

NDCDEA Director's Meeting

January 18, 2023

The January 18th meeting was held via Zoom and called to order at 1:00 pm by President Krueger. Directors present were Dustin Krueger, Shannon Anderson, Easton Brown, Tokina McHarry, Matt Olson, Kari Beckman, Stetson Myers, Darci Gahner, Cassidy Fairbanks. Others present were Shelley Vetter and Sarah Tunge. Absent were Thorson and Jugovic.

The minutes from the December 14, 2022, meeting were approved on 12-21-22, with Olson making motion, Beckman second, motioned passed via email vote.

Old Business:

Update on windbreak technology course. Krueger has been in contact with National Agroforestry Center and will be meeting again tomorrow with the representative.

Tunge reported on Outdoor Heritage Fund. There will be an update coming out shortly for all employees explaining the finalizing of our current grant and plans for the next round of OHF grants.

Tunge reported on the NRCS Contribution Agreement. The backlog in reimbursement is still in the works, although getting closer to completion. The reporting will be switching to quarterly and will be done very similar to the DART system. Once things are finalized with NRCS, all employees will be updated on changes to the reporting.

Discussion on Tree Promo. Draft agenda will be sent out to Directors soon. Bobcat will have demo equipment in hotel parking lot and the tour will be of the ARS Area 4 Farm. Next year, the meeting will be held in Fargo.

Education training – ran into issues with dates available for presenters. Tunge reached out to another contact in Colorado to see if this spring would work for them to come.

Employees Handbook – Handbook will be put into a Google Doc and sent out to Directors so notes can be made for updates. All Directors are encouraged to help with this.

Anderson updated on her research in health insurance through NDPERS. An email will be sent seeing which District boards would be interested in this option.

New Business:

Krueger brought up a possible business management training for District managers/clerks. Will bring up at Tree Promo.

The Board of Directors will be reviewing our Employees Association by-laws at the next meeting.

Website updates were discussed. Changes should be emailed to Shelley Vetter.

Legislative social was brought up. Timeline this year is short and there are a lot of other events currently scheduled for legislators. This will be scheduled ahead of time for the next session. All

Districts are encouraged to reach out to their respective legislators and promote SCDs and/or invite them to your board meetings.

President Krueger reported he will be attending the 2023 NACD Annual Convention. His registration fee will be paid by the NDCDEA.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:18 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tokina McNarry, Secretary