

District Meeting Minutes

10/21/2020 Shennanigans, Sioux Falls, SD.

Those present were Jacob Brehmer and Reid Squires of Brookings County, Darcy Albert and Tami Severson Miner County, Chris Lilla and Kyle Sexe of Minnehaha County, Cori Kaufmann of McCook County, Rick Becker of Lake County, DeAnna Berke and Kendra Eng of Moody County, and Maggie Purintun of Kingsbury County.

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 AM by Chairperson, Tami Severson. The group had general discussion on what everyone is seeing for property sales in their respective counties. The consensus was that homes are selling higher than assessed values all across the board in the various counties represented in our district. Houses are also spending a lot less time on the market.

The topic of Ag Adjustment Requests was brought up. No one has received an actual written request from the new online form. Discussion then changed to the new soil Table 1's. No one in our district will be implementing them this year. Everyone is trying to finish up current projects before starting the undertaking of implementing the new Table 1.

The switching of certification books from being in book form to online was discussed. It was mentioned that online is more expensive than using the books. Minnehaha was able to get one of the last sets of books. People going through the Certification program online will need to have someone register as a proctor to take the tests after each section. McCook County and Brookings County had someone from the Auditor's Office or an HR person register to be the proctor in their respective counties. A number of different counties mentioned some turn over they are seeing. Larry will be retiring from a long career in Brookings County.

Reappraisals and Building permits are being finished up for the year. Minnehaha County will be doing a residential reappraisal for the first time in 20 years next year. Currently they just work on building permits all year long. Chris mentioned that they have an MLS login for their office where they can access the MLS and get information on properties. Other counties have also commented that they use Zillow as a nice search tool for missing information. Brookings County did a reappraisal of small town residential properties. They mailed a questionnaire and their appraisers went and did follow up work and outside measuring. They felt they were relatively successful with that approach. Kingsbury County did a Commercial Reappraisal in the same manner. Response to the questionnaire has been good.

The subject of Covid 19 and what counties are doing to keep employees safe came up in the discussion as well. Masks and sanitizing were common all across the board. It was commented by a number of counties that home owners have been receptive to equalization staff coming out and they are being allowed into people's homes.

The topic then moved to Spring Conference. There was not a lot of confidence with the group that given the current pandemic status that Spring Conference in Hot Springs would be happening much to everyone's disappointment.

Our next meeting will be held in Moody County on Wednesday January 20, 2021. Jacob Brehmer made the motion to adjourn, Darcy Albert had the second and Tami Severson called the meeting adjourned at 12:40PM.