

NEBRASKA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION FOUNDATION
ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA
June 25,2022
Norfolk, NE

1. OFFICER REPORTS

President - Welcome

Secretary – Minutes of June 26, 2021 meeting (Ogallala, NE)
Motion to Approve

Treasurer – Annual Reports on Finances and Activities
Motion to Approve

Vice President – Comments

2. NEW BUSINESS

Set Scholarship Amount for 2022-2023.

Election of Director- Kris Reed's position was up.
Craig Romary report.

Slate of Officers for 2022-2023 - to be determined by board
members after this meeting.

Brochure- update.

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

Ed Harms's position will be up for election in 2023.

Other items?

3. NEXT MEETING

At call of President.

4. ADJOURN

NEBRASKA SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION FOUNDATION
ANNUAL STATE MEETING IN NORFOLK NEBRASKA

Location: Lower Elkhorn NRD on June 25, 2022

Attendance: Kris Reed, Patrick Cowser, Jim Culver, Claudia Stevenson, Corey Brubaker, Craig Romary, Ryan Chapman, Anita Nein, Darwin Hinrichs and Ed Harms by phone.

1. OFFICER REPORTS

President Kris Reed welcomed everyone.

Secretary – Kris handed out the minutes from last year’s meeting. Hearing no changes Claudia moved to accept the minutes and Corey seconded. Motion approved.

Treasurers Report – Craig handed out the financial papers and explained them to us. There was a drop of about \$100 for the year but considering the years markets, this was still considered good. Craig moved to accept the report and Corey seconded it. Motion approved.

Vice President – Ed Harms let us know he appreciates seeing the names of the people who donate to us. We had some discussion on this.

2. NEW BUSINESS

Scholarships – The money available is similar to last year. Corey moved to have four \$1,000 scholarships with one coming from the Foundation and if no changes come then three coming from Agnes Lorentzen, Tina Lorentzen and Doug Carlson. Claudia seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Election of Director – The votes were for Kris Reed and Tom Mountford. Tom is the new director.

Slate of Officers for 2022-2023 – This will be determined later and Craig will update the brochure.

Activity on scholarships will be coming up. The committee for selecting the winners is always open for volunteers wishing to help. Announcements for the scholarships goes out in October.

Ed Harms position comes up for election in 2023.

Other Items – Dan Gillespie Fund (Soil Health Fund). There was discussion on this item. Claudia moved to have the Foundation donate \$500 to this fund. Anita seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Kris closed the meeting at 9:07 a.m.

Annual Treasurer's Report
Nebraska Soil & Water Conservation Foundation
May 31, 2022

Net Worth June 1, 2021 \$38,453.03

Checking Beginning Balance (June 1, 2021)	\$601.91
<u>Income*</u>	
Transfer from Savings	\$3,500.00
Mutual Funds Redemption	\$500.00
Memorial Donation	\$25.00
Sharon Smith Memorial Donations	\$185.00
Total Income	\$4,210.00
<u>Expenses*</u>	
Check 1130 (Morgan)	(\$1,000.00)
Check 1131 (Miller)	(\$1,000.00)
Check 1132 (Havlat)	(\$1,000.00)
Check 1133 (Dillon)	(\$1,000.00)
Check #1134 (Zimmer Ins. - Bond)	(\$30.00)
Total Expenses	(\$4,030.00)
Ending Balance	\$781.91 (1)
Savings Beginning Balance (June 1, 2021)	\$989.93
<u>Income*</u>	
Memorials and honoraria (donations)	\$3,315.00
Interest	\$0.15
Total income	\$3,315.15
<u>Expenses</u>	
Transfer to Checking	(\$3,500.00)
Total Expenses	(\$3,500.00)
	\$805.08 (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 6/1/21	\$36,861.19
American Funds 5/31/22	\$24,997.61
PIMCO 5/31/22	\$11,784.26
	\$36,781.87 (3)
Total Net Worth May 31, 2022	\$38,368.86 (1-3)

NEBRASKA CHAPTER OF SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION SOCIETY
ANNUAL STATE MEETING ON JUNE 25, 2022
Norfolk, Nebraska

