

District 5 Quarterly Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 29th, 2026

Howard, SD

11:00 AM

Those present were Tammy Anderson & Maggie Purintun of Kingsbury County, Cori Kaufmann of Lake County, Tami Severson & Barb Esser of Miner County, Jacob Brehmer, DeAnna Berke & Reid Squires of Brookings County, Chris Lilla of Minnehaha County, Whitney Sams & Alicia DeSchepper of Moody County, Anna Flogstad of McCook County, Jeff Puthoff of DOR.

The meeting was called to order @ 11:00 by Chairperson Jacob Brehmer.

New employees, vacant & advertised openings were discussed. Deb Blanchette of Lake County retired in December, but will be coming back in 2026 PT to assist with training new appraiser & general assistance in the office. Brookings County anticipates a retirement in 2026, and will likely have an appraiser opening at some point this summer.

The group discussed SB 216 & the 3% cap imposed on YOY Owner Occupied value countywide. As of now, Minnehaha County looks to be the only one in the group that has been notified about applying a factor related to this. All other counties, according to preliminary growth reporting for intentions, should fall under the 3% cap. Some counties are still actively working on reappraisal & growth numbers.

Tammy reported the Education Committee has good education lined up in 2026. Dates, locations, and course offerings will be updated on the SDAAO website very soon. Maggie has been in touch with a rep from M&S regarding the potential for a continuing education credit that will be offered as a 3-hour webinar on the Estimator program. This will likely be offered to the Association as this format can accommodate 60+ attendees. More information will be available on this in early 2026.

We also discussed the Cup of Joe monthly presentations. Positive feedback all around. It is nice to learn from other association members. Thank you to those who have offered their time & knowledge in presenting. It was mentioned that future discussion topics & those willing to present should contact Brandy, or any other member of the committee.

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 in late April with Minnehaha County as the host.

Motion to adjourn by Cori Kaufmann, 2nd by Tami Severson. Chairperson Jacob Brehmer declared the meeting adjourned @ 1:09 PM.