

NEBRASKA CHAPTER OF SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION SOCIETY
ANNUAL STATE MEETING
HELD ON June 18, 2020

ATTENDANCE: Dave Bedlan, Claudia Stevenson, Clare Lindahl, Doug Garrison, Robin Foulk, Corey Brubaker, Kris Reed, Ed Harms, Norm Helzer, Mike Kucera, Craig Romary, Sarah Gray, Anita Nein, Jim Culver, Richard Leitschuck, Keith Berns, Ryan Chapman, Scott Ross, Daniel Zinkand, Tom Mountford, Dick Erhman and Darwin Hinrichs.

President Dave Bedlan welcomed everyone to our first Virtual Zoom meeting here in Nebraska. It was with great pleasure for him to introduce the main speaker for our meeting, Clare Lindahl the CEO for the national office of SWCS.

Clare calls herself with pride, a chapter person. She listed the many offices she has held in the Iowa Chapters. She was pleased to see Nebraska was a winner of the SWCS Chapter Award for 2020. For her it was great to see us keeping up with the times especially with the scholarships we offer each year. She was pleased to see Keith Berns attending today's meeting. Keith will be our Northwest Regional Director for the national office and takes over following the upcoming national meeting in July.

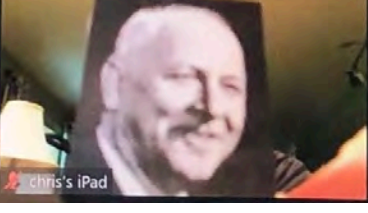
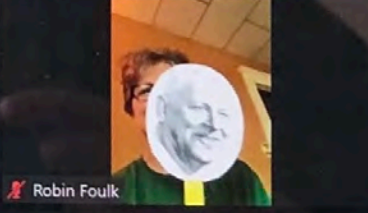
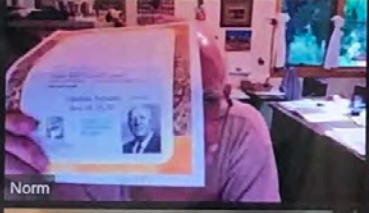
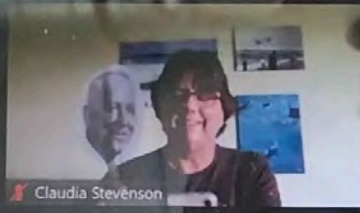
Hugh Hammond Bennett means a lot to everyone in conservation and that is especially true for the national office in Ankeny. Clare let us know about his possessions coming from his family which are now at the SWCS office in Ankeny. Some of these will be on display during the upcoming national meeting.

Clare mentioned several upcoming new projects. The first item was a National Grant for conservation work through NRCS with one of the states being Nebraska. The other new idea or project was to offer a reduced membership to group signups. An example of this would be the Nebraska NRD's as a possibility to consider.

Clare let us know her office has many services available to us if we need help. They are open for ideas on how to move forward. She thanked us for having this virtual meeting and not cancelling it. She invited us to participate in the upcoming National Meeting which will also be a virtual one.

She finished by asking for questions from all of the participants. After answering these questions, Clare who has lots of energy, said it is exciting to have interaction from groups as we strive to move forward with new ideas and perspectives.

We thanked her for giving us time out of her busy schedule for us to see and hear her commitment and leadership for conservation.



