

MINUTES
SOILS COMMITTEE MEETING
GRAND FORKS COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING
July 14, 2015 @ 9:00 A.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: David Burkland, Allan Peterson, Terry Stadstad, and Chris Griffin
OTHERS PRESENT: Beau Bateman, Dan Dubuque, Mike Knudson, David Jones, & Amber Gudajtes.

Mr. Burkland opened the meeting.

Ms. Gudajtes refreshed the committee about HB 1054 and that it did not pass. Discussion on what should be done with modifiers for Grand Forks County. Mr. Burkland went around the room and asked everyone what they thought. Most agreed that a few modifiers could be used, but the process must be fair and uniform. One idea was that the landowner or tenant could apply for modifiers with designated proof of modifier existence. Another idea was to use RMA data to support poorer soils based on yields.

The committee thought Ms. Gudajtes could ask around the state to see what other counties are doing with their modifiers. The committee also wanted to invite the soil committee chair and tax director from Walsh County and Richland County to the next meeting. Ms. Gudajtes will extend the invitation to them.

The next meeting will be November 10, 2015 at 9:00 AM.

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Secretary, Amber Gudajtes