

MEMORANDUM

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SDAEP Board Meeting Conference Call June 2, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Meeting was **called to order** at 10:41am CT by President Colin Chatterton. Board members that were present were Linda Watts, Gary Haag, and Bob Prann. Brian Faris and Brian Walsh with SD DANR and Association Manager Melissa Fahy were also present.

Review/Approve Minutes from previous meeting:

A motion was made by Gary Haag to approve the March 17, 2022 board meeting minutes. A second was made by Bob Prann. Motion was passed.

Financial Report:

Linda Watts presented the financial report. There was \$14,826.02 in the checking account, \$1078.00 in the Conference account, \$1,300 in the Scholarship account, and \$909.93 in savings. Total amount in the accounts was \$17,294.95. A motion was made by Bob Prann to approve the treasurer's report, and a second was made by Gary Haag. Motion was passed.

2022 Environmental & Water Quality Conference Recap:

Brian Faris and Brian Walsh gave the board a recap of the 2022 Environmental & Water Quality Conference. They reported that there were 130 attendees on the first day of the conference, and 110 attendees on the second day. The attendees were engaged both days and only a few logged in for certain speakers.

A survey monkey was sent out to the attendees after the conference. They received 20 responses back on the survey. Most respondents enjoyed the conference and really liked the speakers and content. Brian Faris and Brian Walsh received topics for future conferences and suggestions on future speakers. The respondents were split 50/50 for going virtual with the conference in the future or attending the conference in-person.

There was discussion about the conference going forward whether to have the conference in-person or virtually. If the conference were to go back to in-person, it will be hard to get 130 people to attend, along with the 2 days of travel to Pierre and sponsorships to have the conference at the Ramkota Hotel (food is getting expensive and could run over \$5000 in the future). If the conference were to continue to be virtual, there is no cost associated with it and there will likely be higher attendance. The board agreed that continuing the conference virtually would be the best option, and to keep our membership engaged, we will need to promote our membership meetings and socials to get people to attend.

2022 HAZWOPER Courses:

Melissa Fahy gave the board a recap of the 8-Hour and 40-Hour HAZWOPER courses. She presented that there were 99 attendees for the 8-Hour courses and a total of 7 attendees for the 40-Hour course. Melissa will be putting together an invoice for DANR for those attendees that did not pay before the classes. She will also get an invoice to the City of Sioux Falls for 2 attendees for the 40-Hour course. Melissa also mentioned that we will need to schedule the 8-Hour course in Lead for some time in October/November.

SDAEP Annual Membership Meetings

The board discussed the membership meetings and socials that were held in April after the conference. The East River membership meeting was held on April 22, 2022 at Remedy Brewing Company in Sioux Falls in conjunction with Earth Day and Friends of the Big Sioux River events. The West River membership meeting was held on April 26, 2022 at Murphy's Pub and Grill in Rapid City in conjunction with the Western Hydrology Conference.

Colin reported that neither one of the meetings were very well attended. If the board decides to continue with this style going forward, promotion will be key to getting more participation. There were two students from the School of Mines that attended the Rapid City meeting and there is potential to get more student involvement and participation. For the East River meeting, Colin mentioned we could make it more of an event with a community service project and meet up for drinks and appetizers after. There was also discussion on including a talk or presentation at the meetings to draw more interest. Melissa also mentioned that if the conference were to go virtually, there may be a need to have a membership meeting in Pierre for our members in the central part of the state.

The board will continue to discuss the membership meetings. Melissa will send an email out to the members to get their input and feedback on this new format for the meetings/socials and on the conference going virtual.

Other Business:

Melissa mentioned the scholarship applications and if the board needs to add additional members to the scholarship committee. The current committee includes Gary Haag, Troy Lambert, and Nick Lamkey. For this year, the board agreed to keep the committee as is and ask for additional volunteers at the next membership meetings.

Next Meeting:

The next meet was scheduled for July 21 at 10:30am CT/9:30am MT; however, due to scheduling conflicts, the meeting was moved to July 27, 2022.

A motion was made by Gary Haag at 11:45 am to adjourn the meeting, with a second by Bob Prann. Motion was passed.

Submitted by,
Melissa Fahy
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