



North Central Region Board Meeting

DoubleTree Hotel Chicago – Magnificent Mile

July 25, 2021 | 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Attendance:

Dennis Carney, IA
Tom Beyers, IL
Roger Wenning, IN
Gerald Miller, MI
Kurt Beckstrom, MN, Region Vice Chair
Steve Sunderland, MN
Ryan Britt, MO

Ron Willis, MO
Kris Swartz, OH, Region Chair
Monte Osterman, WI
Steve Stierwalt, Executive Board
Beth Mason, North Central Region
Representative, Recorder

14 others in attendance

Minutes

9:00 a.m.

Roll Call and Welcome

Kris Swartz opened the meeting with a welcome and introductions from each attendee.

Addition was made to the agenda as requested by Jerry Miller who will give an update on the North Central Region resolution.

NACD Officer Comments

Ian Cunningham, NACD Second Vice President presented officer comments. This was followed by a brief Q&A.

Gary Blair, NACD Secretary-Treasurer asked the board if anyone had any questions on the proposed budget and gave additional officer comments.

Approval of Minutes

Minnesota: Motion to accept the region board minutes from 2/4/21

Second

Motion passed unanimously

Region Account Update

Beth Mason highlighted the region account activities and gave an update on the region scholarship program.

Region January Board Meeting Planning

Mason shared an update on a location for the next region board meeting which will be held 1/10/22 – 1/11/22 in Columbus, OH.

Missouri: Motion to move forward with the hotel contract and planning for the next meeting.

Second

Motion passed unanimously

Executive Board Report with Q&A

Steve Stierwalt, North Central Executive Board Member gave his report and fielded questions.

EPA Region 5 Presentation with Q&A

EPA Region 5 Ag Advisor Sharmin Syed gave a presentation to the board followed by Q&A. Mason will share her contact information with the board and Executive Directors and will give Syed the board and Executive Director contact information, highlighting the ones who were in attendance. Syed will also make her presentation available to Mason to share with the board.

North Central Region Survey Report Discussion

There was a brief discussion on some items. It was proposed that the region chair Kris Swartz should write a cover letter and send the survey report out to the states for further distribution to make this information available and of use beyond the region board. Swartz agreed to work with Mason on this.

Resolution Discussions

Soil Survey Resolution – Jerry Miller gave an update on the work and level of priority that has resulted from this resolution.

Possible Illinois Resolution on the term “Conservation Tillage” – Steve Stierwalt introduced the possible resolution coming from Illinois, asking for thoughts and opinions on the topic.

Officer Comments

Discussion on the IL resolution was paused to allow NACD President Michael Crowder to give officer comments regarding the Climate Action Task Force and followed up with Q&A. Ryan Britt, MO is a member of the task force representing the North Central Region.

Resolution Discussions (cont.)

Possible Illinois Resolution on the term “Conservation Tillage” (cont.) – it was decided the everyone would consider this resolution further and Illinois will take back comments for consideration before formally submitting the resolution to NACD. The resolution will be brought up again for discussion at the next region board meeting in January.

State Updates/Roundtable

Board members share any issues or hot topics from their state.

IA – Dennis Carney

MN – Kurt Beckstrom

WI – Monte Osterman

MO – Ryan Britt

IN – Roger Wenning

IL – Tom Beyers and Steve Stierwalt

MI – Jerry Miller

OH – Kris Swartz

Announcements

Mason highlighted various announcements prior to the close of the meeting

Missouri: Motion to adjourn

Second

Motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.