



NORTH DAKOTA STATE SOIL CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

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MINUTES of the STATE SOIL CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING

via Zoom

August 10, 2022 – 10:00a – 11:55a

A meeting of the North Dakota State Soil Conservation Committee was called to order at 10:00a by Wes Frederick, Board Chairman.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND GUESTS PRESENT

Donna Grann – Area I Supervisor

David Hill – Area III Supervisor

Bob Martin – Area IV Supervisor

Wes Frederick – Area V Supervisor, Chairman

Kelly Klosterman – Governor Appointee

Barton Schott – Governor Appointee

Sandra Schwede – ND State Soil Conservation Committee Administrative Assistant

Andrea Bowman – NDSU Leadership and Civic Engagement

Lindsay Maddock – NDSU Extension Program Coordinator, Area I

Jodi Delozier – NDSU Extension Program Coordinator, Area II

Carrie Johnson – PhD, NDSU Extension Assistant Director for FCW

Mary Podoll – USDA-NRCS North Dakota State Conservationist

Greg Sandness – ND Department of Environmental Quality

Sarah Tunge – Mercer County SCD District Clerk

Rhonda Kelsch – NDASCD Program Coordinator, Lincoln Oakes Nursery

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Warren Solberg – Area II Supervisor

MINUTES APPROVAL

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER KLOSTERMAN, SECONDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER GRANN TO APPROVE THE JUNE 29th SSSC MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Carrie Johnson discussed the open Program Director position and screening to take place on Monday, August 22 with plans of making an offer in September. Carrie has been reviewing the grant that funds Jodi & Lindsay's positions and will meet with them to discuss their last six months.

Carrie also discussed that on December 31, 2022 Barton Schott & Kelly Klosterman's terms expire. Barton has served his three terms; Kelly has the option to serve one more 3-yr term and has agreed to stay on. It was suggested the board start looking for a candidate replacement.

Mary Podoll, USDA-NRCS spoke about the Rush River project funding approved and to go into construction. The CSP dollars have been spread to all 50 states leaving \$23-\$24 million for the state of ND. NRCS is helping producers work through the logistics of climate project. Also working on staffing, looking for soil scientists.

Greg Sandness, NDDEQ received funding for 11 water projects in the state; anticipating 8-9 scd-watershed projects. These projects are due October 1. Greg relayed they are always looking for partnerships.

The board discussed the progress of Bottineau County – Mouse River scd. Both Lindsay and Jodi have traveled to Mouse River to offer help. They've both met with Amanda Cartwright, District Mgr. Mouse River held a meeting in July with another one scheduled in early October. They appointed two supervisors at the July meeting and have gotten 'up-for-election' supervisors names on the ballot. The board asked that David Hill do a follow-up visit with Mouse River.

Wes stated since Mouse River has met the criteria set forth at the June 29, 2022 meeting, he would like to release the DART payment funds. **IT WAS MOVED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER KLOSTERMAN, SECONDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER HILL TO RELEASE FY22 2ND QUARTER DART PAYMENT FOR MOUSE RIVER SCD. MOTION CARRIED.**

Jodi Delozier – Area II Coordinator reported that she's been working with scds to get plan-of-work submitted to her. She also reached out to Area V scds who have had struggles with onboarding issues and not knowing what to do. She also spoke about bringing in the assistant Attorney General to speak about scd rights at the November Convention.

Lindsay Maddock – Area I Coordinator reported that she has been visiting the scds & attending district meetings. She is also working on a spreadsheet to get scds to follow smart goals. She's been working on onboarding ideas and assisting with one-to-one meetings.

There was discussion regarding the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the SSCC board and NDSU Extension. Carrie spoke about minor changes that she had been made. Carrie asked the board to review and sign. The board is requesting more of a partnership with NDSU Extension. The board wants verbiage specifically stating SSCC involvement regarding the staff, where they are located, etc. Wes Frederick, board chairman & Carrie will meet and discuss the board requests.

OTHER

The committee reviewed the operating budget.

Donna questioned the process of how the SCDs are allocated district funds. The committee asked if the DART program can be manipulated to gather information regarding scd individual mill levy's. It was asked if there was a list of what the mill levy's are for each individual scd; Kelly was going to get the information to the board.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT – IT WAS MOVED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER KLOSTERMAN, SECONDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER GRANN TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 11:55a. MOTION CARRIED.

NEXT STATE SOIL CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING – Will be held during convention in November.