

District 5 Quarterly Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

Brookings, SD

11:00 AM

Those present were Jeff Puthoff with DOR, Maggie Purinton with Kingsbury County, Rick Becker & Cori Kaufman with Lake County, Chris Lilla with Minnehaha County, DeAnna Berke & Alicia DeSchepper of Moody County, Anna Flogstad with McCook County, Reid Squires & Jacob Brehmer with Brookings County.

New employee introductions: Anna Flogstad has recently taken over the Director position with McCook County. Moody County will have a new appraiser in their office starting next week.

The meeting was called to order @ 11:00AM by Chairperson Jacob Brehmer. Jeff of DOR started the meeting with discussion related to the legislative summer study. He stated there has been movement to request information through an attorney to other states in regard to a centralized assessment software solution. Discussion was had on if this would become mandatory, the cost associated with implementing, support, etc. Jeff also mentioned that intentions submitted so far indicate many counties have been starting with a slightly higher median than what he saw in 2024. Minnehaha had implemented updated CAMA cost tables, as well as several counties mentioned assessment adjustments were in the strong 20% range. Jeff also touched on upcoming legislation that may impact our departments, specifically SB50 & HB1019. Follow how these are progressing, and be willing to speak as a proponent or opponent if necessary.

We discussed the potential in-person offering of the 15-hour USPAP course in 2025, possibly to coincide with SDAAO Conference, or a stand-alone offering at a later date. It was mentioned that the 15-hour course may be completed during a new appraiser's first year of employment, but preferred to be done once the appraiser has completed SDAAO certification requirements.

Jacob discussed Brookings County will be moving their tax software, Incode, to a cloud based server next month. Will follow up at next meeting on how the migration went, and any issues that may have come up in the process. Chris mentioned Incode version 10 does not currently have an assessment side module, but may be in discussions with Ron Paracci regarding future developments.

The group had a short discussion on shipping container (Conex) assessment procedures. It seems several counties have been adding these to their assessments, as they become more commonly used for storage, retail businesses, wall structures for ag buildings, and even living space.

Conference updates: Cori & Jacob will be collaborating on a presentation for upcoming conference directed at the assessor's annual calendar, and defining the processes that take place throughout the year. This would be a great opportunity for new staff around the state. Keynote speaker is set. There may be an educational presentation from one of the vendors as well.

The next meeting will be held in late April with Kingsbury County as the host.

Motion to adjourn by Cori, 2nd by DeAnna. Chairperson declared the meeting adjourned @ 12:54PM.