

## District 5 Quarterly Meeting Minutes

Wednesday July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Sioux Falls, SD

11:00 AM

Those present were Jeff Puthoff of DOR, Tammy Anderson & Maggie Purintun of Kingsbury County, Rick Becker of Lake County, Tami Severson of Miner County, Jacob Brehmer & Reid Squires of Brookings County, Chris Lilla & Kyle Sexe of Minnehaha County, DeAnna Berke & Monica Fier of Moody County.

The meeting was called to order @ 11:00 by Chairperson Jacob Brehmer. Jeff of DOR started the meeting with discussion on ag land value adjustments, specifically related to shelterbelts. SDCL 10-6-131 defines 'shelterbelts' as a surface obstruction related to trees planted for farmstead windbreaks, wildlife tree plantings, living snow fences, and other tree plantings made specifically for conservation purposes, but excluding trees planted for ornamental or commercial purposes. If eligible, the property owner must apply at the DOE level. Jeff also mentioned that effective July 1, all current exemptions for Disabled Veterans can be cycled up from the \$150,000 to \$200,000 maximum per legislation. Incode users will need to add a new exemption code for this. The group also discussed new productivity numbers. Most top dollars were increasing in the < 5% range, as well as weighted ratings were cleaned up on some counties soil inventory by Jeff.

New employees, vacant & advertised openings were discussed. Miner County has hired Barb Esser as Deputy, Minnehaha County promoted Cassandra from Clerk to Appraiser, Lake County has hired Lisa from the Auditor's office to Appraiser. Brookings County will be hiring 1 additional full-time appraiser as they have experienced much growth.

Topic shifted to the legislative summer study currently taking place related to Property Tax Assessment Methodology. Jacob & Cori had been invited & presented to the group in Pierre, as well as several DOE's from outside District 5. It was good to be able to give a background on the assessment process, and how current & proposed legislation influences our processes. The group is interested to see what, if any, changes come out of this summer study.

The Education committee presented on upcoming course offerings in Oacoma, as well as Basics course in Pierre. Minnehaha has taken advantage of virtual classes offered through McKissock & IAAO as a cost saving method of meeting certification requirements.

It was mentioned that Jacob would like to keep the SDAAO website bulletin board as current as possible, with advertised job openings, and removing when positions are filled. District 5 members were encouraged to submit new staff photos as members change.

The next meeting will be held tentatively on October 23<sup>rd</sup> with Moody County as the host.

Motion to adjourn by Chris Lilla, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tammy Anderson. Chairperson Jacob Brehmer declared the meeting adjourned @ 1:22 PM.