

Minutes of the State Soil Conservation Committee Meeting



September 15, 2025

via Zoom

A special meeting of the North Dakota State Soil Conservation Committee (SSCC) was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by David Hill, Chair.

Committee Members and guests present (all virtual):

Emily Montgomery – *Area I Supervisor*

Chris Walberg – *Area II Supervisor*

David Hill – *Area III Supervisor, Chair*

Bob Martin – *Area IV Supervisor*

Jess O'Brien – *Area V Supervisor, Vice Chair*

Kelly Klosterman – *Governor Appointee*

Lindy Berg – *Area I Program Coordinator*

Paula Comeau – *NDSU Extension Program Coordinator*

Amber Fetch – *ND State Soil Conservation Committee
Administrative Assistant*

Committee Members absent:

Anthony Mock – *Governor Appointee*

New Business:

- Discuss Area IV Resolution
 - Discussion among the Committee members about whether the NDASCD has the staffing and resources to partner effectively with the SSCC. Paula noted that the resolution implies that NDSU Extension will continue to provide education and assistance to the SSCC and SCDs if the resolution goes forward; the relationship would change if NDSU Extension is no longer partnered with the SSCC, and that does not seem clear in the resolution. This is a point that should be made clear to SCDs.
 - Kelly and Jess requested the Committee's consent to discuss the resolution with some contacts to get more information on the background of this particular iteration of the resolution. The Committee agreed.
 - Kelly asked if an effort has been made to schedule a meeting with both the NDASCD and SSCC boards; Paula confirmed an effort has been made, but Rhonda Kelsch has said the earliest the NDASCD could meet would be January, despite Extension staff trying to push for earlier dates.
- New Suggestions for Governor Appointee for Board
 - Kelly, Chris, and Jess will reach out to some potential appointees to see if they're interested in joining the SSCC, and we'll go from there.

Next Committee Meeting:

The regular SSCC board meeting will be in December in Bismarck, with the hope of having partners involved as well. Details about the specific time and location will be shared via email in advance of the meeting.

Adjournment:

David called to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 a.m.