1. Reports

- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Membership
- Directors

2. Old Business

- SWCS and SRM event planning
- By-laws

3. New Business

- Regional Report
- By-Laws
- Dan Gillespie Soil Health Fund Established to Promote Regenerative Agriculture
- Silent Auction results for 2022
- President-elect for 2022-23
- Awards
 - a. 3 members attending National SWCS for awards
 - b. 1 attending to accept Chapter Award
- Scholarships
- Golf Tournament
- Board Members and Officers for 2022-23
 - a. President – Claudia Stevenson
 - b. President-elect – TBD
 - c. Secretary – Darwin Hinrichs
 - d. Treasurer – Corey Brubaker
 - e. Past-President – Dave Bedlan
 - f. Blue-Nemaha – Dave Bedlan – 6/30/2024
 - g. Central Nebraska – Darwin Hinrichs – 6/30/2025
 - h. Lincoln – Corey Brubaker – 6/30/2025
 - i. Northeast – 6/30/2023
 - j. Panhandle – Edwin Harms – 6/30/2024
 - k. At Large – Laura Rubeck – 6/30/2024
 - l. At Large – Sean Elliott – 6/30/2023

NEBRASKA CHAPTER OF SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION SOCIETY

ANNUAL STATE MEETING ON JUNE 23-25, 2022

Location: Norfolk Nebraska, Lower Elkhorn NRD, Norfolk Visitor Center.

Claudia called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m.

Attendance: Patrick Cowsert, Claudia Stevenson, Jim Culver, Kris Reed, Corey Brubaker, Dick Leitschuck, Craig Romary, Ryan Chapman, Anita Nein, Keith Berns, Laura Rubeck by phone, and Darwin Hinrichs.

REPORTS

Secretary's Report: The minutes of last year's meeting were handed out for a quick look. Craig indicated he was in attendance by phone. This was added as a change in the minutes. Craig made the motion to accept the minutes as amended and Jim seconded it. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report: Corey handed out the reports and explained where we are financially. He said there was enough funds to handle (4) \$1,000 scholarships like this past year. Anita moved and Kris seconded the motion to approve the treasurers report. Motion approved.

Membership Report: Claudia indicated we have 79 current members. She noted we gained 14 new members during the past five years, but we lost 40 members over that same time frame. Some of the ones we lost could be due to a change in email address because of retirement. Claudia has been using Member Spotlight to show us who our members are and something about them. She posts this every Monday.

She would like to know who she can contact for recruitment of future members. Craig also indicated he puts the Spotlight article and picture on our archives.

The last item was to look at the Chapter Leaders Power Hour Option when you have time. The Nebraska Chapter is very active with many of the items listed in the Power Hour.

We have an active Facebook page, with many posts at least once a month.

We stay in contact with membership and keep them informed.

The Membership Chair informs National SWCS of our events.

We invite people to join our Nebraska Chapter.

Director Reports: The only report was an email received from Ed Harms which was not available at the time of our meeting. He has been distributing our membership brochures and has made a couple of hard visits to people about joining our chapter.

OLD BUSINESS

SWCS and SRM event planning. Discussion followed between Claudia and Laura Rubeck who is the incoming president for SRM about the possibility of having a joint Technical Meeting between us. Laura will be asking her committee about it and then to bring it up at their state meeting in October. Anita suggested it could be rotated from the East and the next could be in the west to help with travel time. Jim Culver indicated the Nebraska State Soils Society might be interested in this idea too.

By-laws. The By-Law Committee met over the past year. Claudia thanked the committee members: Craig Romary, Jim Culver, Keith Berns, and Mike Kucera for their work. Claudia passed out copies of the new By-laws. She then went over the changes on each page. Everyone expressed their appreciation for her work on this project. Craig moved to accept the new By-laws and Jim seconded it. Motion approved. The By-laws, with its changes, will be sent to Ankeny for final approval.

NEW BUSINESS

Regional Report: Keith Berns is our regional person. He indicated Ankeny has a serious problem with drainage close to their building and several other problems they are working on. The National meeting in Denver will be in person and by computer. He was glad to see Nebraska will be well represented at the meeting. He also noted many chapters like us are having a hard time attracting young people.

Dan Gillespie Fund: This fund was started by Dan with a \$5,000 donation. His sister and brother each added \$5,000 to start the Dan Gillespie Soil Fund. This fund is available for a variety of ideas and applications. Dan was very good at trying new things on his farm and letting others know what he tried and answering questions about it. Currently there is a matching fund available up to \$5,000. Darwin moved to donate \$250 to this fund. Jim seconded the motion. Motion approved. - [Dan Gillespie Soil Health Fund - Nebraska Community Foundation \(nebcommfound.org\)](http://DanGillespieSoilHealthFund-NebraskaCommunityFoundation.nebcommfound.org)

Silent Auction: Corey let us know we raised \$400 from last night's auction with half going to the UNL Foundation and half going to SWCS Foundation.

President Elect: Position is open.

