

NEBRASKA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION FOUNDATION
ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA
June 25, 2016 - 8:00 AM
Norfolk, NE

1. OFFICER REPORTS

President - Welcome

Secretary – Minutes of September 4, 2015 meeting (Lincoln Highland Golf Course)

Motion to Approve

Treasurer – Annual Reports on Finances and Activities

Motion to Approve

Vice President – Comments

2. NEW BUSINESS

Set Scholarship Amount for 2016-2017

Election of Director- Corey's position. Vote by July 25, 2016.

Slate of Officers for 2016-2017 - to be determined after July 25th.

Brochure- update.

Starting on Scholarship Application process soon. Interested folks are welcome to help.

Appoint 2016-2017 Nominations/Elections Committee
Kris's position will be up for election in 2017.

Other items?

3. NEXT MEETING

At call of President.

4. ADJOURN

NEBRASKA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION FOUNDATION
ANNUAL MEETING
June 25, 2016 - Norfolk, NE

Members attending: Darwin Hinrichs, Jim Culver, Scott Bohaty, Steve Nein, Kris Reed, Craig Romary, Anita Nein, Patrick Cowser

Guest: Marie Hinrichs

Kris opened the meeting at 8:18 a.m. by welcoming everyone. Minutes of the previous business meeting were distributed, as well as an agenda for the current one.

Craig moved and Anita provided a second for approving the 2015 minutes. No opposition and all were in favor. Motion passed.

Craig presented the treasurer's report (next page). Darwin moved, Scott provided a second to a motion to approve the treasurer's report. No opposition, motion passed.

Craig motioned to request approval for meeting with Bob Fitzsimmons, CFP, and making decisions based on their recommendations, for investing the money that is now in the savings account. Darwin provided a second. Motion passed; no opposition.

Craig mentioned the availability of [the Foundation brochure](#), as well as the memorial/tribute cards that can be used with a donation to the Foundation.

New Business:

Anita made a motion, and Scott provided a second, to provide one \$1000 scholarship and one \$750 scholarships for 2016-17. These are in addition to the potential \$1000 scholarship provided by the Tina Carlson family. Approved.

Director Election is on-going; will end July 25th. Officers can be decided once that director is elected. The foundation brochure will be updated then.

Jim volunteered to be on the scholarship committee.

Patrick offered to be on the nominating/elections committee. Kris' position will be up for election in 2017.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 a.m.

Craig offered to tactfully remind past scholarship winners of their opportunity to 'return the favor' and help future students by donating to the foundations.

Annual Treasurer's Report
Nebraska Soil & Water Conservation Foundation
June 30, 2016

Net Worth July 1, 2015 \$25,823.35

Checking Beginning Balance (July 1, 2015)		\$1,289.27
<u>Expenses*</u>		
Sam Zach Scholarship		(\$1,000.00)
Tevyn Baldwin Scholarship		(\$1,000.00)
Zach Gray Scholarship		(\$750.00)
Zimmer Insurance (Surety Bond)		(\$30.00)
UNL Foundation (Soil Judging Team)		(\$1,000.00)
	Total Expenses	(\$3,780.00)
<u>Income*</u>		
Transfer from Savings		\$2,000.00
Tina Lorentzen Carlson Family Memorial Donation		\$1,000.00
Memorials and honoraria (donations)		\$80.00
	Total Income	\$3,080.00
Ending Balance		\$589.27 (1)

Savings Account opened w/ Wells Fargo CD (12/14/14)		
Beginning Balance 7/1/15		\$5,976.21
<u>Income*</u>		
Bank Credit (2015 fee reversed)		\$3.00
Memorials and honoraria (donations)		\$355.00
NE Chapter Donation (golf)		\$1,500.00
Interest		\$1.50
	Total income	\$1,859.50
<u>Expenses*</u>		
Transfer to Checking		(\$2,000.00)
		\$5,835.71 (2)

* Every month, there is \$100 transferred to savings from checking, and every month, it is transferred back, to avoid activity fees from Wells Fargo. These transfers are not shown here..

Mutual Fund Investments		
Beginning Balance 6/1/15		\$13,627.81
American Funds 6/10/16		\$7,498.07
PIMCO 6/10/16		<u>\$6,736.34</u>
		\$14,234.41 (3)

Great Western CD (matures July 2017)	\$4,948.61 (4)
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Total Net Worth June 30, 2016 **\$25,608.00 (1-4)**

Nebraska Soil and Water Conservation Society
Annual Chapter Meeting
June 25, 2016 - Norfolk, NE

Members attending: Darwin Hinrichs, Jim Culver, Scott Bohaty, Steve Nein, Kris Reed, Craig Romary, Anita Nein, Patrick Cowser

Guest: Marie Hinrichs

Scott Bohaty opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Directors and regions discussions—

