

**SSCC Board Meeting Minutes**  
**NDASCD Convention, Bismarck, NE**  
**November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

Committee Member Attendance: Wes Frederick, Kelly Klosterman, Warren Solberg, Bob Martin, David Hill, Barton Schott

Guests in Attendance: Greg Sadness, Sarah Tunge, Rocky Batemen, Kent Peterson, Olivia Johnson, Sam Wagner, Shelly Lenz, Matt Lindsay, Dustin Krueger, Lindsay Maddock, Carrie Johnson, Jodi Delozier

Called to order 2:33pm

Kelly Klosterman made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 10, 2022 meeting. Motion seconded by Bob Martin. Motion passed.

Lindsay Maddock gave a brief update of the work she is doing for the EPA 319 grant. Webinar on social media was presented and in December will have another one on website management. Area I employees have regular monthly meetings on the third Thursday. These are employee-led conversations. December & January Leadership Academy will be held across the state. Working on onboarding materials with the Employee Association.

**Partner Updates**

Carrie Johnson, NDSU Extension Assistant Director gave an update. One item mentioned was that the SSCC has a new website: <https://www.ndsu.edu/ndssc/> because of some changes to the content management systems being used at NDSU and NDSU Extension.

Dustin Krueger, North Dakota Conservation District Employees Association gave a brief update.

North Dakota Game and Fish - Jodi Delozier read a written update from Kevin Kading.

Greg Sandness, North Dakota Department Environmental Quality gave an update. Eight projects going through review this fall. After Greg's retirement contact will be Emilee Lachenmeier or Aaron Larsen.

Matt Lindsay, North Dakota Department of Water Resources gave brief update on the work being done by the committee.

**Director's Report**

Jodi Delozier gave an update on what she has been doing since her hire date at October 24, 2022. Will be filling the program coordinator position that was vacated when she took the program director position. Would like for this position to be located in the Western part of the state. Will ask one NDSSCC member to serve on the search committee for this position. NDSU Extension is also working on refilling the administrative assistant position vacated by Sandy Schwede, applications are being accepted until November 21, 2022 and the committee will meet Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> to discuss candidate pool.

**New Business**

Governor Appointee – Barton sent the paperwork to the person that the committee reached out to. Waiting for him to complete the paperwork.

Legislative Session – General discussion about the upcoming legislative session. NDSU Extension will get the rack card updated that was used during the 2021 session for the Committee.

MOU – Committee would like to review MOU with track changes (final version was in the folder) and will vote later in the meeting. Carrie Johnson emailed the track change version to Jodi Delozier and Wes Frederick.

The Dakota Resource Council presented information on what they do and what their concerns are regarding the IRA and the Farm Bill. They are looking at finding partners for taking a bill to the legislature to propose additional legislation.

**Meeting recessed until later during the convention so everyone could attend the keynote address at 5:00 pm.**

**Meeting called to order on 11.21.2022 at 3:35pm in the Grand Pacific Room, Bismarck Hotel.**

Committee Member Attendance: Wes Frederick, Kelly Klosterman, Warren Solberg, Bob Martin, David Hill, Barton Schott, Donna Grann.

Guests in Attendance: Jodi Delozier, Lindsay Maddock, and Sarah Tunge.

### **Continuation of New Business**

Jodi Delozier shared information on the upcoming Leadership Academy trainings. Levels I and II will be offered in December and January. The December 6<sup>th</sup> (Level I) and 7<sup>th</sup> (Level II) trainings will be held at the Carrington Research Extension Center. The January 25<sup>th</sup> (Level I) and 26<sup>th</sup> (Level II) trainings will take place in Watford City at Teddy's Suites and Convention Center. This year's Academy trainings will include three guest speakers: Joe Breker (12/06/22), Larry Cihacek (12/07/22), and Jon Stika (01/25/23).

Sarah Tunge presented a brief history of the DART Program. Although the Employees Association maintains the program, the SSCC is welcome to provide input and suggest changes. Sarah explained that the DART Reporting Tool was initially written to create output quantitatively, however, there has been recent discussion on whether a qualitative (narrative) report should be included. Many SSCC board members find a narrative report to be more helpful in demonstrating District work. If a standardized narrative annual report is desired, Sarah is requesting the Board to submit a draft report which can be integrated into the DART program. It was decided by the committee, however, to keep the annual DART report as is and design a new narrative annual report early next year.

Jodi Delozier was asked to provide an update on Mouse River County SCD. Jodi reported that she has not received word from Amanda Cartwright (District Clerk) as to whether they had their November board meeting. According to Jodi, Amanda cancelled the October 7<sup>th</sup> board meeting due to lack of supervisor availability. Although Jodi did communicate with Amanda the need for an October meeting, one was not rescheduled. Jodi contacted Amanda in early November and was told that the Mouse River SCD board would hold a meeting before state convention. Jodi asked Amanda to contact her and David Hill with the date, time, and location but has not heard back from Amanda. Jodi volunteered to contact Amanda after convention for an update and will follow up with the Board.

Wes Frederickson asked the Board how they would like to respond to the Dakota Resource Council's request that the SSCC offer support to their efforts. After a short discussion, it was decided that Wes

Frederickson and Jodi DeLozier would work together to draft a response letter. The letter will be shared with the Board before being sent to Sam Wagner.

Wes Frederickson asked that supervisor training requirements be a point of discussion under New Business at the next board meeting.

Wes Frederickson called for a motion to end the meeting. Kelly made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Donna Grann seconded the motion. A vote was taken to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 4:31pm.

**Meeting called to order on 11.22.2022 at 8:15am in the Grand Pacific Room, Bismarck Hotel.**

Committee Member Attendance: Wes Frederick, Kelly Klosterman, Warren Solberg, Bob Martin, David Hill, Barton Schott, Donna Grann.

Guests in Attendance: Jodi DeLozier and Lindsay Maddock.

**New Business**

Wes Frederickson brought forth discussion regarding the MOU between the SSCC and NDSU Extension. Jodi DeLozier had sent out the MOU containing track changes to all the Board members the previous night. Kelly Klosterman made a motion to approve the new MOU. Warren Solberg seconded the motion. Wes Frederick asked if there was further discussion. A vote was called to approve the MOU. The revised MOU was approved. Wes will send Jodi a copy of the signed MOU; she will send it to Carrie Johnson.

Lindsay Maddock asked the Board to respond to an email sent by Matt Lindsay, North Dakota Department of Water Resources (DWR). Matt asked if the presence of the DWR was of value to the SSCC board meeting discussions. The committee decided to continue to invite the NDDWR, and that their involvement is appreciated but not expected. Jodi DeLozier will respond to Matt's email.

Jodi DeLozier asked the committee members where and when the next SSCC board meeting would occur. There was some discussion about holding it at the Lincoln Oakes conference room as well as other suggestions. Jodi asked that the committee discuss their options and get back to her with their decision.

There was some discussion about the two appointed SSCC committee members – Kelly Klosterman and Anthony Moch (Barton Schott's replacement). Jodi DeLozier will be sending a letter to the Governor regarding Anthony's appointment. Kelly will need to be reappointed and file the appropriate paperwork.

Kelly Klosterman made a motion to end the meeting. Warren Solberg seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55am.