

# Minutes of the State Soil Conservation Committee Meeting



**Tuesday, January 3, 2023**      **via Zoom**

Present- Jodi Delozier, Donna Grann, David Hill, Wes Frederick, Bob Martin, Kelly Klosterman, Warren Solberg, and Lindsay Maddock

Meeting called to order by Chairman Wes Frederick

Additions to the agenda:

ND Ag Coalition Membership for SSCC

Governor appointed SSCC board member update

Approval of minutes for Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> SSCC meeting

Correction: Wes Frederick's last name was incorrect on the typed minutes in second half and will need to be corrected.

No other additions or corrections.

Bob Martin made a motion to approve minutes with the above correction. Kelly Klosterman seconded the motion and it passed.

DART Program Software update

Update was included from Sarah Tunge on the second page of the agenda and the invoice amount for the updates was \$7000.00. It was estimated these update costs would be needed every 3-5 years.

Kelly K. moved to pay the invoice amount of \$7000.00 and David Hill 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.

Program Coordinator Placement

Jodi was seeking input for the position description on location of program coordinator and what Area they would represent.

Consensus of the board was to advertise for position to be located in Area 3, 4, or 5. Search committee would choose the most qualified candidate; this individual would then be located in one of the three areas. It should be clarified that the candidate must live in one of those areas in ND. Office from home is still an option but it should also be stated that an in-office location may be a possibility depending on the desired location.

NDASCD Resolution

Kelly Klosterman gave an update: he talked to Rhonda Kelsch about who is responsible for finding a legislator to sponsor the bill. She is working on getting committees up and running again and will reach out with what is needed from the SSCC. They will find a legislator to sponsor the bill.

## Discussion on the responses from Allyson Hicks responses on NDCC Statues

Jodi requested clarification from SSCC on how appointments to fill elected positions should be handled. Board consensus on the policy was that Jodi can approve the appointments from districts so they are done in a timely matter. Jodi will give updates at SSCC meetings as to what appointments have been filled and by who. She will also email requests for approval to the SSCC director from the respective SCD Area and allow 24 hours for response before sending approval back to district. It was also noted to make sure the appointees are aware that they will have to run for the remainder of that supervisor term at the next general election.

## DRC Bill

### Comments

-DRC should technically be going through SBARE, there was concern from Extension and SSCC that this could potentially compete with the SBARE goals for SCD funds.

-This would be in addition to what is being asked for in the SBARE requests.

Consensus from the SSCC was to stay neutral on this bill.

Jodi asked if anyone would like to be listed to give testimony during the Extension hearing on January, 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:35am. Donna thought we needed a presence. Wes will plan on attending and giving testimony on behalf of the SSCC. Jodi will provide talking points to Wes.

Supervisor Training requirements--- tabled until next meeting.

## Ag Coalition Membership-

Kelly and Bart have attended the meetings in the past. Kelly suggested if someone is willing to attend meetings that they renew membership.

Wes, Jodi, and Kelly are willing to attend.

Donna Grann moved to pay the \$450 membership to Ag Coalition, Warren Solberg 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed

Anthony Mock and Kelly Klosterman appointment for SSCC is moving forward.

Carissa Kittelson (SSCC new support staff) started today.

Motion to adjourn made by Warren Solberg, 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Hill. Motion passed. 3:15pm.