

District Meeting Minutes

4/23/2021 La Cantina, Brookings, SD.

Those present were Jacob Brehmer and Reid Squires of Brookings County, Darcy Albert and Tami Severson of Miner County, Chris Lilla and Kyle Sexe of Minnehaha County, Cori Kaufmann of McCook County, Rick Becker of Lake County, DeAnna Berke and Kendra Eng of Moody County, Maggie Purintun of Kingsbury County, and Kathy Goetsch from Department of Revenue.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Tami Severson. County Appeals was the first item on the agenda. Chris Lilla shared information regarding an appeal from a someone who had also appealed last year. They were able to get the appellant approved for Ag status to hopefully have this issue taken care of in the future. No one had any major issues with County Boards.

The discussion then moved to reappraisals for the Summer 2021. Brookings County is planning on going back to normal with a reappraisal of Brookings City. Moody County is going to be working on Farms and Acreages. Kingsbury County is planning on starting Farms. Minnehaha County is going to be doing a desktop grade review. Kyle put together some surveys for their appraisers to fill out and has come up with grading guidelines to help ensure consistency across the appraisers in the office. Chris noted that Minnehaha County has not had any reappraisal in 20 years.

The group discussed the upcoming SDAAO Conference in Hot Springs. Hotel room issues were discussed and everyone was encouraged to check on their reservations for their rooms. The district will be well represented with at least one person from each county attending. Everyone was reminded to bring their 1920's costume for the banquet. SDAAO School was also discussed and sounds like there will be a number attending that as well.

It was requested that the website needs updated staff listings and pictures. We were instructed to get the staff information to Amber and pictures to Jacob. It was also addressed that there needs to be updates made to Geoff's email list.

Kathy brought up that the preliminary abstract is required by law to be submitted with intentions at intention time. She brought copies where that is stated for everyone's reference. There were questions about this back in December and it was brought up so everyone would be on the same page going forward.

Kathy is working on a soils presentation and requested feedback from the group on her presentation. The new table ones were discussed and Kathy emphasized that you should make sure your abstract is done before going in and doing any of these changes. Department of Revenue made some adjustments to soils but each office needs to be responsible for going out and actually verifying soils and making changes based on their county. Counties can implement the new soils this year or next year. Kathy stated she is working with 23 counties who are planning on putting it on this year.

The question was raised on what happened in the state legislature with the Ag Exemption change and Kathy reported that it was tabled.

There was general conversation on the elderly freeze. Minnehaha County brought up a number of examples and all of the counties present dealt with this same issue during this equalization time. It was the consensus among the group that the thresholds for income and property value need to be adjusted. Kathy was to take this back to the Department of Revenue for consideration.

The next meeting will be held in July and hosted by Kingsbury County. Motion to adjourn by Chris Lilla, seconded by Jacob Brehmer. Tami Severson declared the meeting adjourned at 1:10PM.