

NEBRASKA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION FOUNDATION
ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

June 30, 2023
Nebraska City, NE

1. OFFICER REPORTS

President - Welcome

Secretary – Minutes of June 25, 2022 meeting (Norfolk, NE)
Motion to Approve

Treasurer – Annual Reports on Finances and Activities
Motion to Approve

Vice President – Comments

2. OLD BUSINESS

New brochures - update.

Tribute cards – Please take some!

3. NEW BUSINESS

Set Scholarship Amount for 2023-2024.

Election of Director - Ed Harms' position expires 6/2023.

Slate of Officers for 2023-2024 -

Scholarship Application process begins soon. Interested folks are welcome to help review applicants.

Other items?

4. NEXT MEETING

At call of President.

5. ADJOURN

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

Location: Lied Lodge on June 30, 2023

Attendance: Turner Moore, Keith Berns, Anita Nein, Steve Nein, Jonathan Sliva, Molly Lakin, Laura Rubeck, Craig Derickson, Corey Brubaker, Katie Pekarek, Craig Romary, Claudia Stevenson, Jim Culver, Dave Bedlan, Doug Garrison, Darwin Hinrichs, Stephen Kennedy, Mike Kucera, Ed Harms (phone), and Tom Mountford (phone at the end of the meeting)

1. OFFICER REPORTS

President Ed Harms welcomed everyone remotely by phone.

Secretary – Minutes from last year’s meeting were handed out. Hearing no changes, minutes were approved with Mike Kucera and seconded by Doug Garrison and unanimously approved.

Treasurer – Annual Reports on Finances and Activities were reviewed by Craig Romary Secretary. One correction was made for a bank fee for inadvertently using the foundation debit card for personal use. Craig reimbursed the cost of the inadvertent fee to the Foundation. It was suggested that investments be reviewed annually with the advisor. The American Fund investment is a more aggressive investment while the PIMCO is a less aggressive investment. No changes were made to investments. The Foundation total net worth was \$36,895.89. Motion to approve the treasurer’s report was made by Doug Garrison and Seconded by Mike Kucera and unanimously approved.

Discussion was held on those who donated to the foundation.

Officers will remain the same for the coming year.

2. OLD BUSINESS

New foundation brochures – Full page foldout is now available and includes Testimonials from past scholarship winners. Contact information is included for those wanting to donate to the foundation. A smaller brochure was also handed out. Memorial or honoraria donations are encouraged, as well as estate donations, large or small along with contact information.

Tribute cards along with instructions were also handed out. Both memorial cards and congratulation tribute cards are available. Members were encouraged to share tribute cards with others for any occasion.

3. NEW BUSINESS

Student scholarship amount for 2023-2024. Corey Brubaker motioned to approve a one \$1000 scholarship from the foundation and Anita Nein seconded it and unanimously approved.

Election of President. Ed Harms position expires on 6/2023. Ed agreed to stay on for one more year and will continue as President on the board for the coming year.

Slate of officers for 2023-2024. All officers agreed to continue in their current positions through the coming year. Craig Derickson motioned, and Claudia Stevenson seconded with unanimous approval.

Scholarship Application process will begin soon. Members were encouraged to assist the current 9 person committee. Discussion was held on promoting the scholarship with schools throughout the state. Members and board members will help promote the scholarship through normal outlets at all schools.

Jim Culver suggested that the Foundation be promoted directly to businesses and Craig Derickson suggested that a committee be formed to do this. Craig Derickson, Jim Culver, and Craig Romary look into how to promote the Foundation to more businesses and individuals.

A scholarship in Tina Carlson's name was approved pending a donation by Doug Carlson and Agnes Lorentzen again. The use of this money for a scholarship was unanimously approved when it is received. Funds from the golf tournament were also approved to be used again for scholarships.

4. NEXT MEETING

Meeting date was not set and held during the year as needed by the board. The board will meet at the next annual chapter meeting in June 2024.

5. ADJOURN

Claudia S motioned to Adjourn and Mike Kucera seconded and approved unanimously. The President Ed Harms called for an end to the meeting and thanked everyone.

Annual Treasurer's Report
Nebraska Soil & Water Conservation Foundation
May 31, 2023

