

DISTRICT IV MEETING

Blarney's, Mitchell, SD

December 8, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Aurora County: Leah Vissia

Buffalo County: Evelyn Wulff

Davison County: Dan Sudrla, Kathy Goetsch, Christi Smith, Carla Wittstruck, Betty Hegge, Blake Biggerstaff

Douglas County: Jessica Goehring

Jerauld County: Susan Jost

Sanborn County: Mark Meyer

Brule County: Edwin Westendorf

Charles Mix County: Karen Krcil, Marti Cimpl, Denise Weber

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Hanson County: Mary Wilcox

Miner County: Kay Hageman (guest)

Department of Revenue: Karla Harkness, Michael Houdyshell

Chairman Mark Meyer called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by Secretary, Jessica Goehring. Leah made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting; Dan seconded the motion. All voted aye.

There was no old business.

New business:

- ***New sales ratio program:***
 - One of the major changes will be how our programmer dumps the information into the SalesR program
 - During an audit any changes that need to be made will be done at that time instead of sending in a correction sheet
 - There will be a site available for public viewing of information (that cannot be edited) on the state website
- ***Flooded land applications:***
 - Kathy handed out revised flooded land application forms
 - Discussion was held about problems with the current application being too vague
 - Suggestion was made by Karla for Directors to post information regarding flooded farmland applications somewhere in the courthouse or to put the information in the local newspaper so property owners are aware of this application process
- ***Adjustments to Agricultural land:***
 - Is anyone making grassland easements –no, not at this time
 - FYI in Brule County land with an easement sold for \$1,600 and \$1,900 per acre (was assessed for \$500 per acre)
 - FYI in Jerauld County rockiest pasture just sold for \$1,500 per acre
- ***Marshall & Swift Commercial/Agricultural program:***
 - Costs approximately \$1,600 per year
 - Online package deal with Marshall & Swift (Swift Estimator)
- ***Davison County Supreme Court decision:***
 - Supreme Court decision is on SDAAO website
 - "Establish reappraisal plan within a reasonable amount of time (3-4 years), put values on as you go and a taxing district is defined as a township"
- ***Workshops:***
 - Possibility of David Wiest and Harvey Kistler doing a workshop with a mock appeal all the way to the Supreme Court
 - Education committee will be giving ideas for school choices to the Department of Revenue

- **Conference (May 15th-18th):**
 - Downtown Holiday Inn (hunting theme)
- **USPAP** – 7 hour or 15 hour class (get registered)
- **Non Ag levels** – print off statistical report
 - With 150% sales and without 150% sales
- **Non-crop and Crop Top Dollar:**
 - Increase/decrease from 2011 to 2012
 - Douglas
 - Noncrop increase 1.3%
 - Crop increase 10%
 - Brule
 - Noncrop same
 - Crop increase 10%
 - Charles Mix
 - Noncrop increase 3%
 - Crop increase 10%
 - Sanborn
 - Noncrop increase 4%
 - Crop increase 10%
- Possible change coming from **Ag Task Force** HB 1038
 - Change 2017 to 2019
 - Increase 10% increase for crop and non crop
- **Other issues:**
 - Hunting lodge in Brule County that did not sell
 - Discretionary issues
 - Is there any way that the \$10,000 for Ag and the \$30,000 for Commercial would ever be increased?
 - Discussion from some counties about changing their percentages that they currently use
 - Geothermal
 - Miner County – “convention center”
 - Eli Whitney’s upcoming retirement

A motion was made by Mary; seconded by Marti to adjourn. All voted aye.

Jessica Goehring
Secretary