

April 17, 2019

District Meeting

Oxbow Restaurant DeSmet, SD Kingsbury County

Those present were Deanna and Kendra from Moody, Darcy and Tami from Miner, Tammy and Maggie from Kingsbury, Chris and Kyle from Minnehaha, Deb from Lake, Jacob and Reid from Brookings, Tracy from McCook and Russ Hanson Department of Revenue.

Russ provided updates on Legislation. Disabled Vets will now qualify to have \$150,000 of property value not taxable up from \$100,000 previously. SB4 Ag Land Study was discussed. Russ said that not all counties that showed an interest in participating will be able to be a part of the study. The state will be choosing the counties in order to get a good sample statewide. Preliminary data from SDSU had issues since NRCS and NASS data had county lines that were not matching up and were off 50' to 200' in some places. There will be a training at Conference after the Department of Revenue meeting on Friday for those that will be participating in the study or anyone interested in keeping up to date on the study.

Russ mentioned that there is a lawsuit out of Meade County with landowners arguing the constitutionality of the Ag Productivity system. This case has made its way to the Supreme Court on April 29th. There will be no new testimony, but the Supreme Court will re-examine the circuit and OHE cases. The lower courts upheld state constitution that it is legal.

Tammy mentioned that their soils do not match up with NRCS. There will be no easy conversion and we will need to re-enter every parcel when we receive the new Table 1's.

Chris brought up the paraplegic application program. He questioned why the DOE office gets involved in this process as it is verified by the auditor and is a reduction in taxes not property value.

A discussion was held regarding the different appeals each county is facing this year.

Tami will put together a conference gift. Each county can provide \$10.00 and pay Tami at Conference this year.

Spring school is being held this year, currently 25 are signed up and they can accommodate up to 30 attendees.

Tracy left the meeting.

Water issues throughout the state were brought up. In Charles Mix county there are some properties with only roofs showing. Some counties are making adjustments at local boards for this damage.

Chris discussed issues between Sioux Falls and Brandon School District boundaries. Some of the boundaries cut through the middle of property lots. He has been involved in a number of meetings to try to resolve the issue.

Russ mentioned that Lesley Coyle will be back from maternity leave in June.

Our next meeting will be held in Lake County.

Motion to adjourn by Tammy, Seconded by Russ. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Tami Severson

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