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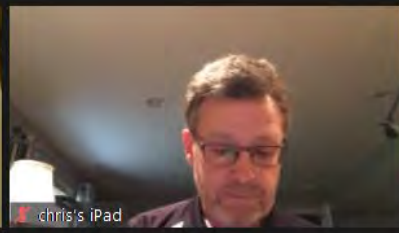
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Claudia Stevenson



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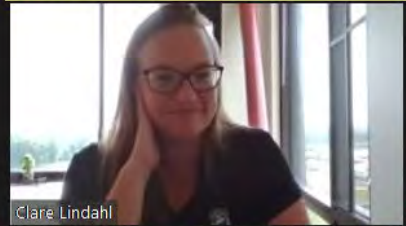
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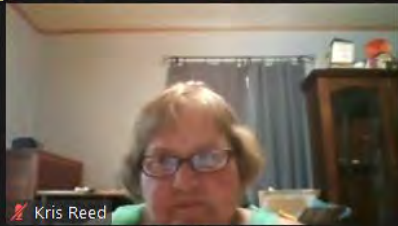
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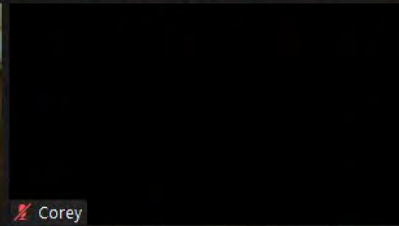
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Clare Lindahl



Kris Reed



Corey



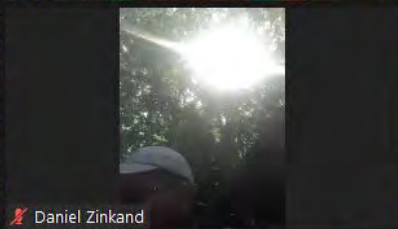
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The Annual Meeting of the
Nebraska Soil and Water Conservation Foundation
held on June 18, 2020

Attendance: Same as previous start of our virtual meeting minus Clare Lindahl.

President Kris Reed called the meeting to order.

Secretary Report:

Mike Kucera went over the minutes from our previous meeting. Doug moved to approve the minutes as read and Claudia seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer Report:

Craig went over the financial sheets and gave our present net worth of \$32,328.73. Ed had a question about the CD's and Craig explained these. Doug made the motion to accept the treasurers report and Robin seconded. Motion passed.

Scholarship Report:

Craig reported to us there were three \$1,000 scholarships given out by the foundation. Craig suggested if we get the funds from the Carlson and Lorentzen families we could again give out three \$1,000 scholarships. Robin moved to accept the scholarship report and Dick seconded. Motion approved.

Old/New Business:

Kris informed us Craig's position will be coming up for approval using a ballot vote. Mike 's position will up for approval next year.

Kris asked for any additional items to go over. Hearing none she asked for the meeting to be adjourned. Mike moved to adjourn and Kris seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Annual Treasurer's Report
 Nebraska Soil & Water Conservation Foundation
 May 31, 2020

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| Net Worth July 1, 2019 | \$30,662.27 |
| Checking Beginning Balance (July 1, 2019) | \$572.29 |
| <u>Income*</u> | |
| Transfer from Savings | \$3,000.00 |
| Total Income | <u>\$3,000.00</u> |
| <u>Expenses*</u> | |
| Check 1117 (Dickau) | (\$1,000.00) |
| Check 1118 (Sayer) | (\$1,000.00) |
| Check 1119 (Milliken) | (\$1,000.00) |
| Check 1120 (Zimmer Ins. - bond) | (\$30.00) |
| Total Expenses | <u>(\$3,030.00)</u> |
| Ending Balance | \$542.29 (1) |
| Savings Beginning Balance (July 1 2019) | \$1,241.87 |
| <u>Income*</u> | |
| Memorials and honoraria (donations) | \$2,270.00 |
| Check from NE Chapter (golf proceeds) | \$2,602.00 |
| Interest | \$0.87 |
| Total income | \$4,872.87 |
| <u>Expenses</u> | |
| Transfer to Checking | (\$3,000.00) |
| Total Expenses | <u>(\$3,000.00)</u> |
| | \$3,114.74 (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 7/1/19 | \$22,240.33 |
| American Funds 5/31/20 | \$10,855.99 |
| PIMCO 5/31/20 | <u>\$11,207.93</u> |
| | \$22,063.92 (3) |
| Great Western CD (matures August 2020)** | \$4,980.80 (4) |
| ** Value as of 2/14/19 | |
| Wells Fargo CD (matures Feb 2021)*** | \$1,626.98 (5) |
| *** Value as of 2/26/19 | |
| Total Net Worth May 31, 2020 | \$32,328.73 (1-5) |

