

October 23, 2019

District Meeting

Shenanigan's Sioux Falls, SD

Those present were DeAnna and Kendra from Moody, Tammy & Maggie from Kingsbury, Jacob from Brookings, Tracy from McCook, Rick from Lake, Tami from Miner, Chris and Kyle from Minnehaha and Russ Hanson Department of Revenue.

There will be an Ag Task Force meeting held this Thursday October 24<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am to 3:30pm. Agenda includes a presentation from Russ Hanson and Wendy Semmler of Department of Revenue on Ag Land Valuation. Taskforce discussion and legislation will also be discussed. Agenda, minutes and documents presented can be located on the South Dakota Legislative Research Council's website by searching "Ag Land Assessment Task Force-2019".

2019 School was discussed for those that attended.

2019 NCRAAO Conference was held in Bismarck, ND at the Radisson Hotel. There was a good turn out for classes but attendance dwindled by the night of the banquet since classes were done, those that lived closer by chose to leave early.

There seemed to be a lot of people interested in NCRAAO to be held in Sioux Falls in conjunction with our SDAAO conference in spring of 2020. Those attending NCRAAO in 2020 will receive a conference credit and those attending Friday's meeting (SDAAO) will receive workshop credit. Registration will be \$250.00 including most meals in registration.

There is a proposed USPAP 7 hour course for Monday June 22 if there is enough interest. Many take this course online, but we will need at least 15 before we can schedule a class. They are looking at a 15 hour USPAP course to be held in Pierre on May 12-13.

A live auction will be held at the NCRAAO conference this year just before the banquet on Thursday night, in the past this has been done as a silent auction. It was felt that a live auction would be more active. Shannon Rittberger is asking us to bring as many baskets as you can. Either bring as an individual county or many small vs one large basket from our district.

Education for conference to include:

- Tackling big projects from State HR Department
  - How to do every day tasks while tackling big tasks (reappraisal)
- Bob from Vanguard will discuss how to start an appraisal project
- Team Consulting will be teaching some classes
- ESRI—maybe mobile GIS lab, ArcGIS pro (this is under development)

Education Committee is working on putting together a Spring Workshop in Pierre May/June with a Topics geared class. More information will follow regarding this, Carrie Stephenson is the President of this committee.

An Ag Certified Specialist Designation was discussed. Lesley Coyle talked with several from the Ag class held this fall regarding this possibility. The thought was that we could have more classes geared toward Ag Adjustments, and maybe having this designation behind your name would say to a producer that you know what you are talking about. Russ brought this topic up for conversation at this meeting to see what the district felt about having this designation through the SDAAO or through Department of Revenue. Which of the organizations

would hold more credibility with the landowners? Some feel that it would hold more weight through Department of Revenue but if through SDAAO we wouldn't need to go through SDCL to accomplish this. Overall the district felt that the designation would hold more weight with Department of Revenue, but one concern would be 'does it discredit those who don't have it?' If we do the Ag designation will we need a similar commercial one? Russ did point out that we will need to develop education yet for the Ag designation, and it is still in the discussion phase.

Inundated Farm land was discussed. In Baltic if a property is damaged beyond 50% in the flood plain, the property will not be issued a new permit and must be torn down.

A mini-workshop is being planned for November 12<sup>th</sup> in Pierre on Sales Analysis and Intentions to start at 9am, Amber with DOR is preparing a list.

The district asked Russ if he is needing any assistance at conference in the Spring and he couldn't think of anything yet, but will keep us informed. Shannon Rittberger has mentioned that it would be helpful/beneficial to have a Conference Planning Committee to assist where needed.

Shannon Rittberger is proposing a bill to require a bond for those that want to appeal to OHE. This could be a barrier between tax payer and their right to appeal. One option could be that if this wasn't required upfront it could be a special assessment added if they are a no show at the appeal, but it would need to be a law.

Concern was mentioned about forms. There used to be a committee made up of District Chairs to help serve on the forms committee and now there have been changes to some forms that haven't gone through this process.

Buffer Strip applications were discussed, it seems that most applicants feel that it is not worth it to apply, very few counties had applications.

Russ brought up the need to vote for a District Chair every 3 years. Tammy from Kingsbury made a motion nominating Tami from Miner to be District Chair. Seconded by Chris from Brookings. Motion Carried.

Jacob from Brookings has volunteered to be the secretary and take meeting minutes.

The Website Committee Chair has an opening, Russ is searching for that replacement if anyone is interested.

Our next meeting will be January 15<sup>th</sup> in Miner County

Motion to adjourn by Jacob, seconded by Tammy. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:

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