

MINUTES
SOILS COMMITTEE MEETING
GRAND FORKS COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING
January 12, 2016 @ 9:00 A.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: David Burkland, Allan Peterson, Frank Matejcek, and Terry Stromsodt
OTHERS PRESENT: Terry Stadstad, Dan Olson, Keith Drees, Ron Adams, Nick West, Dan & Art Dubuque, Gary Lund, Bob Landman, Beau Bateman, Jerry Uglem, Chris Griffin, Paul Bjorg, Gary Malm & Amber Gudajtes.

Mr. Burkland opened the meeting.

Ms. Gudajtes handed out the results of the poll done at the township meeting in Larimore. Ms. Gudajtes called the other townships that were not present at the meeting and she was able to reach 75% of the townships. 65% - 70% of the townships wanted modifiers. Of the modifiers, salinity was the most important, then rocks, and poor drainage.

Discussion on modifiers. Everyone felt we should try to simplify the modifiers. Based on the poll, there are only a few modifiers that had high percentages.

Discussion on the process of implementing modifiers.

Motion by Mr. Stromsodt to change modifiers to salinity and rocks and recommend those modifiers to the state, 2nd by Mr. Matejcek, approved.

Motion by Mr. Stromsodt to have Mr. Bjorg contact Mr. Ulmer to see what is best way to measure salinity, how aerial photography could be used, and the costs, 2nd by Mr. Peterson, approved.

Mr. Bjorg will contact Ms. Gudajtes after he gets the information to set up another meeting.

Mr. Burkland retired from the soils committee. Mr. Olson will replace Mr. Burkland.

Mr. Peterson nominated Mr. Matejcek for chairperson. No other nominations were taken, Mr. Matejcek unanimously was accepted.

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Secretary, Amber Gudajtes