

Chapter Meeting Minutes
SD Chapter of Soil and Water Conservation Society
July 7th, 2021, 9:00 a.m. CT

Members present Arlene Brandt-Jenson, Andy Oxford, Hannah Grimm, Jeanne Hamilton, and Tyler Tran. Also attending was Becca Kruse, from Elk Point.

Meeting called to order at 9:05 by Arlene.

Arlene removed Item 7. Wrapping up updating Committee Descriptions, and Item 8. Brief Reports on Current Committee Activities from the agenda. Hannah moved to approve amended agenda; Jeanne seconded. Motion carried.

Jeanne motioned to approve minutes; Hannah seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report. There were not any updates currently. Tyler moved to approve report; Hannah seconded. Motion carried.

The SD SWCS was awarded two awards: Chapter Achievement and Outstanding Chapter. Tyler and Arlene will be presenting at the SWCS Annual International Conference on behalf of the Chapter.

Jeanne gave an update on the poll results. The poll results were split between the different weekends. The committee discussed potential dates, and what would work best. September 12th to 13th was chosen. Jeanne will start reaching out to Blue Dasher, etc. Jeanne mentioned the NRCS was currently under restrictions of 50 people outdoors. Jeanne will try to find a campground where people could stay nearby on Sunday night.

Our annual conference was discussed. It's still early, but we could plan for an in-person meeting with an option of members joining by Zoom for the business meeting. Jeanne said members want to have an in-person meeting. Arlene suggested our theme be climate change, and the opportunities available with soil health and capturing carbon. Some speakers were suggested: Brian Karstens from KELO, Laura Edwards with North Central Climate Collaborative. Tyler asked if our group normally joins another group and some options were mentioned. John mentioned the Eastern SD Water Conference is Oct. 20 and the theme is Ground Truth: Water Resources and Remote Sensing. John reminded us that the 1st Annual Student Conference will be the night before on Oct. 19 and will involve career speed-dating.

Next meeting will be scheduled for 11:00 am CT on Fri. Aug. 13.