

MINUTES

Mountrail County Soils Committee

November 2, 2017 at 9:00 AM

Mountrail County Courthouse 101 N Main St. Stanley, ND 58784

Committee Members present: Charlie Sorenson, Dustin Roise, Luke Lahtinen, Keith Deutsch

Absent Member: Mike Hynek

Also present was Rory Porth, Property Assessor and Lori Hanson, Mountrail County Tax Director.

Approval of Minutes

The Committee reviewed the August 23, 2017 minutes. Motion by Dustin Roise to approve minutes as written, Seconded by Keith Deutsch. Minutes were approved.

Dustin Roise stated that Mike Hynek, Chairman of the Soils Committee met with the County Commissioners on September 5, 2017. Mr. Roise was wondering about the opinion of the Commissioners at this meeting. Lori Hanson, Tax Director responded that the County Commissioners approved the Drawing Ruleset as amended by the Soils Committee.

Slide Presentation

The following points were covered within the slide presentation:

- Review of the GIS Drawing Ruleset.
- Overview of Sidwell Drawing Process
- Rat Lake Township Land Use Layer
- Oil Well Sites – all oil site acreage will be valued as non-cropland
- Roads – received maps from Mountrail Road & Bridge Department. All State, County and Township roads will be valued at \$0 per acre. Other dirt trails and gravel roads are marked and valued as non-crop.
- Review Process – Tax Equalization staff reviewed the land use layer drawn in by Sidwell. This meeting was held to have the Soils Committee review the land use layer after markup from tax equalization staff.

Review of Rat Lake Township Land Use Layer

Committee members started reviewing the land use layer. Discussion was held regarding the accuracy of drawing done by Sidwell and everyone is impressed with the accuracy of drawing. Roads presented more of a problem than anticipated and make up the majority of changes being returned to Sidwell after review. The solution for the roads issue is to utilize the road

maps from the Road & Bridge Department. These maps show the roads in color – yellow for certified township roads, blue for county roads and red for state highways. Discussion was held regarding the involvement of township boards and property owners in the review process. The recommendation of the Soils Committee is to involve the township boards prior to mailing back any corrections to Sidwell regarding the land use layer. Tax equalization staff will contact the clerk and set up a meeting to review with at least one member of the soils committee being in attendance. The request was made to have tax equalization staff speak at the fall Township Officers Association to be held in November. Dustin Roise contacted Jim Hennessy, secretary to the association and they would be happy to place us on the agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 11:33 am.

Submitted by Secretary, Lori Hanson