

Nebraska Soil & Water Conservation Foundation

Meeting Minutes

June 14, 2014

Conference Center – Gothenburg, NE

In attendance: Kris Reed, Corey Brubaker, Paul Smith, Sarah Gray, Darwin Hinrichs, Doug Garrison, Claudia Stevenson, Wally Valasek, Robin Foulk, Anita Nein

8:10 President Kris Reed called the meeting to order.

Secretary, Corey Brubaker, distributed the minutes from the 2013 meeting to those in attendance. After reviewing the minutes Darwin Hinrichs moved that they be approved. Paul Smith seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved on a voice vote.

Treasurer, Paul Smith, distributed the Treasurer's Report, a Budget for 2014-2015, and an Annual Report of Activities to those in attendance. A couple of minor corrections were made to the annual report to reflect that Paul's term on the Board of Directors expired this year and that the recipient of one of the Foundation Scholarships was Kassandra McKinnon not Shannon. Kassandra's name was corrected in the Treasurer's Report as well. Doug Garrison motioned that we accept the Treasurer's Report, Budget, and Annual Report of Activities as corrected. Wally Valasek seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved on a voice vote.

First order of business was to set scholarship amounts for 2014-2015. Paul Smith moved that we award 2-\$750 Foundation Scholarships in addition to the \$1000 Tina Carlson-Lorenzen Family Memorial Scholarship. Doug Garrison seconded the motion. After discussion, Doug Garrison proposed that we amend the motion to indicate that the Tina Carlson-Lorenzen Family Memorial Scholarship would be awarded pending their annual donation. Robin Foulk seconded the amendment. The amendment was unanimously approved on a voice vote as was the amended motion.

Second order of business was a report on the results of the election to replace Paul Smith on the Board of Directors. President Kris Reed indicated that Dick Ehrman had been elected to serve until 2019.

Third order of business was election of officers. Kris indicated that she would continue as President, Ed Harms had agreed to be Vice President, Craig Romary had agreed to be Treasurer and Corey Brubaker had agreed to continue as Secretary. Doug Garrison moved that the proposed slate of officers be accepted. Sarah Gray seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved on a voice vote.

In other business, Kris Reed indicated that she would update the Foundation Brochure with Dick Ehrman's information and the current slate of officers. Anita Nein suggested that we include a short article about the Foundation Board of Directors and Officers in an upcoming newsletter.

Doug Garrison was appointed to the 2014-2015 Elections Committee. Craig Romary's term will be expiring in 2015.

Doug Garrison indicated that he would follow up with Mark Kuzila regarding a proposal to contribute \$1000 toward an endowment for a UNL Soil Judging Team scholarship that was discussed and approved at the 2013 meeting.

The next meeting will be held at the discretion of the President.

8:50 Sarah Gray motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Wally Valasek seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved on a voice vote.

ANNUAL REPORT OF ACTIVITIES
Nebraska Soil & Water Conservation Foundation
May.31, 2014

The Foundation is now 26 years old as it was chartered in 1988.

Total Net Worth reported in the May 31, 2013 Annual Report was \$ 22178.96. The May 31 2014 report is \$23213.27. CD interest is very low and stock market is up. The Tina Carlson-Lorenzen Families have agreed to contribute \$1000 each year to the Foundation specifically for a college scholarship. We administer the applications and selections through our Scholarship Committee process as we do the other scholarships. We thank the Carlson-Lorenzen Families for their support. The Nebraska Chapter has continued to support our scholarship programs.

Board of Directors for the past year were: President Krista Reed, Vice President Craig Romary, Secretary Corey Brubaker, Treasurer & Registered Agent Paul Smith and Director Edwin Harms. Smith's term expires in June 2014 & he has chosen not to run again..

The major contributions \$775.00 from Memorial & Honor Tribute Cards, \$1000 from the Tina Carlson-Lorenzen Family Memorial and \$700 from the Nebraska Chapter. Memorial Tribute Cards were boosted by memorials for David Langemier & Grace Smith.

The Foundation provides memorial and honorary tribute cards for the use of members, and others, to recognize people on our Honor & Memorial Rolls. A complete list of donors, memorials, & honorees is available. Brochures are available to anyone on request.

\$750.00 educational scholarships were given to ^{Kassandra} ~~Shannon~~ C. McKinnon of Chadron College and Brandon Bankson of Curtis School of Ag. Nathan Pflueger of Chadron College received the Tina Carlson-Lorenzen Family Memorial Scholarship. Shannon is from Bushnell, Brandon is from Juniata & Nathan is from Staplehurst, all from small towns in Nebraska. This was the 25th year a scholarship has been presented by the Nebraska Foundation. Society Endowments through personal contacts are being made under the leadership of Krista Reed, Corey Brubaker, Craig Romary, and Robin Foulk. Other members should do the same.

