



NORTH DAKOTA STATE SOIL CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

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MINUTES of the STATE SOIL CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Zoom Teleconference Meeting
December 08, 2020 – 3:30p – 4:30p

A meeting of the North Dakota State Soil Conservation Committee was via Zoom teleconference meeting. The meeting was called to order at 3:30p by Barton Schott, Chairman. The following persons attended all of the meeting.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Warren Solberg – Area II Supervisor
Bruce Knudson – Area III Supervisor
Jack Spah – Area IV Supervisor
Wes Frederick – Area V Supervisor, Vice Chair
Barton Schott – Governor Appointee, Chair
Kelly Klosterman – Governor Appointee
Aaron Field – ND State Soil Conservation Committee Program Leader
Sandra Schwede, ND State Soil Conservation Committee Administrative Assistant
David Hill – Incoming Area III Supervisor (*January 1, 2021*)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Donna Grann – Area I Supervisor

MINUTES APPROVAL

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER SPAH, SECONDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER KLOSTERMAN TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 16TH SSSC MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Barton introduced David Hill, incoming new board member for Area III. David's term will start on January 1, 2021.

Aaron updated the committee that Mary Podoll was scheduled to update the committee, but she had computer issues. Barton is going to reach out to Mary to discuss FPAC which starts in 2021.

Barton and Aaron attended the virtual Ag Coalition on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 just prior to the board meeting. The Ag Coalition represent 25 to 30 voting members and 12 non-voting members.

Aaron and Barton both felt the meeting went well. Some topics discussed were; ① the upcoming bills for the 2021 legislative session, ② the property rights bill, ③ 11 slaughter facilities are opening or scheduled to open in the State of ND, ④ Tom Bodine discussed the hiring of another 6 people in the Ag Department which includes another grain inspector that would be out in the field, ⑤ Dan Wansland spoke about the budget shortfall of \$750 million, ⑥ One of SBARE's priority returning the budget cut to Extension.

OLD BUSINESS

Aaron discussed the Operating Budget – less travel due to COVID-19. The budget looks good.

OTHER

The board thanked Bruce Knudson for his 6-yr term of service and wished him well.

Aaron will be attending the NDASCD meeting next week, will report back to committee at next meeting.

Area Meetings Report:

Area I – Donna absent.

Area II – Barton reported that everything is good.

Area III – Bruce reported that Steve Gilje was elected to the State Board. One resolution discussed is the allowing NRCS DC's to have more local authority.

Area IV – Jack reported that Rocky Bateman was voted in for Association; working on the terms for the half section of land for the research center.

Area V – Wes reported that Kent Pederson was re-elected to NDASCD; Wes was voted in to remain as NDSSCC Area V Board Member. Area V met via Zoom on December 1, 2020 and it was decided to suspend dues

Also, it was reported that Roger Christianson, Area III Supervisor gave an update that the Annual Meeting scheduled for July 2021 is postponed until 2023.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT – IT WAS MOVED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER SPAH, SECONDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER KLOSTERMAN TO ADJOURN THE MEETING at 4:30PM. MOTION CARRIED.

NEXT STATE SOIL CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING – TBD