



North Central Region Board Meeting

Hyatt Regency Salt Lake City

Salt Lake C Room

February 9, 2025

10:30 am – 12:00 pm

Attendees:

Dale Shumaker, IL

Roger Wenning, IN, Region Vice Chair

Stan Moore, IN

Jeri Thornsberry, IA

Eric Wessel, IA

Jerry Miller, MI

Randy Smith, MN

David Hatsill, MO

Ron Willis, MO

Kris Swartz, OH, Region Chair

Bob Micheel, WI

Beth Mason, Region Representative, Recorder

Approximately 20 additional attendees

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Welcome/Introductions – Krist Swartz, Region Chair

Kris Swartz welcomed the attendees, and everyone introduced themselves.

NRCS Central Region Conservationist Report – Curtis Elke

Approval of Minutes

Michigan – motion to approve the minutes from the January Partners' Meeting

Second

Motion unanimously approved

Region Account Update

Beth Mason gave an update on the finances since the January Region Partner's Meeting in Des Moines, IA

MO – motion to renew the region dues at \$500 and to keep it at this level until a request to change is made.

Second

Motion unanimously approved

Parade of Regions Instructions and Assignments *(new format in 2025)*

Mason gave instructions for a new format for the Parade of Regions rather than the Parade of States at the opening session on Monday.

NACD Officer Election Review

Swartz stated the various officer candidates and explained if Ryan Britt, the North Central Region Executive Board Member, was elected as 2nd Vice President at the Tuesday board meeting, the region would hold an election immediately following the board meeting to fill his spot on the Executive Board. He encouraged anyone wanting to be a candidate to attend and that all board members should stay afterwards for the election.

Review of January Region Partner Meeting

Suggestions for next year:

- Have fewer speakers than this year
- Have more time for discussion

- Make the agenda more policy driven (Mason states this requires the board to do more preparation and engage more in program planning)
- Appreciated the breakfast included
- No need for a hotel restaurant if there are options within walking distance/nearby

NACD Officer Candidates

The NACD officer candidates stop by and introduce themselves.

Region Survey Discussion

Feedback:

- So valuable
- The structure is good
- Consider answering the question as to why this is important or how this will be used.
- Add the question of how executive directors are funded in each state

IA – Motion to update this survey in 2025

Second

Motion unanimously passed.

Swartz appointed members to a task force to assist Mason in updating the survey. The task force members include Jeri Thornsberry (IA), Jerry Miller (MI), and Bob Micheel (WI)

Other Business

NRCS Northeast Region Conservationist Report – Kasey Taylor

Source Water Collaborative handout was distributed

US Fish and Wildlife Service update – Sergio Pierluissi, Partners for Fish and Wildlife Coordinator

NCDEA update – Eric Shidler (IN), Treasurer, introduces the new North Central Region Representative Donna Kanan (MI)

US Army Corps of Engineers Wetlands vs. Streambank Restoration - Tim Palmer (IA)/Susan Kozak (IDALS)

NACD Summer Meeting Reminders

- 2025 is in Milwaukee, WI
- 2026 is in Grand Rapids, MI
- Encourage our members in our states to attend/participate!

Meeting adjourns