

Minutes of the State Soil Conservation Committee Meeting



July 31, 2023

James River Senior Center, Jamestown, ND

A meeting of the North Dakota State Soil Conservation Committee was called to order at 11:06 am by Wes Frederick, Chairman.

Committee Members and guests present:

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| Donna Grann – <i>Area I Supervisor</i> | Jodi Delozier – <i>NDSU Extension Program Coordinator</i> |
| Warren Solberg – <i>Area II Supervisor</i> | Carissa Kittelson – <i>ND State Soil Conservation Committee Administrative Assistant</i> |
| David Hill – <i>Area III Supervisor</i> | Hannah Nordby – <i>Program Coordinator, Area V</i> |
| Bob Martin – <i>Area IV Supervisor</i> | Carrie Johnson - <i>Assistant Director NDSU Extension FCW</i> |
| Wes Frederick – <i>Area V Supervisor, Chair</i> | Lynette Flage- <i>Associate Director NDSU Extension</i> |
| Kelly Klosterman – <i>Governor Appointee, Vice Chair</i> | |
| Anthony Mock – <i>Governor Appointee</i> | |

Committee Members absent:

None

Warren made a motion to approve the 5/22/23 and 6/6/23 meeting minutes. David seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Lynette Flage and Carrie Johnson provided a strategic planning and legislative update. SBARE input sessions are this fall/winter: September 14 in Minot; November 9 in Dickinson; and December 12-13 in Fargo. The SSCC will need to determine what they would like to ask for when attending the input session. Discussion was had regarding whether to ask for more operating dollars, money for employees, and/or infrastructure needs for SCDs.

It was determined that Carissa will send out a Google form asking each of the districts to provide their top three needs. Once the information has been received, she will share it with the SSCC board. From there the board will determine how to proceed with their SBARE ask. There is also an online form, one can submit letters, or send SBARE an email if you'd rather. This could be an option for others; however, the SSCC will be attending one of the input sessions. Carissa will email Erin McCall to get the SSCC in on one of the input sessions.

SSCC Director's Report:

- Jodi attended the Area 3 meeting in Rugby and the Area 2 meeting in Ellendale. Area I meeting is September 19 in Spirit Lake. Others have not been determined yet. Jodi was able to/will present at each of the meetings.
- Jodi has been receiving some pushback from SCDs wondering why the SSCC is asking for an inventory list. It is not required per the NDCC so she would like to ask the board if they would like to add it as one of the required documents. David made a motion to require SCDs to provide an inventory list of depreciable assets (not supplies) by March 31st annually. Bob seconded. Motion carried.

Program Coordinator Updates:

- **Lindsay:**
 - Lindsay was unable to attend the meeting; however, she provided Jodi some updates. Lindsay has finished 3 microlessons and will have them recorded soon. She also created a Publication Tracker so we

can keep track of all of our documents and keep them up to date. The Program Coordinator Toolkit continues to grow. If anyone has new needs for their district, let us know. On August 31st Lindsay is hosting an internship webinar which will talk about different options available, what the benefits are and how to get started.

- Coming up this fall is the Area I meeting in September and Grant Writing Train the Trainer in October. Lindsay is hoping more districts will be on board for some fall planning for 2024, even starting small with just a couple things. Ramsey SCD is in conversation with Emilee from DEQ on a possible Watershed coordinator.
- Lindsay would also like to encourage all SSCC board members to have their districts provide legislative updates this fall if they haven't already.
- Request to the board to approve pesticide certification training as an option for Supervisors to use at their annual training once every three years. The board came to a consensus that supervisors will be able to use pesticide certification training once every three years.

- **Hannah:**

- Hannah assisted with some tree planting and laying weed barrier and has attended a few board meetings in Area V. With these activities she has starting building relationships and has been fielding questions from SCDs particularly human resources questions.
- Hannah will be presenting at the Leadership academy coming up in August and this fall will be putting together a podcast. She had previously done a podcast in her prior role so is still determining whether to continue with that previous podcast with a few tweaks or start something new.

Old Business:

- 2023-2025 State Allocation of Funds
 - Group 1- 40,000 (3)
 - Group 2 – 36,431 (8)
 - Group 3 – 30,431 (7)
 - Group 4 – 27, 431 (9)
 - Group 5 – 22,431 (11)
 - Group 6 – 18, 431 (8)
 - Group 7 – 12,000 (8)

Kelly made a motion to approve the state allocation as presented above with slight adjustments for rounding. Donna seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- It was noted that the SSCC will be updating and clarifying information for the 2025-2027 biennium application

Next Committee Meeting:

Tentatively set for some time around November 13-15, 2023.

Adjournment:

Kelly motioned to adjourn. Adjourned 3:09 pm.