- Kris moved and Patrick provided a second to form an 'organizational' subcommittee to look into the options for increasing membership and participation, as well as the chapter's organization/board structure (number of regions and director positions). Motion passed. Nebraska Game and Parks Commission staff was mentioned as one source of members.
- Blue-Nemaha is next on the list for 2017 annual meeting.
- Scott will email out the Committee reports that he had received but was unable to hand out today. (see Panhandle Region report from Ed Harms, page 6)
- The discussion turned to the process of getting NRCS employees approved for travel and training; requires months of notice to NRCS state office to get approved.
- Discussion about combining chapter meeting with other organizations (SRM, wildlife, soils etc)
- Potential project for Foundation providing student memberships; maybe to all scholarship applicants

Treasurer's report was previously provided by Cam, as well as projected 2016-17 budget. (page 7)

Scholarships-

Kris made a motion, Darwin provided a second to approve two (2) \$1,000 scholarships from the UN Foundation. Motion carried, no opposition. That will make a total of five scholarships (both foundations) to give out for a total of \$4750.

Darwin let everyone know that \$200 was raised at this year's silent auction. Thank you to everyone who participated!

National Meeting Business-

- Anita suggested the chapter help pay the registration fee for Sarah to attend the National meeting as the commendation award recipient.
- Patrick is attending as NRCS employee. Anita moved that he be designated as our Chapter's delegate at the meeting; Darwin made a second. Approved, no opposition.

Chapter Officers for Coming Year-

- Doug Garrison – President
- Robin Foulk- Vice President
- Darwin Hinrichs- Secretary
- Cameron Loerch- Treasurer
- Claudia Stevenson has agreed to serve as Membership Committee Chairperson.
- Patrick Cowser has agreed to represent the Northeast Section

REMINDER: The Golf Tournament and Fund Raiser will take place August 26, 2016. See Cam Loerch for more details.

Greetings and best wishes to everyone! Much of what I have to report has been in the Newsletter. So, there may be some repetition – Sorry.

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I was happy to join Dallas Johannsen and award a Foundation Scholarship to Tevyn Baldwin of Mitchell, Nebraska. She has a bright future in agriculture. It was a great experience to serve on the scholarship selection committee and there were many good applicants.

I continue to be a volunteer with NRCS. I was asked to give a tour of the central Nebraska Panhandle to visitors from India. They were very interested in irrigation, the wildlife of this area, and livestock feeding operations. I volunteered (at their request) to assist the Legacy of the Plains Museum by providing several photos (slides) of surface irrigation system development in the 1980's. In visiting with the manager of the Legacy of the Plains Museum, they would be happy to provide the site for a future SWCS annual meeting.

Speaking of irrigation water, the North Platte River has been flowing at high levels this spring which is good news for surface water irrigators as water will be plentiful. Also, groundwater levels will benefit from the recharge from surface water.

I promote membership in SWCS when the opportunity permits. Normally, I drop a few membership pamphlets in USDA offices. As you know, we do not have many SWCS members in this area.

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I will not be able to attend the annual meeting this year due to family health commitments.

Edwin O. Harms

Nebraska Chapter SWCS
2015-2016 Treasurer Report and Projected 2016-17 Budget
JCL 6-19-2016

Date	Description	Income	Expense	Check #	Balance
6/1/2015	Chapter Balance on Hand: June 1, 2016				\$3,245.84
8/6/2015	Reimbursement to Wally Valasek for National Meeting expenses		\$361.00	1004	\$2,884.84
9/1/2015	Deposit-Donation resulting from Ed Harms wood products	\$37.00			\$2,921.84
9/14/2015	Highlands Golf Course - Gift Certificates - D. Langemeier Open Golf Tournament		\$200.00	1006	\$2,721.84
10/5/2015	Proceeds - D. Langemeier Open - Memorial Golf Tournament	\$3,051.00			\$5,772.84
10/15/2015	Reimbursement to Cameron Loerch for golf tournament expenses- Monogramed Golf Tees		\$77.00	1007	\$5,695.84
1/11/2016	Zimmer Insurance Group - Treasurer Bond Ins for C. Loerch		\$30.00	1061	\$5,665.84
2/16/2016	Reimbursement to Kris Reed for Legislative Breakfast expense		\$50.00	1008	\$5,615.84
3/24/2016	Membership Income From Ankeny	\$736.18			\$6,352.02
3/31/2016	Annual Meeting - Cabin Rental		\$25.00	1010	\$6,327.02
4/4/2016	NSWC Foundation Donation		\$1,500.00	1011	\$4,827.02
	<u>Balance June 19, 2016</u>				<u>\$4,827.02</u>

Projected Expenses

Annual Meeting	\$100.00
Golf Tournament August 24, 2016	\$300.00

Projected Income

Golf Tournament	\$3,000.00
Annual Meeting - Registration	\$260.00