

NORTH DAKOTA STATE SOIL CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

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MINUTES of the STATE SOIL CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Bismarck, North Dakota

JANUARY 4, 2018

A meeting of the North Dakota State Soil Conservation Committee was held at 2718 Gateway Ave. Bismarck. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m., with Chair Dennis Renner presiding. The following persons attended all or a portion of the meeting.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Donna Grann, Supervisor, Area I
Kelly Klosterman, Supervisor, Area II
Bruce Knudson, Supervisor, Area III
Jack Spah, Supervisor, Area IV
Wesley Frederick, Area V
Barton Schott, Appointee
Dennis Renner, Appointee

OTHERS PRESENT

Bruce Schmidt, Soil Conservation & Watershed Program Leader, NDSU Extension

STATE SOIL CONSERVATION COMMITTEE LEGISLATIVE REVIEW

- Update Legislative Review was discussed and follow-up
 - Bruce Schmidt provided the Ag. Committee with the Organizational Chart on 12/21/17
 - Bruce Schmidt provided Justin Blast SCDAP Ranking forms for minutes on 12/29/17
 - Plans for report to the Ag. Committee regarding the Sand and Gravel Report is to survey the SCD's – Sand & Gravel Contractors and County Weed Boards – identify importance of this report. – Survey Questions
 - The SSCC compiled and are submitting actual number of SCD FTE's – 54 – 116 part-time numbers given at review.
 - Decided to add a line for Supervisors signature to the SCDAP fund request forms starting February 1st 2018.

- Duties & Powers discussion:

- Discussion on developing a Memorandum of Understanding with NDSU Ext. defining which duties the SSCC can handle and what the NDSU Ext needs to provide. We can then present this to Ext Leadership each biennium as part of a line item budget request for operating and FTE's.
- SBARE talking points for the January 12th meeting at Mandan ARS were discussed. Decided to ask for support for \$1.2 million for SCDAP funding from the next Legislative Assembly
- Handbook / Training
 - Watershed Academy Training Dec. 17th & 31st Bismarck
 - Bruce Schmidt has started discussion with Dan Folkse to update the on-line training and the Supervisor Handbook ASAP and if he can't than District Director Jim Gray has plans for a possible replacement.
- SSCC Newsletter – discussed and plan to start next month.

NEXT STATE SOIL CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING

The next State Soil Conservation Committee meeting will be March 13th 2018.

There being no further business to come before the State Soil Conservation Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Bruce Schmidt
Soil Conservation & Watershed Program Leader
Recording Secretary