

STATE ASSOCIATION REGULAR MEETING Minutes – 7/25/2023 – Via Zoom

Call to Order: Walker called the meeting to order at 10:02am and introductions were made. A roll call of Councils follows:

- A. Golden Sands: Kendra Kunding, Bob Walker, Bill Clendenning
 - B. Lumberjack: Tracy Beckman
 - C. Glacierland: Kari Divine
 - D. River Country: Linda Luberda
- Guests: Alexis Garland, Communications Director of the NARCDC

Approval of the 7/25/2023 Agenda – Motion by Beckman/Clendenning to approve the agenda. Motion Carried.

Approval of Minutes – Motion by Kunding/Beckman to approve the minutes of 5/9/2023 meeting. Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report: A financial report dated 6/30/23 showed a net worth is \$10,350.30. Motion by Kunding/Beckman to approve. MC.

NRCS MOU: - Walker spoke with a rep from NRCS who said Eric Allness will be back soon and they still want an MOU. Walker hadn't heard anything more prior to the meeting today. He will send another email and cc all of us and explain our desire to create the MOU.

NARCDC Film Crew - Alexis Garland, the Communications Director for the NARCDC explained their plans to create 30 second to 1.5-minute videos for each member RC&D. She, Anna Cornelius (NARCDC CEO), their intern & a film crew will film in Wisconsin September 25-27th. The video can be whatever the local RC&D wishes, for example it could highlight board members, RC&D projects or workshops. The videos will then be edited and sent to the member RC&D to do as they please. Membership is \$450/year and along with the film, it includes a dedicated Grant Station page and coordinated workshops and communications with other RC&Ds.

Council Composition Discussion: Each Executive Director talked about how their council is composed. It was noted that there is a distinct difference between the board composition of RC&Ds that could continue to function under the old model after the loss of NRCS dollars. RC&Ds that were in jeopardy of dissolving, found different ways to govern.

Council Updates/Status Report:

- A. Golden Sands – Kunding reported for Golden Sands
- B. Lumberjack – Beckman reported for Lumberjack
- C. River Country – Luberda reported for River Country
- D. Glacierland – Divine reported for Glacierland

Public Relations Update – No business or action

Legislative Update – No business or action

Select Upcoming Speakers – Ideas include board and/or executive director development, funder engagement such as NRCS, DNR, USFS, conservation presentations such as bird management, etc. Walker will try and come up with other ideas before the next meeting.

Next meeting topics: Council Updates, NRCS MOU update, NARCDC film crew update.

Next Meeting Date: October 17 at 10am, via Zoom. Divine noted that the October meeting is typically the Annual Membership Meeting and is supposed to be held in-person. Beckman will check the bylaws and be in touch. **BYLAWS CHECK:** Section III states elections are to take place at the Annual Membership Meeting. Section VI states that the Annual Membership meeting can take place in-person or virtually as long as the public is invited and all members receive notice. Annual Membership meetings require 45-days' notice.

Adjourn – Beckman/Walker moved to adjourn at 11:45pm.



Secretary/Treasurer Tracy Beckman 7/25/2023