Nebraska State Chapter of SWCS Annual Meeting Held on June 18, 2020

Attendance: (Same as Foundation Meeting)

President Dave Bedlan started our meeting with a report from Keith Berns. Keith let us know he is excited to be our Regional Representative but unsure of what the requirements have been in the past. He would welcome any information on past regional activities. Several of us let him know what we remembered from past meetings and activities.

Secretary's Report:

Darwin went over the minutes of our previous state meeting. He asked for any corrections to the minutes. Hearing none Claudia moved to accept the minutes as read. Anita seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Cory went over the financial report. He indicated the money from dues has been decreasing which is probably due to the drop in membership we have been experiencing the past several years.

There is an item in the report listing a membership to the Ag 40 Group. We had a discussion on whether to keep paying this item. We have a member, Jim Barr, who attends their meetings so Craig thought maybe we can ask him what he thinks and have him get back to us. Kris moved to accept the report and Robin seconded it. Motion approved.

Scholarships:

The scholarships for 2020-2021 were brought up for discussion. Corey proposed to have two \$1,000 scholarships come from the golf tournament funds and two from the UNL foundation. Corey moved to accept the proposal and Doug seconded it. Motion approved.

Regional Reports:

Central region – Claudia and Darwin will again host the meeting with many items remaining the same as what was planned for this year.

Panhandle Report- Ed reported on the collapse of the irrigation canal supplying water for irrigation to thousands of acres in Nebraska's panhandle. It was late summer before it was fixed. He reminded us it was one of the tunnels we toured at the Gering meeting a couple years ago. (More info on this can be found at the [Panhandle Extension website](#))

He helps with the Farmers Market at Bridgeport each summer. A topic he thinks we should consider at a future meeting is invasive species of plants and insects. Especially if we have hay coming into Nebraska from other states which happens if we have floods and droughts.

(We took a break to help identify pictures of past SWCS members. Craig and Robin let us try to help them out in identifying some of their pictures in preserving our history)

Old/New Business:

Dave asked if we had any information about Wyoming wanting to join our state for SWCS? Robin has been in contact with them and they plan on staying in their state to work on improving the current SWCS situation.

The Blue Nemaha Director position is still open. Dave had three persons to contact and they all declined. He is open for anyone's help if they know of someone to fill it.

The Vice Presidents position is open. Claudia has asked to put her name down to fill it. Doug very quickly made a motion to accept and to close nominations. Mike seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Richard Leitschuck asked if anyone else was present for the 25, 50 and now the 75 anniversary of SWCS? He was and we congratulate him for this great accomplishment. It was nice to see Richard again. We missed you.

Robin moved to adjourn. Corey seconded it. Motion passed.

Following the meeting, Claudia showed us a [short video of the High-Tunnel greenhouse](#) near Madrid which was going to be on our tour. It looked great and we are looking forward to seeing it in person next summer. Thanks Claudia.

Nebraska Chapter SWCS

Treasurer's Report

June 30, 2020

| | 7/1/2019 | 6/30/2020 |
|-------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Savings balance: | \$ 9,103.34 | \$ 4,717.79 |
| Checking balance: | <u>\$ 114.62</u> | <u>\$ 101.89</u> |
| Total | \$ 9,217.96 | \$ 4,819.68 |

Beginning Balance: **\$ 2,581.12**

Income (Chapter):

| Date | Description | Amount |
|------------|-----------------------------------|--------|
| 9/30/2019 | Interest | 4.90 |
| 12/31/2019 | Interest + Dividend | 22.28 |
| 2/4/2020 | Income from Legislative Breakfast | 20.00 |
| 5/29/2020 | Chapter Dues | 645.20 |
| 3/31/2020 | Interest | 2.50 |
| 6/30/2020 | Interest | 1.07 |
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Total Income: **\$ 695.95**

