



National Association of
Conservation Districts

North Central Region Board Meeting

Via [Zoom](#)

January 6, 2021

2:00 pm – 5:00 pm Eastern

Attendees:

Dennis Carney, IA

Tom Byers, IL

Dale Shumaker, IL

Roger Wenning, IN

Bob Hettmansperger, IN

Jerry Miller, MI

Elaine Brown, MI

Kurt Beckstrom, MN, Region Vice Chair

Steve Sunderland, MN

Ryan Britt, MO

Ron Willis, MO

Kris Swartz, OH, Region Chair

Matt Peart, OH

Monte Osterman, WI

Bob Micheel, WI

Alex Schmidt, Executive Board

Tim Palmer, President

Ian Cunningham, Secretary-Treasurer

Beth Mason, North Central Region
Representative, Recorder

Others in attendance: 22

Minutes

2:00 pm

Roll Call – Beth Mason, NACD Region Representative

Mason accounts for all members present and absent. Other attendees were asked to provide their name and affiliation in the Chat Box so it could be recorded.

Approval of Agenda – Kris Swartz, Region Chair

See Appendix A

Missouri: Motion to approve the agenda

Second

Motion passed unanimously

Approval of Minutes

See Appendix B

Iowa: Motion to approve the minutes

Second

Motion passed unanimously

NACD Officer Comments

Tim Palmer, NACD President

Ian Cunningham, NACD Secretary-Treasurer

Partner Reports

- NRCS – Salvador Salinas, Center Regional Conservationist
- EPA Region 7 – Jim Gulliford, Administrator and Doug Jones, Agriculture Advisor
- NASCA – John Switzer was unavailable, but passed along notes for Beth Mason to share
- NCDEA – Chessa Frahm, Region Representative from Minnesota

NACD North Central Region Resolutions

See Appendix C

Minnesota Resolution “Maintain or Restore Co-Mingling of NRCS and SWCD Staff within Field Offices”

Minnesota: Motion for North Central Region to co-sponsor the resolution

Second

Discussion

Motion passes unanimously

Iowa Resolution “Supporting Detailed Soil Surveys on Floodplains”

Iowa: Motion for North Central Region to co-sponsor the resolution

Second

Discussion

Motion passes unanimously

Break

Executive Board Report – Alex Schmidt

Discussion

Elections

- Executive Board

Candidates: Steve Stierwalt, IL; Alex Schmidt, IA

By anonymous vote, Steve Stierwalt was elected Executive Board Member for the North Central Region

- Region Chair

Board members discussed who was interested in this position

Nominations included: Kris Swartz (OH), Kurt Beckstrom (MN), and Roger Wenning (IN)

By anonymous vote, Kris Swartz was re-elected as Region Chair.

- Region Vice Chair

Nominations included: Kurt Beckstrom (MN) and Roger Wenning (IN)

By anonymous vote, Kurt Beckstrom was re-elected as Region Vice Chair

Region Account Report

See Appendix D

Kris Swartz highlights the activity in the report.

The board discussed whether to continue collecting region dues and offering the scholarships to attend the NACD meetings.

Wisconsin: Motion to continue collecting region dues and offering the scholarships at the current levels.
Second
Motion passes unanimously

Other business:

Tom Beyers (IL) shares an update on the S.T.A.R. program.

Jerry Miller (MI) shares the announcement that their Executive Director Lori Phalen has retired as of Dec. 31 and introduces their new Executive Director Dan Moilanen who started on January 4. Jerry asks Dan to share a few words.

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 pm EST.

A temporary recording of this meeting can be found at:

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/uBIL_WfPuZOFYy0HYiyGiMNukr8Gxhp8UEkaz1_IJotlfliNgu9XS-0A8OSpsCFT.vQY_lc2Q_mF1uMhe

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