

EXAMPLE MINUTES

SDACD NORTH MISSOURI AREA MEETING MINUTES

THE CLUB, Faulkton, SD June 25, 2001

Director Art Beringer called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Supervisors from Faulk, Edmunds, Hyde, Walworth, McPherson, Potter, & Hand conservation districts were present. Absent were Sully, Campbell, and Hughes conservation district representatives. Others present were: Aaron Kiesz, Area Forester; Brian Scott, RC&F; Dennis Shoup, Marvin Nelson, Grady Heitman, & Kelly Stout, NRCS; Robert (& Mary) Gab, Conservation Commission; Gerald (& Darlene) Thaden & Angela Ehlers, SDACD President & Executive Secretary; Deb Hadrick & Sue Worth, District Employees.

Minutes of the 2000 meeting: copies were distributed. McPherson moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Edmunds seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

Area Treasurer's Report: Tina Feyereisen, Edmunds

There is \$281.20 in the account. The area paid \$90 (\$45 each) to the two students advancing to the state speech contest. Other expenses for the area speech contest were paid. Faulk CD moved to keep speech contest awards at \$45 for each student advancing to the state contest. Hand seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

Three districts have not paid the area dues from last year. Edmunds CD Secretary Kitty Hauck will send dues notices for this year. Hyde moved, second by McPherson, to keep area dues at \$25 per district. Motion carried by voice vote.

McPherson moved to accept the treasurer's report. Hyde seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

SDACD President's Report: Gerald Thaden, SDACD President

See attachment. (Green)

SDACD Treasurer Report & Membership Report: Angela Ehlers

See attachments. (Treasurer Report – white w/graphs, Membership Report – green)

Conservation District Reports:

A supervisor from each district gave a report about activities in their district. Angela wants to post the reports on the SDACD web site if we can get a copy of them.

SD Coordinated Plan Revision

Robert Gab, Conservation Commissioner, stressed the importance of getting involved. Everyone present completed a survey rating various resource concerns as high priority, neutral, low priority.

Conservation districts media campaign

A media campaign is needed to lay the groundwork for permanent conservation district funding. SDACD is putting together a media campaign targeted to the larger cities in the state highlighting what conservation districts do and the benefits that everyone receives from conservation district activities. The concentration of media in urban areas will hopefully result in voter support of legislation securing permanent conservation district funding. Minimal cost to begin the campaign is \$10,000.00. SDACD is asking for every district in the state to send a \$200.00 contribution to SDACD today. Individual contributions are also welcome. Checks should be made payable to SDACD and should include "Media Campaign" in the memo portion of the check. This contribution is in addition to the dues. See attachment (Yellow).

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SDACD Committee Reports:

See attached written reports (Pink). There were no questions.

SDACD By-Law Change Proposals: none.

SDACD Policy Resolution Proposals: none.

Area Endowment Honoree Selection: Potter nominated Henry Elsing. McPherson moved nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Henry Elsing as North Missouri Area Endowment Fund Honoree. Faulk seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

Area Director & SDACD Committee Elections:

Faulk nominated Art Beringer, Potter, for the 2-year term as Area Director. Upon hearing no other nominations, Faulk moved that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Art Beringer. McPherson seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

Edmunds nominated Rick Rausch, Faulk, for the 1-year term on the Public Relations Committee. Upon hearing no other nominations, Edmunds moved that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Rick Rausch. Faulk seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

Potter nominated Tina Feyerlesen, Edmunds, for the 3-year term on the Natural Resources Stewardship Committee. Upon hearing no other nominations, Potter moved that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Tina Feyerlesen. McPherson seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

Area Legislative Meeting:

After discussion, the 2001 Legislative Meeting will be held at Bob's Resort on Monday, October 29th. Walworth volunteered to host the event.

Other Business

The group discussed having a North Missouri web site. More information about cost and web site management is needed. The possibility of tapping into some of the media campaign monies was discussed and MAY be possible. Angela provided input as to possible ways to lessen the cost.

Dennis Shoup, NRCS, addressed the group. See attachment (white). The group wished Dennis well in his retirement.

John Weissar, representing the Big Sioux Nursery Inc., asked if anyone had any complaints or suggestions for Big Sioux. Edmunds questioned how trees are allocated when the nursery is short on a species and what is the tree delivery policy for districts which may not have as large an order as some of their other customers.

The next meeting of the North Missouri Area Conservation Districts will be held on Thursday, June 20, 2002, at 7:00 P.M. in Faulkton. Faulk will check into moving the meeting to the Country Club.

Angela raised the question of morale and personnel problems in field offices.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned @ 9:45 P.M.

Susan Worth & Deborah Hadrick
Recording Secretaries