Net Worth June 1, 2022	\$38,368.86
Checking Beginning Balance (June 1, 2022)	\$781.91
<u>Income*</u>	
Transfer from Savings	\$3,300.00
Mutual Funds Redemption	\$1,500.00
Memorial Donations	\$45.00
Fee Correction	\$48.00
Total Income	<u>\$4,893.00</u>
<u>Expenses*</u>	
4 Scholarships (Miller, Thede, Gaines, McClintock)	(\$4,000.00)
Bank Fee	(\$48.00)
Nebraska Community Fndn (Dan Gillespie SH Fund)	(\$500.00)
Zimmer Insurance - Bond	(\$30.00)
Total Expenses	<u>(\$4,578.00)</u>
Ending Balance	<u>\$1,096.91</u> (1)
Savings Beginning Balance (June1, 2022)	\$805.08
<u>Income*</u>	
Memorials and honoraria (donations)	\$3,065.00
Interest	\$0.86
Total income	<u>\$3,065.86</u>
<u>Expenses</u>	
Transfer to Checking	(\$3,300.00)
Total Expenses	<u>(\$3,300.00)</u>
	\$570.94 (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 6/1/22	\$36,781.87
American Funds 5/31/23	\$23,381.37
PIMCO 5/31/23	\$11,846.67
	<u>\$35,228.04</u> (3)
Total Net Worth May 31, 2022	
	\$36,895.89 (1-3)

NEBRASKA CHAPTER OF SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION SOCIETY

ANNUAL STATE MEETING ON JUNE 30, 2023

LOCATION: Lied Center, Nebraska City

ATTENDANCE:

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

TREASURER'S REPORT:

MEMBRSHIP REPORT:

DIRECTOR REPORTS:

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

REGIONAL REPORT:

SILENT AUCTION:

AWARDS:

National Awards:

Nebraska Chapter Awards:

SCHOLARSHIPS:

GOLF:

2024 Location

Meeting Adjourned

NEBRASKA CHAPTER OF SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION
SOCIETY

ANNUAL STATE MEETING ON JUNE 30, 2023

LOCATION: Lied Center, Nebraska City

Claudia called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

ATTENDENCE: Turner Moore, Keith Berns, Steven Nein, Anita Nein, Jonathon Sliva, Molly Lakin, Laura Rubeck, Craig Derickson, Corey Brubaker, Katie Pekarek, Craig Romary, Claudia Stevenson, Jim Culver, Dave Bedlan, Doug Garrison, Stephen Kennedy, Mike Kucera, Darwin Hinrichs, Ed Harms (by phone), and Tom Mountford (by phone).

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Darwin handed out a copy of last year's report. Following no comments or additions to the report Darwin moved and Doug seconded to accept it. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Corey handed out the financial reports for our chapter. He explained where we are financially as a chapter. Corey said there will be enough funds available to fund the same amount of scholarships as we did last year (4). Craig moved and Anita seconded the motion to approve the treasurer's report. Motion passed.

MEMBRSHIP REPORT: Claudia gave the results for the past three years where we had ten new members in 2021, nine in 2022 and so far in 2023 we have one but several new possibilities are considering joining our chapter.

DIRECTOR REPORTS: There was only one report which was from Ed Harms for the Panhandle.

Claudia,

As you may know, carbon is one of the elements given off from the production of ethanol. Below * is an interesting happening in the Panhandle. Please do as you wish...

Another piece of news.... Members may recall touring Clean Harbors incinerator during the 2012 annual NE SWCS meeting. The facility is expanding and will be twice the original size as it was in 2012.

I do not have anything else to report.

*Carbon America, the first vertically integrated carbon capture and sequestration (CCS) super developer, announced an agreement with Bridgeport Ethanol, LLC to develop a carbon capture and storage project in Nebraska. The project will capture and store approximately 175,000 tons of carbon dioxide (CO₂) per year, equivalent to 95 percent of total emissions from the ethanol

facility's fermentation process. This is the first commercial project of its kind in the state of Nebraska.

OLD BUSINESS: SWCS and SRM Chapters in Nebraska are still considering the possibility of having a joint technical meeting sometime.

NEW BUSINESS: Patrick Cowsert does not want to stay on as the Northeast Director. Laura Rubeck has indicated to Claudia she would accept this position to be the Northeast Director.

Claudia has agreed to stay on as President and the same for the other officers. Claudia and Doug made the motion to approve by unanimous ballot our current held offices. Motion approved.

REGIONAL REPORT: Keith Berns gave us his report on the Northwest region we belong to. He has been to a number of meetings and would like to hear from us if we have ideas of getting several states together for a joint technical meeting. He did indicate that many states and Ankeny are amazed that Nebraska can offer the scholarships we do.

SILENT AUCTION: Darwin thanked everyone for participating in the auction. Corey said we made \$525 on it. This is used for the scholarships we offer.

AWARDS: The following awards were given out by the Awards Committee.

National Awards: Claudia Stevenson and Jim Culver will be receiving the Society Service Award. John Gilley will be getting the Fellow Award. Zamir Libohova formerly from Lincoln and now with the USDA ARS in Arkansas, was give honorable mention for Best Research Paper for Impact and Quality Award. Our Nebraska Chapter will be receiving the Outstanding Chapter Award and the Exceptional Chapter Event Award for our Legislative Breakfast event.

