NACD North Central Region Board of Directors Meeting
DoubleTree by Hilton Racine Harbourwalk Hotel
January 7 – 8, 2019 • Racine, Wisconsin

Draft Minutes

Attendance:
Alex Schmidt, IA, Region Vice Chair, Recorder
Dennis Carney, IA
Steve Stierwalt, IL
Marc Roberts, IN
Roger Wenning, IN
Gerald Miller, MI
Kurt Beckstrom, MN

Paul Krabbenhoft, MN
Ryan Britt, MO
Ron Willis, MO
Matt Peart, OH, Regio Chair
Kris Swartz, OH
Monte Osterman, WI
David Solin, WI
Ian Cunningham, NACD Executive Board

Others in attendance: 16

Monday, January 7

1:00 pm Meeting began

Welcome and Introductions – Matt Peart, North Central Region Chair

Foxconn Tour recap/comments – Jonathan Delagrave, County Executive

Guest Speaker: Rebecca Power, Director, North Central Region Water Network, University of Wisconsin-Extension
Presentation followed by question and answer; discussion

Approval of Minutes
Minnesota – Motion to accept the minutes form the summer region board meeting
Second
Motion passes unanimously

Region Account Report
Iowa – Motion to accept the report, renew region dues at $300/state, and continue with 3 region scholarships at $400 each.
Second
Motion passes unanimously

**Executive Board Report with Q&A** – Ian Cunningham, NACD Executive Board

**Farm Bill Discussion** – Ian Cunningham, NACD Executive Board and Legislative Committee Chair

**Tribal Outreach and Partnership Resource Policy Group presentation** – Greg Baneck

**Wisconsin Proposed Bylaw Amendments**
Discussion

**S.T.A.R Program** (Saving Tomorrow’s Agriculture Resources) – Steve Stierwalt, Illinois Board Member and Association of Illinois Soil and Water Conservation Districts President

*Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:30 pm*

5:45 pm Dinner Reception at the Ivanhoe Pub and Eatery (within walking distance of the hotel) sponsored by SC Johnson.

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**Tuesday, January 8**

Light Breakfast of coffee, fresh fruit, and pastries provided by **O & H Danish Bakery** in Racine, Wisconsin.

7:30 am Meeting began

**Guest Speaker:** John Dickert, Director, Council of the Great Lakes Region and the President and CEO of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative
Presentation followed by question and answer; discussion

**Partner Updates**
USDA NRCS – Central Region Conservationist Kevin Wickey and State Conservationists NASCA – Colleen Meredith, MO DNR

**Elections**
Kris Swartz was nominated and subsequently elected as North Central Region Chair
Alex Schmidt was nominated and subsequently elected as North Central Region Vice Chair

Discussion on other elections
Ian Cunningham will be running for NACD Secretary-Treasurer at the NACD Annual Meeting in San Antonio
North Central Region Board will hold Executive Board elections at the North Central Region Meeting on February 3.

**North Central Region States MOA Discussion**
All members signed the agreement for 2019

**Upcoming Meetings** were reviewed
• 2019 NACD Annual Conference, San Antonio, Texas – February 2 - 6
• 2019 NACD Spring Fly-In, Washington, DC – Tentatively March 13 (dependent on the Congressional calendar)
• 2019 NACD Summer Board Meeting, Santa Fe, New Mexico – August 2 - 6
• 2019 NACD North Central Region Winter Board Meeting – TBD
  o no decision was made. Will carry over the discussion on dates and location to the next region meeting which is in San Antonio, Texas on February 3.

10:30 Meeting adjourned

Attendees received boxed lunches from Malicki’s Piggly Wiggly as they left.