The Foundation stands ready to assist chapters and groups and will consider worthy projects and activities for funding within the purposes and objectives of the Society in Nebraska.

Submitted by Paul D. Smith

Treasurer & Registered Agent

ANNUAL MEETING REPORT
Nebraska Soil & Water Conservation Foundation
June 1, 2014

Net worth June 1, 2013 **\$ 22178.96**

EXPENSES

Scholarship, Brandon Bankson	\$ 750.00
Zimmer Insurance Group, Surety Bond	30.00
Tina Carlson-Lorenzen Family Scholarship,	
Nathan Pflueger	1000.00
Scholarship - Shannon C. McKinnon	750.00
Scholarship luncheon, postage, printing	54.00
Total	\$ 2584.00

INCOME

Honorary & Memorials Donations	\$ 775.00
Tina Carlson-Lorenzen Family Memorial Scholarship	1000.00
Donations from organizations, Nebr. Chapter	700.00
Total	\$ 2484.00
Net Loss	109.00

Checking account balance June 1, 2014	\$ 1419.27
Investments:	
Certificates of deposit	9040.00
Mutual Fund Investments	12754.00
Total Net worth as of June 1, 2014	\$23213.27

Submitted by Treasurer & Registered Agent **Paul D. Smith**
Nebraska Soil & Water Conservation Foundation

NEBRASKA SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION FOUNDATION

2014-2015 BUDGET

EXPENSES

Scholarships	\$2500.00
Surety bond	30.00
State registration	20.00
Postage, mailing, printing	40.00
Miscellaneous	200.00
Total	\$2790.00

INCOME

Memorials & Honor recognition	\$1200.00
Donations	800.00
Funds from investments	79.00
Total	\$2790.00

Submitted by Treasurer and Registered Agent Paul D. Smith

SWCS Chapter Business meeting

Gothenburg, NE

June 14, 2014

Minutes from 2013 Annual Meeting in Lincoln, Nebraska

Treasure's Report

Secretary's Report

Foundation Report

Section Director's

Panhandle Report

Sandhills Report

South Central Report

Blue Nemaha Report

Northeast Report and new representative

At Large Report

Committee Reports

Awards Committee

Student Chapter

Membership

Nominations

Elections

History/Scholarships

Newsletter

UNL Foundation

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Budget

Scholarships

Northern plains report

National meeting delegate(s)

Silent auction results

Discussion on directors also serving as officers

990 tax forms needed from chapters

Golf tournament planning

Memorial scholarship – Dave Langemeier

Silent auction item for national meeting

New Officers and Officers retaining office

2015 Annual Meeting HOST

2014 ANNUAL MEETING- Gothenburg

Those attending: Anita Nein, Claudia Stevenson, Robin Foulk, Sarah Gray, Kris Reed, Doug Garrison, Wally Valasek, Paul Smith, Corey Brubaker and Darwin Hinrichs.

President Sarah Gray called the 2014 meeting to order.

The previous minutes for the 2013 state meeting were handed out and Doug moved to accept the minutes as corrected and Corey seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Our long time treasurer and special friend, Dave Langemeier, passed away recently and his treasurer report was given by Kris. Following the handout of the report and discussion of it Wally moved and Corey seconded the motion to approve the report. Motion passed. A thank you goes to Kris for stepping in to help with the report.

Sarah read our annual report that was sent to the national office by Steve Young, our past secretary. Steve has taken a new position in invasive weed management in New York. Darwin moved to approve the secretary's report and Robin seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The foundation report was the same as presented earlier at the foundation meeting. The scholarships will remain the same and Dick Ehrman was elected to the board. Craig's position is up for election in 2015.

DIRECTOR REPORTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Lincoln report was given by Corey. The legislative breakfast was very well received this year. Special thanks to those helping set it up.

Panhandle report from Ed Harms was read by Sarah. They have had many activities during the past year. Bridgeport FFA Chapter was one of their highlights this year.

Sandhills – No report.

Blue Nemaha report was given by Wally as he went over their activities.

Northeast – No report.

South Central is hosting this years' meeting.

AT Large – Claudia is assisting with this years' state meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Awards Committee – Anita gave the report on this year's awards and they are as follows:

Nebraska Merit Award to the Bridgeport FFA chapter and to Brian and Keith Berns.

Nebraska Honor Award went to Keith and Jordon Carlson and to Neil Neth.

Nebraska Commendation Award was presented to Sarah Gray and to Traci Bates.

The International Award to be presented at this year's meeting in Chicago will go to Doug Garrison, Ward Laboratories (Ray Ward) and to Farm Progress (Nebraska Farmer Magazine/Don McCabe).

Student Chapter- There are currently six members in our UNL student chapter.

Membership – Robin presented this report and indicated we have been losing about 10% of our members each year. Our current membership for Nebraska is 129.

