District 5 Meeting Minutes

Wednesday January 26th, 2022 @ 11:00AM

Salem, SD

Those present were Chris Lilla of Minnehaha County, DeAnna Berke & Kendra Eng of Moody County, Maggie Purintun & Tammy Anderson of Kingsbury County, Darcy Laible of Miner County, Cori Kaufmann of McCook County, Rick Becker of Lake County, Reid Squires & Jacob Brehmer of Brookings County.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jacob Brehmer. Discussion started with reappraisal projects wrap-up. Moody County reviewed 2 townships, Lake County did a campground review, Kingsbury reviewed ½ of their farms, Minnehaha County did a desktop review to clean up data, Brookings County reviewed ½ of the Brookings City residential properties. Some counties mentioned a little pushback from residents with the recent spike in COVID cases, other counties reporting a ‘normal’ review.

Discussion then moved on to year end sales analysis & intentions. Everyone agreed that the real estate market in the past year has trended upward sharply. Even after several counties made strong adjustments for the 2021 Assessments, first look at sales are indicating that values have trended up anywhere from 5-25%. Some counties had even had instances of the same property selling twice in the year, and seeing a 8-10% inflation in those cases.

DOR Audits was the next agenda item. Jeff from DOR was unable to attend due to a family conflict. The majority of District 5 was audited by Jeff, and everyone agreed that he was thorough, and did a great job of having open dialogue. A couple directors have already contacted DOR Director Wendy Semmler to give them positive feedback on Jeff’s audits.

Tammy Anderson, who is also a member of the SDAAO Education Committee, touched on a few upcoming offerings. The term ‘workshop’ has now been altered to ‘continuing education’. SDAAO members must have their continuing education pre-approved for credit before attending. Approved courses should contain contend relative to appraisal, and be around 4 hours to receive credit. Craig Steinley will be offering in-person USPAP 15 & 7 hour courses in the spring, if there is enough interest from the association. SDAAO Spring School is still on track for late May in person at the Pierre Ramkota.

There was a short discussion on solar panels. Most counties are not adding solar panels to the assessment. A solar panel company has been selling units with some misleading information about 70% of your assessment becoming exempt after install.

The next quarterly meeting will be scheduled at a date TBD in late April for Miner County.

Motion to Adjourn by Cori Kaufmann, 2nd by DeAnna Berke. Jacob Brehmer declared the meeting adjourned @ 1:23 PM