resources and create opportunity for economic growth.

## Jennie Palmer, Community Planner



A native of Pierre, Jennie Palmer has been called back home to become our Community Planner. Jennie received her Business Administration degree with honors from Regis University in Denver in 2018 where she was involved with student government and volunteering at a Women's Shelter. Along with balancing the administration of projects, Jennie will be training and working hard to become our expert on zoning and ordinance development. In her spare time, Jennie enjoys gardening with her dog Murphy, practicing yoga, and baking fruit pies.

## Paul Mehlhaff, Project Administrator



Paul Mehlhaff comes to CSDED from the Governor's Office of Economic Development. In his roles at GOED, Paul managed the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program for the State of South Dakota for the past 7 plus years. At GOED, he also worked with the SD Arts Council, the State Energy Program, and the Ethanol Infrastructure program doing financial tracking and grant management duties. He brings with him a wealth of experience in fiscal management of federal programs.

Paul hails from Eureka, South Dakota and attended the University of South Dakota in Vermillion after graduation. In his spare time, Paul enjoys spending time with his grandchildren, riding motorcycles in the Black Hills, golfing, and getting out on the river to wet a line. He looks forward to the challenges in his new role at CSDED and meeting the members of CSDED.

## Malinda Hetzel, Administrative Assistant, Governors Home Staff



Malinda comes to us from northwest Wyoming via Spearfish where she spent the last five years. Malinda is our Administrative Assistant and Governor's House Staffer. She has been working hard whipping the office into shape, learning about the various projects, and learning about the Governor's House Program. Malinda looks forward to meeting members of the districts and the communities CSDED serves. In the off time Malinda enjoys a good game of pickleball, helping in her community, and spending time with her many nieces and nephews which means traveling!!

## Livestock Rebate Program

In an effort to create well paying jobs with good benefits, the State of South Dakota, via the Governor's Office of Economic Development (GOED) and the Ag Development Division, is using two existing programs to encourage livestock development and growth in the Agriculture economy. The two programs being utilized are The Reinvestment Payment Program for larger projects and the SD Jobs Grant for smaller projects.

To qualify a livestock project (such as dairies, feedlots, poultry facilities etc..) for the Livestock Rebate program, there are two items that are required: a new conditional use permit from the county and the developer to choose to assign the sales and use tax to the county for rebate. As with all projects there is required reporting, but there are no limits or minimums for projects at this point. This program is designed to provide counties that are interested in livestock development an extra tool. The final decision is still the County's, and this does not affect current local or state regulations.

As GOED wants to stay ahead of the projects; we are asking that if a county has a project they think would be eligible to please contact the staff at the CSDED office before applying for a conditional use permit.

## SDHDA Rolls out DakotaPlex Pilot Program

Our SD Housing Development Authority has rolled out a pilot project to create affordable housing options in our rural communities. The DakotaPlex Apartment Home project is designed based on the current Governor's Houses with the options of one, two or three bedrooms that can stand alone or in complexes. They will be move-in ready with floor coverings and appliances. Of course, the rent of these complexes will likely be based on the community and renter. At this point in time, this is a pilot program; there will be only one entity to participate this year.

The Governor's House Program has also updated their income guidelines. Incomes cannot exceed \$52,710 for individuals and couples and \$60,240 for families of three or more.

To learn more about the Governor's House program or if you know anyone who would be interested in purchasing a home, please have them reach out to Malinda at [enhancement@csded.org](mailto:enhancement@csded.org) or 605-733-2780 for more information.





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TO:

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With more miles of shoreline in South Dakota than Florida and the official kick off of the grilling season; the staff of CSDED wishes you a wonderful and safe Memorial Day weekend.

David, Paul, Jennie, and Malinda