

District 5 Quarterly Meeting Minutes

Wednesday April 23, 2025

Madison, SD

11:00 AM

Those present were Maggie Purintun of Kingsbury County, Rick Becker, Cori Kaufmann & Deb Blanchette of Lake County, Tami Severson & Barb Esser of Miner County, Jacob Brehmer & Reid Squires of Brookings County, Chris Lilla of Minnehaha County, DeAnna Berke & Alicia DeSchepper of Moody County, Anna Flogstad of McCook County.

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

New employees, vacant & advertised openings were discussed. Tami is looking for a part-time clerk in Miner County. Moody & Minnehaha County have hired new appraisers at the start of this year. Brookings County is in the process of training & certification with (2) new appraisers. Some offices take advantage of part-time seasonal help during review cycle.

We discussed what each county is experiencing with appeals, corrections, and board hearing preparation & outcomes. Overall, we have been seeing relatively low appeal numbers. There had been some discussion related to comparison between adjoining counties with drastically different appeal numbers. Each county's approach to the process, whether time allows for taxpayer education, how early assessment notices are sent out were all factors discussed that could be an indicator of disproportionate volume of appeals.

Upcoming SDAAO conference in June was up for discussion next. Cori presented on several educational sessions that will be offered, as well as networking events & even allowed our district to help select the banquet menu 😊

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 July with Kingsbury County as the host.

Motion to adjourn by Cori Kaufmann, 2nd by DeAnna Berke. Chairperson Jacob Brehmer declared the meeting adjourned @ 1:12 PM.