Nebraska Chapter Awards:

Dick Ehrman received the State Commendation Award. Mike McDonald got the Nebraska Innovation Award. Joanna Pope received the Nebraska Honor Award. The Lower Platte South NRD received the State Merit Award. Jim Barr and Paul Zillig received the State Commendation Award.

SCHOLARSHIPS: Corey made the motion and Jim seconded it to have two scholarships from the UNL Foundation and two from the golf tournament. Each scholarship was for \$1,000. Approved.

GOLF: The golf tournament will be held at Highland Golf Course in Lincoln on September 8.

2024 Location – Panhandle will be hosting the state meeting next year.

Anita made the motion and Doug seconded to give \$250 to the award recipients who will be attending the National SWCS Meeting in Des Moines, Iowa. Proposal approved.

Meeting Adjourned – Craig and Corey moved to close the meeting, Approved.

Nebraska Chapter SWCS

Treasurer's Report

June 30, 2023

	7/1/2022	6/30/2023
Savings balance:	\$ 6,564.67	\$ 7,821.97
Checking balance:	<u>\$ 508.86</u>	<u>\$ 4,663.71</u>
Total	\$ 7,073.53	\$ 12,485.68

Beginning Balance: **\$ 2,676.40**

Income (Chapter):

9/30/2022	Interest	3.79
12/31/2022	Interest	1.86
3/31/2023	Interest	2.31
6/30/2023	Interest	2.34
11/30/2022	Interest on checking	0.04
12/31/2022	Interest on checking	0.08
1/31/2023	Interest on checking	0.08
2/28/2023	Interest on checking	0.03
3/31/2023	Interest on checking	0.07
4/30/2023	Interest on checking	0.07
5/30/2023	PayPal transfer - Annual Meeting registrations	1,506.48
5/31/2023	Interest on checking	0.08
6/21/2023	PayPal transfer - Annual Meeting registrations	110.50
6/30/2023	Chapter Dues	614.16
6/30/2023	Lower Platte South NRD - Meeting Registration	115.00
6/30/2023	Jim Culver - meeting registration	190.00
6/30/2023	Jim Barr - meeting registration	115.00
6/30/2023	Doug Garrison - meeting registration	155.00
6/30/2023	Steve & Anita Nein - meeting registration	380.00
6/30/2023	Darwin Hinrichs - Meeting Registration	170.00
6/30/2023	Mike Kucera - Meeting Registration	115.00
6/30/2023	Mike McDonald – banquet meal	40.00
6/30/2023	Dayle Williamson – banquet meal (cash)	40.00
6/30/2023	Interest on checking	0.20

Total Income: **\$ 3,562.09**

Expenses (Chapter):

10/31/2022	Paper Statement Fee	2.00
11/23/2022	Haxtun Conservation District - Farming Evolution	150.00
12/12/2022	Zimmer Insurance Group - Surety Bond	30.00
6/30/2023	Steve & Anita Nein - registration overpayment + awards	212.56

Total Expenses: \$ 394.56

Net Income/Expenses (Chapter): \$ 3,167.53

Balance: \$ 5,843.93

Expenses (Golf Tournament):

9/13/2022	Long Putt Award	100.00
8/28/2022	Austad's - prizes for tournament	160.78
8/31/2022	Eagle Printing - signs for tournament	257.40
9/1/2022	Austad's - prizes for tournament	42.86
9/2/2022	Highlands Golf Course - prizes for tournament	100.00
12/16/2022	Will Hernandez - Cam Loerch Memorial Scholarship	1,000.00
1/6/2023	Mackenzie Smith - Dave Langemeier Memorial Scholarship	1,000.00

Total Expenses: \$ 2,661.04
Net Income/Expenses (Golf Tournament): \$ 1,754.62
Balance (Golf Tournament): \$ **5,056.75**

Silent Auction

Beginning Balance (Silent Auction): \$ **1,095.00**

Income (Silent Auction):

6/30/2023	Stephen Kennedy - Silent Auction	75.00
6/30/2023	Keith Berns - Silent Auction	100.00
6/30/2023	Dick Ehrman - Silent Auction	30.00
6/30/2023	Cash - Silent Auction	155.00
6/30/2023	Mike McDonald – Silent Auction	130.00

Total Income: \$ 490.00

Expenses (Silent Auction):

Total Expenses: \$ 0.00
Net Income/Expenses (Silent Auction): \$ 490.00
Balance: \$ **1,585.00**

Nebraska Chapter SWCS

Annual Budget

June 30, 2023

Income:

Chapter Dues	620.00
Interest	10.00

Total Income: \$ 630.00

Expenses:

Zimmer Insurance Group - Surety Bond	30.00
NARD – Ad in Conference Program	165.00
Haxtun Conservation District - Farming Evolution	150.00
Stipend for Chapter Representative to attend International Meeting	275.00

Total Expenses: \$ 620.00