

**Minutes of SDAAO District 8
Thursday, September 3, 2026, Cloud 9 Bar & Grill,
Watertown, South Dakota**

Members Present:

Russell Metz	Brown County
Gene Loeschke	Brown County
Sarah Swenson	Brown County
Heidi Selchert	Codington County
Melissa Sears	Codington County
Shawna Constant	Codington County
Michelle Pederson	Codington County
Barbra Block	Day County
Katrina Johnson	Marshall County
Lisa Skog	Roberts County
Deb Meguire	Deuel County
Tyler Holm	Deuel County

Russell called the meeting to order.

Lisa approved the minutes from our last meeting and Deb seconded the motion.

Deb Meguire the Deuel County Director, announced that she has hired Morgan Johnson as an appraiser.

Russell asked if any counties had any OHE appeals and if they have received their conclusion. Deuel County had a lake property. The OHE judge upheld Deuel Counties value.

Russell commented that everyone should have their 8 months of sales turned into the state and asked how the trends are looking. Brown County said sales in Aberdeen have been steady, and that there is a Data Center going up in Ellendale, ND, so the nearby area has seen an increase in sales and rent. Marshall & Day County have seen houses listed on the lakes that are not moving.

We discussed how Methane Digestors are no longer centrally assessed but locally assessed. Deuel County has a few of them and they are platting them off separately. Marshall County has 2 but they are not platted off. Brown County has a methane digester currently under construction, and it is not platted off.

Russell asked how the IAAO 402 class, that was held June 22-26 in Pierre, went it was all positive feedback. Fall school will be held September 14-18 in Pierre. The classes are Basics, IAAO 201 and Grading & Conditioning. 2027 school will be held in Spearfish and should have a Narrative Writing class.

2028 school will be held in Aberdeen. They plan on doing summer classes every other year.

We discussed our 2026 SDAAO conference that was held in Sioux Falls June 2-5th at the Holiday Inn and had all positive feedback. People enjoyed the informational classes and the tours. The mock trial put on by Kara Endicott was held on June 1st, we felt it was good but wanted more of an actual trial. No one attended the 2026 NCRAAO Conference that was held in Dickinson, ND August 9-14th. 2027 SDAAO will be held in Deadwood at the Lodge. 2027 NCRAAO Conference will be held in Wisconsin (no further details at this time). 2028 NCRAAO/SDDAO Conference will be held in Deadwood at the Lodge.

Senate Bill 96 has been adopted by Codington County & Brown County is in the process of adopting it. None of the other counties in District 8 are planning on adopting it.

We discussed summer reappraisal projects. Brown County finished up a few residential neighborhoods. Marshall County has some Britton commercial properties left. Roberts County finished up on small acreages. Codington County is finishing Lake Kampeska. Deuel County finished Lake Cochrane.

Russell reminded everyone of the SDAAO Scholarships. He encouraged the group that if they have a child or grandchild that would qualify, they should apply. The association only had 2 applicants last year. He also encouraged each county to get their office photo updated and sent to Christopher Mooney in Pennington County or Jacob Brehmer in Brookings County.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Melissa, and seconded by Barbra.