Nominations – Wally indicated there will be two director position's open for next year. These are for Corey Brubaker – Lincoln and Darwin Hinrichs – South Central. There were three director positions filled for the term (2014 – 2017). They were Claudia Stevenson – At Large, Ed Harms – Panhandle, and Wally Valasek – Blue/Nemaha.

Elections: The slate of candidates as presented for discussion.

President – Scott Bohaty

Vice President –

Secretary – Darwin Hinrichs

Treasurer – Tim Weltmer

Wally moved to accept the nominations and Robin seconded the motion. Motion passed.

History and Scholarships – Paul Smith has two files at his house that contain the history of Nebraska SWCS. Copies of his report were handed out for members to look over. Paul does notify local newspapers when a local recipient receives a scholarship.

Newsletters – Sarah asked for pictures and articles from the year and meeting to use in her upcoming newsletter.

UNL Foundation – Kris handed out the report showing the amount available in our account.

Old Business – None

New Business:

Budget – Kris gave us a handout showing the predicted budget for the coming year.

Scholarships – A motion was made by Wally and seconded by Doug to leave the number and amounts the same as the past year. Discussion followed and Corey amended the motion to let the committee decide if there are enough qualified candidates applying for them. The motion passed as amended.

Northern Plains Report – Stephanie King, Dallas Johannsen and Robin attended the meeting in Billings, Montana. The program was on soil health. It is not clear

how our realignment will affect these meetings.

National meeting Delegate – Doug will contact the Lower Platte South NRD about their representative or if it doesn't work out , Doug will do it.

Silent Auction Item for National Meeting – Doug will take a Nebraska food product basket.

Silent Auction for 2014 – We raised \$286 at this years' auction. Thank you to all the participants and those who contributed items.

Tax Forms – 990 forms are filed for us.

Golf Tournament – This will be called the Dave Langemier Scholarship Tournament. Cam Loerch will help coordinate the event with help from Tim. The proposed date is August 22 at the Highlands.

Directors/Officers – We had a discussion on whether you can be an office and a director at the same time. This was considered acceptable.

2015 Annual Meeting – The Sandhills Chapter will be asked if they will be able to host it.

Nebraska SWCS Web Page – Doug has agreed to coordinate in getting us a Web page. We would pay the \$25 fee. Paul made the motion to accept and Kris seconded the motion to have Doug do this and we would pay for it. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Claudia Stevenson to give Nebraska SWCS support for the 2015 Farming Evolution Workshop to be held on February 12 & 13, 2015 at Holyoke Colorado with a donation of \$100. Following discussion, Doug Garrison seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Corey moved to adjourn and Doug seconded it. Motion passed.

NEBRASKA CHAPTER
SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION SOCIETY-BUDGET
Annual Meeting, June 14, 2014, Gothenburg, NE

INCOME

Membership dues	\$840.00
Interest on Account	\$0.00
Legislative Breakfast-net	\$0.00
Fund Raiser	\$0.00
NE Annual Meeting-net	\$1,000.00
Donations	\$40.00
Other	\$320.00
TOTAL	\$2,200.00

EXPENSES

Communications	
Newsletter	\$10.00
Presidents Fund	\$20.00
Postage	\$10.00
Chapter supplies	\$20.00
Bond for Treasurer	\$30.00
Awards	\$75.00
Scholarship Fund-UNL Foundation	\$700.00
Scholarship Fund-NSWC Foundation	\$700.00
National meeting donation	\$50.00
NARD Annual Conference(program ad)	\$100.00
Student support	\$100.00
Donations	\$0.00
Meeting attendance	\$361.00
Bank charges	\$24.00
TOTAL	\$2,200.00

Kris Reed, Acting Treasurer, Nebraska Chapter SWCS

June 14, 2014

2014-2015 Budget
April 1, 2014 - March 31, 2015

Nebraska Chapter SWCS

INCOME

Membership dues	\$ 840.00
Interest on Account	0.00
Legislative breakfast - net	0.00
Fund raiser	0.00
Nebr.annual meeting & conf - net	1,000.00
Donations	40.00
Other	320.00
TOTAL	\$ 2,200.00

EXPENSES

Communications - Newsletter	10.00
- Presidents fund	20.00
- Postage	10.00
Chapter supplies	20.00
Bond for Treasurer	30.00
Awards	75.00
Scholarship Fund - UNL Foundation	700.00
Scholarship Fund - NSWCF	700.00
National meeting donation	50.00
NARD Annual Conference (program ad)	100.00
Student support	100.00
Donations	0.00
Meeting attendance	361.00
Bank charges	24.00
TOTAL	\$ 2,200.00

