



NORTH DAKOTA STATE SOIL CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

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MINUTES of the STATE SOIL CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Zoom Teleconference Meeting
November 16, 2020 – 8:00a - 10:00a

A meeting of the North Dakota State Soil Conservation Committee was via Zoom teleconference meeting. The meeting was called to order at 8:00a by Barton Schott, Chairman. The following persons attended all of the meeting.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Donna Grann – Area I Supervisor
Warren Solberg – Area II Supervisor
Bruce Knudson – Area III Supervisor
Jack Spah – Area IV Supervisor
Wes Frederick – Area V Supervisor
Barton Schott – Governor Appointee, Chair
Kelly Klosterman – Governor Appointee
Aaron Field – NDSU Soil Conservation Program Leader
Sandra Schwede, NDSU Soil Conservation Administrative Assistant
Sarah Tunge – NDCDEA Director

MINUTES APPROVAL

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER GRANN, SECONDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER SPAH TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 20TH SSCC MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Aaron updated the committee that Brian Johnston, NDASCD CEO has cancelled the Annual Convention due to COVID-19. May be held via Zoom; Aaron is waiting for an update from Brian.

Sarah Tunge discussed the Ranking Tool for the DART program. She asked Aaron to look at the biennium spreadsheet. She discussed the option of moving the money allocation to be distributed evenly for all districts. She stated that some districts aren't using the monies as they are expected to. The board discussed all options and decided to keep the allocation as is. **IT WAS MOVED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER KLOSTERMAN, SECONDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER KNUDSON TO KEEP THE ALLOCATION AS IS. MOTION CARRIED.**

Sarah also discussed updating the DART interface moving into the next biennium. **IT WAS MOVED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER GRANN, SECONDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER SOLBERG THAT SARAH, AARON AND BRIAN KERNS WORK TO UPDATED THE DART PLATFORM. MOTION CARRIED.**

Aaron discussed three committee board members (Donna Grann, Bruce Knudson and Wes Frederick) terms expire December 31, 2020. Bruce Knudson is not eligible for re-election – he will help with the finding of his successor. The re-appointments are held at the Area Meetings during the Annual Convention, but beings there is no 2020 Convention, the committee stated that the individual scd's need to hold their area meetings before January 1, 2021 for the re-appointments.

Barton Schott spoke about the sponsorship invitation for becoming a one-voting seat member of the Ag Coalition. All three sponsors (ND Stockmen's Association, The Corn Growers Association, Minn-Dak Farmers Cooperative) agreed.

Aaron reported that he and Lynette Flage had met with representatives of the NDSU's Human Resource Department and learned that NDSU Human Resources cannot offer personnel management advice to SCDs and that Aaron should not provide legal or compliance advice either. District supervisors may call on their local State's Attorney for legal services and Aaron is pursuing other options for personnel and policy support for districts.

OLD BUSINESS

The omitted \$7000 from the Operating Budget has been added.

OTHER

Aaron reported that The Soil and Water Conservation Leadership Academy Training is going virtual. The training will be held via Zoom on December 9 & 10, 2020. Jodi Bruns and Andrea Bowman, academy trainers will be conducting free Zoom training sessions on Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 9:00a and 1:00p. This training is for counties who haven't used or don't have knowledge of the Zoom platform.

Aaron mentioned that the 2020 Ag Coalition meeting is being held virtually; this meeting is a half-day meeting. Kelly asked Barton and Wes if they would represent the NDSSCC, both agreed. The board decided to hold the NDSSCC Board Meeting after the Ag Coalition Meeting.

Sandy shared a calendar with the committee the for board members to stay current on events.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT – IT WAS MOVED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER SOLBERG, SECONDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER SPAH TO ADJOURN THE MEETING at 9:45AM. MOTION CARRIED.

NEXT STATE SOIL CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING – Tuesday, December 08, 2020 via Zoom.