



NORTH DAKOTA STATE SOIL CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

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MINUTES of the STATE SOIL CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Zoom Teleconference Meeting
February 01, 2021 – 8:00a – 10:45a

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.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Donna Grann – Area I Supervisor
Warren Solberg – Area II Supervisor
David Hill – 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 – NDSU Extension/ND State Soil Conservation Committee Program Leader
Sandra Schwede – ND State Soil Conservation Committee Administrative Assistant
Lynette Flage, PhD – NDSU Extension Associate Director
Carrie Johnson, PhD – NDSU Interim Assistant Director

MINUTES APPROVAL

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER KLOSTERMAN, SECONDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER GRANN TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 8TH SSCC MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Lynette Flage gave a synopsis of the NDSSCC/Extension roles and the grants that have been applied to the Soil and Water Conservation Training Academy. The new DART (statistic collecting program) that has brought to the forefront all the work that the soil conservation districts do. District assistance funds are allocated by state legislation and distributed through NDSU Ag Budget Office. All of those funds go to districts. Sandy/Aaron's position are funded by Extension, as is the SSCC Operating Budget. The program leader's position is 50% Soil and Water Leadership Education, 50% State and District Soil Conservation Management.

The committee discussed current legislation related to soil conservation. Several committee members voiced interest in learning more about changes to the Soil Conservation Century Code in SB 2342. The process for submitting individual testimony was discussed, and some members plan to testify on their own behalf or contact their legislators. Aaron will attend the Ag Committee hearing in case of questions.

It was decided to return to the quarterly schedule meetings (Jan-Mar-Jul/Aug-Nov) and to continue inviting SSCC advisory members (NRCS, NDASCD, Employee's Association, Dept of Ag, ND Game & Fish, NDDEQ).

OFFICER ELECTIONS

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER SPAH, SECONDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER KLOSTERMAN FOR SCHOTT AS CHAIRMAN AND FREDERICK AS VICE-CHAIRMAN TO REMAIN IN PLACE. MOTION CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER SPAH, SECONDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER FREDERICK TO APPROVE THE OPERATING BUDGET. MOTION CARRIED.

OTHER

Aaron gave an update on the on-going Soil & Water Conservation Leadership Academy Trainings. To date, for Level 1 there have been 60 participants with 32 scheduled for Level 2 training.

Donna Grann was asked about the agreement between the NRCS staff utilizing scd equipment; Mary Podoll, USDA-NRCS State Conservationist will be invited to the next meeting and asked to clarify.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT – THE MEETING at 10:45AM.

NEXT STATE SOIL CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING – TBD