

MINUTES
SOILS COMMITTEE MEETING
GRAND FORKS COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING
September 15, 2014 @ 8:00 A.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: David Burkland, Allan Peterson, Jeff Trosen, and Terry Stromsodt
OTHERS PRESENT: Keith Drees, Wayne Trottier, Dan Dubuque, Gary Malm & Amber Gudajtes.

Mr. Burkland opened the meeting. Ms. Gudajtes told the group that Ms. Meier from the State Tax Department said we need to change our non-cropland fixed value of \$190. The non-cropland values need to be valued according to soil type, but at a reduced rate. Ms. Meier also informed Ms. Gudajtes that a bill is being introduced to the legislature to reduce modifiers to four: Non conformity, Inaccessibility, Salinity, and Rocks. The state supervisor of assessments would be responsible for dictating how the modifiers are to be used.

Mr. Dubuque would like to see a lower rate be applied to CRP land.

Ms. Gudajtes will talk to Paul Bjorg to have him look at the soils get information back to the committee at the next meeting as to the time frame it might take to analyze which soil types would have to be looked at.

The next meeting will be on Monday, October 27, 2014 at 8:00 AM.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Stromsodt, 2nd by Mr. Trosen, approved.

Submitted by Secretary, Amber Gudajtes