

The first meeting of the South Dakota Nutrient Research and Education Council was called to order by Bill Gibbons, at 9:00 AM, April 20, 2017 at the McCrory Gardens Education & Visitor Center Classroom on the campus at South Dakota State University.

The appointed council is as follows:

Voting Members

Ryan Schuchhardt, Agtegra Cooperative (Fertilizer Industry)
Kevin Bachmeier, Mosaic (Fertilizer Industry)
Jim Loken, Helena (Fertilizer Industry)
Colin Nachtigal, SD Soybean Association (Grower Organization)
Richard Vasgaard, Farm Bureau (Grower Organization)
Al Miron, Corn Utilization Council (Commodity Organization)
Ryan Wolf, Winfield United (Specialty Fertilizer Industry)
Richard Jenny, AgVise; SD CCA Board of Directors (Certified Agronomy Association)
Tom Wolles, State Conservation Commission (Farmer)

Non-Voting Members

Bryan Jorgensen, Soil Health Coalition (Environmental Organization)
Dana Loseke, Friends of Big Sioux River (Environmental Organization)
Bill Gibbons, SD Agriculture Experiment Station
David Smith, SD Department of Agriculture
Paul Wegleitner, SD Department of Environment and Natural Resources

In attendance were council members Kevin Bachmeier, Tom Gere, Bill Gibbons, Bryan Jorgensen, Jim Loken, Dana Loseke, Al Miron, Colin Nachtigal, Ryan Schuchhardt, Richard Vasgaard, Paul Wegleitner, and Ryan Wolf. Absent was Richard Jenny and Tom Wolles. Also in attendance were Tom Gere, SD Department of Agriculture; Kathy Zander, Executive Director, South Dakota Agri-Business Association; Karen Jastram, Controller, SDSU; Justin Werkmeister, Director of Finance and Accountability, SDSU; Lora Berg, Director of Marketing and Communications, SDSU; Missy Vande Weerd, Assistant to the Director of the SD Agricultural Experiment Station at SDSU; and Angie Ritter, Program Assistant, SD Agricultural Experiment Station at SDSU.

In the first order of business, Bill Gibbons welcomed the council and introductions were done. Then the council was provided an overview of the NREC as established by HB 1094.

Justin Werkmeister provided information on the funding and balances. At the time of the meeting Justin believed there to be \$441,000 in the NREC account. Revenue should be around \$1 million per year. According to statute, five percent of the funds can be used for administrative costs, with the remainder for research. Ten percent of the research funds should be focused on water quality beginning in 2020. Any funding contributions from a third party would need to be reviewed by the council.

The council discussed timing of awards and proposals, agreeing that running either a 12 or 18 month cycle for awards would be appropriate depending on when the project was awarded to allow for research to encompass the growing season.



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Duties of the council were then discussed. It was determined the duties were as follows: prioritize research needs; solicit, review and select projects; cooperate with other programs with similar goals; and publish annual financial and activity reports. This along with officer term lengths will be outlined in the by-laws to be reviewed and finalized at the next meeting.

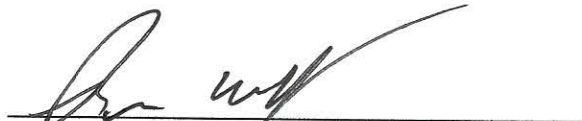
It was decided to move election of officers to the next council meeting.

The initial request for proposal (RFP) process was discussed next. The target start date for projects is July 1. RFP's would be due in the middle of May with approval targeted for the middle of June. The council discussed asking for pre-proposals to narrow down the list. Bill Gibbons suggested that the applicants and the Council use their research tracking system called InfoReady, and the council agreed. The council also decided to require applicants to submit the budget for their proposal broken out by year for projects spanning more than a year. Applicants would be allowed to submit revised budgets each year and the council could adjust awards based on available funding.

The next meeting was set for June 26, 2017, at 10:00 AM at the SDSU Cow-Calf Education & Research Facility Classroom at SDSU in Brookings.

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 pm.

Submitted by:



Ryan Wolf, Chairman