



NORTH DAKOTA STATE SOIL CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

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MINUTES of the STATE SOIL CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Delta Marriott (Sonata Board Room), 1635 42nd St SW, Fargo ND 58103

June 06, 2022 – 3:05p – 4:50p

A meeting of the North Dakota State Soil Conservation Committee was called to order at 3:05p by Wes Frederick, Chairman.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND GUESTS PRESENT

Donna Grann – Area I Supervisor

Warren Solberg – Area II Supervisor

David Hill – Area III Supervisor (*via Zoom*)

Bob Martin – Area IV Supervisor

Wes Frederick – Area V Supervisor, Vice Chair

Kelly Klosterman – Governor Appointee

Barton Schott – Governor Appointee (*via Zoom*)

Sandra Schwede – ND State Soil Conservation Committee Administrative Assistant

Lindsay Maddock – NDSU Extension Program Coordinator, Area I (*via Zoom*)

Jodi Delozier – NDSU Extension Program Coordinator, Area II

Mary Podoll – USDA-NRCS North Dakota State Conservationist

Carrie Johnson, PhD, NDSU Extension Assistant Director-FCW Program Leader (*via Zoom*)

Andrea Bowman, NDSU Leadership & Civic Engagement Specialist (*via Zoom*)

Aubrey Evans, NACD Northern Plains Regional Representative

MINUTES APPROVAL

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER KLOSTERMAN, SECONDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER SOLBERG TO APPROVE THE MARCH 15th SSCC MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Aaron Field, NDSU Extension State Soil Program Leader has resigned and his last day was June 01, 2022. Wes Frederick read the letter Aaron submitted to the ND State Soil Committee.

Carrie Johnson, PhD, NDSU Extension Assistant Director gave an update about Aaron's position. The position description has been changed to a Program Director which is an extension specialist which will now require a Master's Degree. Carrie is putting together a search committee and asked two board members to be a part of the search committee; Wes Frederick and David Hill have agreed.

Carrie will move forward with a request-to-recruit before July 01, 2022. She is hoping to have a replacement named in the fall.

Carrie updated the committee regarding the SBARE priority list in which NDSU Extension is listed that includes the State Soil. Committee members are encouraged to speak with your local legislatures.

For the interim, Carrie will be the contact for Lindsay Maddock and Jodi Delozier. Also, Carrie updated the committee regarding the State Soil website. She is working with the NDSU IT Department to get new web presence. The old website will be gone within a few months.

Two committee members, Barton Schott and Kelly Klosterman terms end on December 31, 2022. The committee was encouraged to look for two replacement members. Barton suggested to look in commodity groups. Wes is going to mention these available appointments at the Stockmen's Spring Roundup on June 7, 2022 in Carson, ND.

Mary Podoll, USDA-NRCS reported that farm bill programs are moving forward. The CSP programs have received 10% of the monies. She also reported that more monies are coming out for watershed support. Mary mentioned three areas for scds, 1. Need to have grant writers in districts, 2. Scd's are helping to deliver all programs without being compensated, 3. Need to have certification for conservation planners trained to get assistance for legislation monies. She also mentioned that Urban Ag is being reviewed.

Mary also spoke about RCPP's are putting \$10 million into the Meadowlark Initiative to grasslands preservation in ND and creating a good bird habitat.

Jodi Delozier spoke about the overall vision her and Lindsay Maddock have planned for the scds. She highlighted development relationships with district supervisors and staff, gather and review annual work plans, long range plans, improve conservation planning processes, partnership development, review district's policies and employee handbooks, improve scd image, increase awareness of funding opportunities and review training for supervisors and staff.

OTHER

The committee reviewed the operating budget.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 4:50p.

NEXT STATE SOIL CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING – Tentatively set for the end of August 2022.