



BADLANDS RC&D 2006

The Badlands RC&D Council completed eighteen (18) projects in 2006. Following are some highlights of each of those projects:

CDE DAKOTAS AMERICA – This project deals with the New Market Tax Credit Application that was written for North and South Dakota. Badlands serves as an advisory member for this board. The Dakotas America LLC board determined that the projects be done in the poorest of the poor counties, two of these counties are in the Badlands area. Dakotas America LLC was allocated \$50 million in tax credits to be used within a two year period. Badlands has assisted in the development of the application and in presenting possible businesses for use of these tax credits.

BADLANDS SOUTH CENTRAL ENTERPRISE FACILITATION – Badlands serves on the board of this organization to continue to provide assistance to the facilitator, who works with clients in our four county areas by providing free and confidential business planning and research. This year there has been 3 new businesses created; 1 business expanded; 11 full time jobs created and 7 part time jobs created; and 2 jobs retained. The facilitator has served 45 people in our area and 28 of those are Native American. She has 10 plans that are in progress at this time.



Freya Simpson, center, Badlands South Central Enterprise Facilitator, poses with a business that she assisted with business planning and expansion.

MSFM Martin Addiction Recovery Center – We have assisted in the development of accreditation materials, grant writing and serving as grantee for this much needed service in the area.

BENNETT COUNTY JAIL – Badlands has assisted in the search for a person to do a feasibility study. This person will complete the study sometime before December 30, 2006.



WIND ENERGY – We have provided and shared information on the wind energy information available and are assisting local projects that have to do with developing small wind energy projects in the area.

Tommy Tibbitts attended a wind energy conference sponsored by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission to bring renewable energy ideas back to the home front.

COMPOST TEA - Badlands assisted a small group of producers in their SARE grant reporting and in writing for an extension due to the death of one of the partners. Soil samples were taken and sent to Corvallis, OR for soil health determination. Spraying will start in the early spring.



The home which is being built from recycled materials. The logs have been cut by area beavers and are being used here.

TIOSPAYE PROJECT – This is phase three of the very large project. This past year we worked with the residents of Wounded Knee District in researching affordable housing – there was a straw house built and a cob house is in the process of being built. The cob house owner has chosen to use recycled materials for her foundation, and old car windows and other recycle windows – so this is a very interesting home. We also are working with three different groups in developing a plan for a community owned for profit business.



INDIANS AND PIONEERS TOURISM AND MARKETING CONFERENCE – Badlands assisted this group with their fifth conference which was held in Martin this year. There were 29 people who benefited from an excellent slate of presentations. This group is working to market the area from Nebraska’s Highway 20 north to South Dakota’s Interstate 90 from the Missouri River west to just inside the Wyoming border.

Myrna Trimble with Rosebud Tourism spoke to the 2006 Indians and Pioneers Tourism about “What is Happening on the Rosebud Indian Project, which coincides with the Tiospaye Reservation Regarding Tourism.”

SADDLE PASS TRAIL II – Badlands assisted this group of ranchers in grant writing and writing for an extension of that grant. This project will develop and 14 mile saddle trail through private and National Park lands.

SOFTBALL BASEBALL GRANT – Badlands assisted this local group with grant writing for equipment which they received from the Cal Ripken Sr. Foundation.



Martin baseball and softball youth crowd around the equipment received through a grant from the Cal Ripken Sr. Foundation.

PINE RIDGE OST GLIS GRANT PHASE I - Badlands assisted in grant writing and will serve as the grantee for this USDA grant. This is a project that will be done in three phases. This grant deals with the White River Watershed and has targeted leafy spurge and salt cedar. A coalition has been formed to include all of the parties that might be working in the area.

PINE RIDGE OST PRAIRIE DOG PROGRAM – Badlands is assisting in the research and development of a continued plan coordinated with private land owners and public and tribal entities that have a stake in this project.



YOUTH WORKS 06 – This has been one of our favorite projects because you get to see the results very quickly. This year the Youth Works National Organization painted 35 homes and assisted with 6 community projects. This was done in one community. There are groups of 70 to 75 people come for a five day mission trip and we had seven groups this year.

Youthworks volunteer their time to repair and paints homes entertains kids of all ages at the nursing home and at the park when they are in Bennett County.

STOP DOMESTIC VIOLENCE 2006 – Badlands assisted in the final grant for this program and also assisted in the reporting. There were 62 individuals that benefited from this program.

BOARD STRUCTURE AND TRAINING 2006 – The Badlands Board of Directors had seven of their eight directors attend the Western Conference and two of the Directors participated in the Non Profit Training.

PROMOTION AND AWARENESS 2006 – This year the council chose to continue to participate in their local parades and to have booths at the county fairs. Each year the council chooses items to help promote their council. This year it is a CD cleaner, which will be used for booths and Crunch miniature candy bars were used in the area homecoming parades to suggest “Crunching the opponents.”