

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting
SD Chapter of Soil and Water Conservation Society

February 11th, 2020, 1:00 p.m.

Members Present: Arlene Brandt-Jenson, Sandeep Kumar; present via speakerphone: Andy Oxford, Tyler Tran

The meeting was called to order by Arlene Brandt-Jenson at 1:03 p.m.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved Andy, seconded by Sandeep; Motion carried to approve minutes.

There were no additions to the agenda.

Sandeep discussed his proposal for sponsorship. Candidates will submit transcripts, research support one-page report, CV, letter of support, and an abstract. Four students going, have submitted abstracts. Deadline will be delayed until May 1. To find other students of interest, announcements will be publicized through SDSU departments: agriculture systems and bioengineering, natural resources management, and agronomy, horticulture, and plant science for poster submission. The deadline for poster submissions is March 6th. Students will be reimbursed \$250 for registration fees at the conference. Applications from students will need to be submitted to SD SWCS as one PDF document.

Arlene provided updates on upcoming events. The Agronomy and Conservation Club Meeting has invited SD SWCS to join them on Thursday, March 19th at 7:00 p.m. Jeff Zimprich, Michelle Burke, and Tyler Tran will represent the society. Sandeep will accompany the Environmental Soil Management Class on April 16th to a farm near Brookings to show the rainfall simulator. The Western SD Hydrology Conference will be in Rapid City on April 30th, and Rod Baumberger will be there to represent SD SWCS. There will be two tables that will need to be manned on the RASDAK. Andy Oxford and Rachel Frei may be able to help.

A trash clean-up day is being planned. Arlene may try to coordinate with Friends of the Big Sioux River; Andy and Tyler will try to find organizations around the Pierre and Brookings areas, respectively. Arlene will look into a Thrivent Action team for supplies. A summer pickup/get-together is being developed. It will be discussed further at the general meeting to gauge attendance and garner ideas. The International Conference is July 26-29. The Eastern SD Water Conference is Oct. 14th.

Tyler, Cory Zirbel, and Rachel Frei are reaching out to new employees for recruitment. Other members recruitment efforts will be evaluated at next General Meeting. Rachel and Arlene have setup a Facebook page and are both administrators. Members are encouraged to invite people to like the page. Sandeep and Tyler will help with the website, but the society may look into hiring a website administrator. A table runner is being ordered for outreach events. An announcement to members will be drafted to gauge interest in attending the International Meeting in Des Moines. Next general meeting will be held on March 9th, 2020.

Meeting adjourned at 2:35.

Submitted by Tyler Tran, Secretary