Awards: Anita let us know we will have four of our members receiving National Awards and we are also receiving the National Chapter Award. Anita moved and Kris seconded the motion of giving Steve Tucker and Ed Harms each \$300 to help with their expenses to go to the National Meeting in Denver. Motion approved. We need to have a delegate at the national meeting. Anita will ask Andy Keep since he will be attending the meeting.

Scholarships: Corey indicated we have the funds to do what we did last year. He moved for having two from the UNL Foundation and two from the golf tournament. Darwin seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Golf tournament will be on September 2 at the Highlands Golf Club in Lincoln.

The Southeast area (Blue-Nemaha Section) will be the site of our next state meeting, usually in June.

Claudia invited everyone at the meeting to give input on the new Workbook for Annual Meetings. She sent this out to those at the Annual Chapter meeting. This workbook will be used for future Annual Meetings.

Claudia reviewed the current Board Members and Officers.

Special thank you to Patrick for setting up this meeting and with great tours.

Hearing no additional items. Claudia adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

Nebraska Chapter SWCS

Treasurer's Report

June 30, 2022

	7/1/2021	6/23/2022
Savings balance:	\$ 5,767.54	\$ 7,154.21
Checking balance:	<u>\$ 554.96</u>	<u>\$ 880.63</u>
Total	\$ 6,322.50	\$ 8,034.84

Beginning Balance: **\$ 3,216.21**

Income (Chapter):

9/30/2021	Interest	1.74
12/31/2021	Interest	1.95
3/31/2022	Interest	1.57
4/14/2022	Chapter Dues	636.41
5/20/2022	Meeting Registrations	68.00
6/10/2022	Meeting Registrations	68.00
6/23/2022	Meeting Registrations	375.83
6/23/2022	Meeting Registrations	10.00

Total Income: **\$ 1,163.50**

Expenses (Chapter):

7/13/2021	Haxtun Conservation District - Farming Evolution	150.00
12/14/2021	Zimmer Insurance Group - Surety Bond	30.00
1/11/2022	NARD – Ad in Conference Program	165.00

Total Expenses: **\$ 345.00**

Net Income/Expenses (Chapter): **\$ 818.50**

Balance: **\$ 4,034.71**

Scholarship Fund

Beginning Balance (Scholarship Fund):	\$ 2503.29
Net Income/Expenses (Scholarship Fund):	\$ <u>1,496.84</u>
Balance:	\$ 4,000.13

Golf Tournament

Beginning Balance (Golf Tournament):	\$ 2,503.29
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Income (Golf Tournament):

8/2/2021	Transfer from PayPal - golf tournament registrations	255.20
8/3/2021	Donation from Bank of Red Lodge - golf tournament	100.00
8/3/2021	Donation from Roland Langemeier - golf tournament	100.00
8/3/2021	Donation from LPSNRD - golf tournament	150.00
8/17/2021	Donation from Beth O'Farrell - golf tournament	500.00
8/17/2021	Donation from Becky Keep - golf tournament	100.00
8/17/2021	Donation from Arrow Seed - golf tournament	100.00
8/20/2021	Donation from Lincoln USDA Credit Union - golf tournament	25.00
8/24/2021	Donation from Aurora Coop - golf tournament	100.00
8/24/2021	Donation from Sandy Langemeier - golf tournament	100.00
8/28/2021	Transfer from PayPal - golf tournament registrations	237.36
8/31/2021	Donation from Teri Loerch - golf tournament	300.00
8/31/2021	Cash income from golf tournament	629.00
8/31/2021	checks from golf tournament	285.00
9/14/2021	Donation from Gary Muckle - golf tournament	25.00

Total Income:	\$ 3,006.56
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Expenses (Golf Tournament):

8/25/2021	Austad's - prizes for tournament	157.72
8/27/2021	Highlands Golf Course - \$50 gift card for raffle	50.00
12/3/2021	Callie McCright - Cam Loerch Memorial Scholarship	1,000.00
12/3/2021	Ali Loker - Dave Langemeier Memorial Scholarship	1,000.00

Total Expenses:	\$ 2,207.72
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Net Income/Expenses (Golf Tournament):	\$ <u>798.84</u>
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Balance (Golf Tournament):	\$ 3,302.13
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Silent Auction

Beginning Balance (Silent Auction): **\$ 0.00**

Income (Silent Auction):

7/2/2021	Income and donations	603.00
7/13/2021	Income	40.00
7/14/2021	Income	55.00

Total Income: **\$ 698.00**

Expenses (Silent Auction):

Total Expenses: **\$ 0.00**

Net Income/Expenses (Silent Auction): **\$ 698.00**

Balance: **\$ 698.00**