

## District 5 Quarterly Meeting Minutes

Wednesday August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Madison, SD

11:00 AM

Those present were Rick Becker & Deb Blanchette of Lake County, Tammy Anderson & Maggie Purintun of Kingsbury County, DeAnna Berke & Alicia DeSchepper of Moody County, Chris Lilla of Minnehaha County, Tami Severson & Darcy Liable of Miner County, Jacob Brehmer & Reid Squires of Brookings County.

The meeting was called to order @ 11:00 by Chairperson Jacob Brehmer. Discussion started with comments on the SDAAO conference held in June in Sioux Falls. Everyone felt it was a good conference overall, but felt it was lacking in the educational offerings provided, especially for those users who do not have Vangaurd CAMA. It was also mentioned that opening ceremonies with the color guard would have been appreciated.

Discussion shifted to the budget process, specifically for those counties who have added a position to their staff. Some expenses have been paid using existing ARPA funds, while other budgeted expenses like office furniture, technology, vehicles have been paid using available funds. There are a few new appraisers in our district, and we welcome them to the association. Sad to hear that Kendra from Moody County will be letting her appraisal certification lapse. We will miss her, but understand that he job duties will shift to planning & zoning.

We heard about the upcoming SDAAO school class offerings & instructors. Many plan to attend. The group also talked about the Basics course being offered at a different date & location as the rest of the courses. This is appreciated as those new in the association are able to focus on the education in a more suitable environment. Tammy also presented the group with some ½ day educational offerings through Brian Gatzke. Amber Jensen has approved this for workshop credit. She will work on scheduling this for early November, to be held at a location in Brookings. More details will be provided soon.

Employee dress code was discussed. Some counties are providing logo wear at no cost to the employee as an additional identification & visibility while on the job, either field or office. A few counties have included this in the employee handbook. A few offices are testing out new office hours. Some with 7-5:30 or 7-4:00. This helps better serve the public as most business is conducted over the lunch hour, or outside of regular business hours.

We all discussed the newly released productivity numbers. Crop top dollar increases ranged from +3.45% to +8.14%, with the average being +5.22%. Gras top dollar changes ranged from -0.14% to +3.22%, with the average being +1.87%. Counties with OHE cases discussed each unique scenario, and decisions if the case had already been heard. In nearly every case, the county value prevailed, some with the appellant withdrawing right before the hearing.

The next meeting will be held in January 2024 with McCook County as the host.

Motion to adjourn by Tammy Anderson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Darcy Liable. Chairperson Jacob Brehmer declared the meeting adjourned @ 1:32 PM.