Expenses (Chapter):

| Date | Description | Amount |
|------------|--|--------|
| 7/24/2019 | Alexa Davis – expenses for National SWCS Meeting | 300.00 |
| 8/29/2019 | Refreshments for annual meeting | 19.38 |
| 11/13/2019 | Postage | 11.00 |
| 11/13/2019 | Haxtun Conservation District – Farming Evolution | 150.00 |
| 12/9/2019 | Zimmer Insurance Group – Surety Bond | 30.00 |
| 1/6/2020 | NARD – Ad in Conference Program | 165.00 |
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Total Expenses: **\$ 675.38**

Net Income/Expenses (Chapter): **\$ 20.57**

Balance: **\$ 2,601.19**

Scholarship Fund

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| Beginning Balance (Scholarship Fund): | \$ 6,637.34 |
| Net Income/Expenses (Scholarship Fund): | \$ (- 4,418.85) |
| Balance: | \$ 2,218.49 |

Golf Tournament

Beginning Balance (Golf Tournament): **\$ 5,800.34**

Income (Golf Tournament):

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|-----------|---|--------|
| 7/17/2019 | Donation from Teri Loerch | 300.00 |
| 7/31/2019 | Donation from Beth O'Farrell | 350.00 |
| 7/31/2019 | Donation from Lower Platte South NRD | 150.00 |
| 8/15/2019 | Donation from Ward Labs | 100.00 |
| 8/15/2019 | Donation from Becky Keep | 100.00 |
| 8/15/2019 | Donation from Bob Batterman | 100.00 |
| 8/15/2019 | Donation from Credit Union | 25.00 |
| 8/19/2019 | Donation from Sandy Langemeier | 100.00 |
| 8/30/2019 | Donation from Norm Kempf | 50.00 |
| 8/30/2019 | Donation from Bank of Red Lodge (Roland Langemeier) | 200.00 |
| 8/30/2019 | Registrations | 975.00 |
| 8/30/2019 | Raffle & Putting Contest | 330.00 |
| 8/30/2019 | Mulligans & Cam Cup | 117.00 |
| 5/29/2020 | Donation from Shirley Ferguson – scholarship fund | 50.00 |

Total Income: **\$ 2,947.00**

Expenses (Golf Tournament):

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| 8/20/2019 | Transfer to University of Nebraska Foundation | 2,081.50 |
| 8/27/2019 | Austad's – gift card and prizes for golf tournament | 107.10 |
| 8/30/2019 | Highlands Golf Course – gift cards | 100.00 |
| 8/30/2019 | Prize for Long Putt Contest | 150.00 |
| 8/30/2019 | Golf Fees not collected | 8.75 |
| 9/3/2019 | Transfer to Soil & Water Conservation Foundation | 2,081.50 |
| 12/18/2019 | Cadence Hernandez – scholarship | 1,000.00 |
| 1/27/2020 | Nathan Donoghue – scholarship | 1,000.00 |
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Total Expenses: **\$ 6,528.85**

Net Income/Expenses (Golf Tournament): **\$ (- 3,581.85)**

Balance (Golf Tournament): **\$ 2,218.49**

Silent Auction

Beginning Balance (Silent Auction): \$ 837.00

Income (Silent Auction):

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Total Income: \$ 0.00

Expenses (Silent Auction):

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| 8/20/2019 | Transfer to University of Nebraska Foundation | 418.50 |
| 9/3/2019 | Transfer to Soil & Water Conservation Foundation | 418.50 |
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Total Expenses: \$ 837.00

Net Income/Expenses (Silent Auction): \$ (- 837.00)

Balance: \$ 0.00