

Minutes of the State Soil Conservation Committee Meeting



January 19, 2024

Lincoln Oakes Nursery, Bismarck, ND

A meeting of the North Dakota State Soil Conservation Committee was called to order at 12:30 p.m. by Bob Martin, Chairman.

Committee Members and guests present:

Warren Solberg – *Area II Supervisor*

David Hill – *Area III Supervisor*

Bob Martin – *Area IV Supervisor, Chair*

Jess O'Brien – *Area V Supervisor*

Kelly Klosterman – *Governor Appointee, Vice Chair*

Jodi Delozier – *NDSU Extension Program Coordinator*

Carissa Kittelson – *ND State Soil Conservation Committee Administrative Assistant*

Easton Brown - *NDCDEA*

Dan Hovland- *NRCS*

Emilee Novak- *DEQ*

Rhonda Kelsch- *NDASCD*

Gloria Jones - *NDASCD Director*

John Iverson – *NDASCD Director*

Kelly Froelich - *NDASCD Director*

Steve Gilje - *NDASCD Director*

Kent Pederson - *NDASCD Director*

Monte Bloms - *NDASCD Director*

Committee Members absent:

Anthony Mock – *Governor Appointee*

Emily Montgomery – *Area I Supervisor*

David made a motion to approve the 11.13.23 meeting minutes. Kelly seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Review of financials

SSCC Director's Report:

- Area Program Coordinator Grant proposal presentation
 - NPS Task Force, January 9, 2024 – renew funding for two program coordinators; once we know that we are approved, we will advertise for Lindsay's old position
- Leadership Academy will be held on January 30-31, 2024 at the Heritage Center in Bismarck
 - Level I presenter is Andrea Travnicek and Level II presenter is Jay Fuhrer
 - Both sessions are at capacity and we have started a wait list
 - Fully in person

Program Coordinator Updates:

- **Hannah:**
 - Attended monthly meetings in Williams, Adams, Grant, Slope-Hettinger.
 - Developed personal plan of work
 - Launched More than Dirt podcast
 - Attended Dollars, Direction & Diversity in Dickinson

Old Business:

- SBARE Testimony was completed by Wes Frederick, SSCC Past Chair, on December 12, 2023, in Fargo.
 - Requested \$150,000
- NASCA Annual Dues – waiting for the invoice (\$3,000); Carissa will pay it when it arrives.
- Surface Mining Report – discussion was had on trying to get it moved to another department.

New Business:

- ND Ag Coalition Membership Dues - \$450 due 1/31/24
 - Kelly made a motion to pay the Ag Coalition Dues, Warren seconded. Motion carried.
 - The board will take turns attending these meetings. Jodi will jump on when she can.
- Flickertail Solar Project – Jodi will invite Christina to next board meeting. Please send questions you have to Jodi. In the contract, there should be a statement that “Land is as good or better when the solar panels are removed.”

Partner Reports:

- NDFS – Tom Claeys, submitted a written report which Jodi read orally
- NDASCD – Monte, provided an oral report on nursery and trust, applications coming in, looking for partners in the future
- DEQ – Emilee Novak, provided an oral report on current projects, task force meeting; state funds; registration for their meeting coming out next week which will be March 11-13 in Bismarck
- NDCDEA-Easton Brown, provided an oral report on workshops, scholarships, annual meeting
- NDSU Extension – Carrie Johnson, provided an oral report on SBARE process, Committee started ranking the asks, will have results in a couple months; employee reviews are coming up

Next Committee Meeting:

The next SSCC board meeting will be in early April. Jodi will send out a poll for dates.

Adjournment:

Warren made a motion to adjourn. David second. Adjourned at 2:46 p.m.