Kris Reed, Acting Treasurer, Nebraska Chapter SWCS

University of Nebraska Foundation report on the

**SOIL CONSERVATION SOCIETY OF AMERICA, NEBRASKA CHAPTERS, SCHOLARSHIP
FUND
Fund Number 846**

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

Statement as of April 30, 2014

	Book Value	Market Value
1334.2353 Fund A Units	\$ 30,493.01	\$ 45,964.41

ACTIVITY DETAIL

	Income	Principal Cash	Principal Investment	Total
Beginning Fund Balance 05-01-13	\$ 2,958.88	\$ -	\$ 28,693.01	\$ 31,651.89
Increases to the Fund:				
Fund A income distribution	1,831.82			1,831.82
Gifts received		1,800.00		1,800.00
Benefits Provided to the University:				
Paid 2013-14 Scholarships:				
Amanda Hefner	(1,000.00)			(1,000.00)
Bethany Brittenham	(1,000.00)			(1,000.00)
Additional Activity:				
Purchased Fund A units		(1,800.00)	1,800.00	
Ending Fund Balance 04-30-14	\$ 2,790.70	\$ -	\$ 30,493.01	\$ 33,283.71

Questions? Please call (402) 458-1100 or (800) 432-3216

SCHLARSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT
TO
Nebraska Chapter of Soil & Water Conservation Society May 31-2014

Applications are requested from college students about Sept. 15 and are due at the end of November. Applications are sent to UN'L, Curtis, Chadron State & Concordia, and to others by the request of students or SWCS members. Applications are reviewed and selections made to select all winners. The review committee consisted of Kris Reed, Dave Langemeier, Craig Romary, Sarah Gray and Paul Smith. This year a total of five scholarships were awarded from 8 applications.

The Tina Carlson-Lorenzen Family Memorial Scholarship was given to Nathan Pflueger of Staplehurst who is attending Chadron State College . Two other scholarships were given to Brandon Bankson, a sophomore at Curtis School of Technical Ag from Juniata and Kassandra C. McKinnon of Bushnell who is a sophomore at Chadron College.

The Nebraska Chapter awarded scholarships to two students, Amanda Hefner of Archer and Bethaney Brittenham of Superior, both students at UN'L.

We try to present the scholarships in person and see that they have some personal contact with some SWCS members and are invited to Society events such as the Legislative Breakfast.

This is the third time we have given five scholarships, which is a testimony to the support of our membership and totaled \$4500.

Paul D. Smith
Chairman

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE REPORT

NEBRASKA CHAPTER OF SWCS

June 1, 2014

The Nebraska Chapter, formerly the Nebraska State Council, has an organized and complete historical file of activities since it's inception going back to about 1957. It is stored in a two drawer steel files that are old SCS, or older, green files you all would recognize. They are currently located at the home of Paul Smith. Current records, of course, depend on what the officers and past officers provide as they purge their files including pictures.

Records include lists of officers, committees, annual meeting agendas, awards, pictures, themes of the annual meeting, location, dates, etc. It's up to the Presidents, Treasurers and Committees to send them in as they purge their files.

If you have records of historical significance send them to me as you purge your files, especially outgoing officers. We have a good record now and it is worth keeping up to date.

Historical Committee Chairman

Paul D. Smith
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Doug and Corey started our meeting off with a presentation on soil health/cover crops. Corey went through the various possibilities for types of cover crops and included a handout showing the crops available and how to select them from their computer site. Doug followed this showing the soil clod demonstration and the soil infiltration test using No-Till and conventional tilled soils.

We followed this presentation with a tour a couple miles north of Gothenburg to see cover crops being used in the field by Justin Carlson. He gave a very interesting explanation of his operation explaining how and why he uses cover crops. He showed us his corn field planted into a rye cover crop.

Mike Drain from the Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District (CNPPID) concluded the Thursday program. His presentation was on their new J-2 project. They will be building two large holding ponds to better help in the regulation of the Johnson Power Station east of Johnson Lake. This will also allow better coordination of their water supply canals.

Mitch Coffin started our Friday off with a presentation on noxious/invasive weeds in Nebraska. He is the program manager at the Nebr. Dept. of Agriculture for these two topics. Mitch showed pictures of invasive plants and new noxious weeds and future plants we need to be aware. The last part of his program was to visit the two Platte River channels by Gothenburg and see the difference between using controls for just one year or using controls every year.

We visited the Monsanto Learning Center on water utilization located just south of Gothenburg. They gave us an excellent program explain their mission and followed with a tour of their research area. The retractable cover on a small research plot area was impressive.

Doug Whisenhunt, former burn coordinator for Nebraska NRCS, explained what is required to do a successful burn of Cedar Trees in the loess hills south of Maxwell. He concluded his presentation with a tour through those hills letting us see the problem and the success stories so far.

Claudia Stevenson concluded our state meeting program with some information on the new International Wheat Research facility. This will be located on the east edge of Grant.