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South Dakota State Technical Committee Meeting

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AGENDA

Welcome - Colette Kessler, Assistant State Conservationist for Partnerships, Huron

Opening Remarks - Tony Sunseri, State Conservationist, Huron

Congressional Delegates Updates

Reinvigoration South Dakota's Locally Led Conservation Leadership

State Technical Committee (STC) Steering Committee Members and Updates

- **Farm Service Agency (FSA)** – Roger Chase, State Executive Director, Huron
- **SD Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources (DANR)** – Hunter Roberts, Secretary of Agriculture, Pierre
- **SD Department of Game, Fish and Parks (GF&P)** – Kevin Robling, Secretary, Pierre
- **SD Association of Conservation Districts (SDACD)** – Angela Ehlers, Executive Director, Pierre
- **Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)** - Tony Sunseri, Chair, State Conservationist, Huron

Updates from any other agency heads present

South Dakota USDA NRCS Department Reports

- **NRCS Conservation Programs of Farm Bill**
 - Val Dupraz, Assistant State Conservationist for Programs, Huron
 - Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)
 - Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)
 - Agricultural Conservation Easements Program (ACEP)
 - Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP)
- **Ecological Sciences, Conservation Planning, and Conservation Practices Update**
 - Jessica Michalski, State Resource Conservationist, Huron
- **NRCS Engineering Update**
 - James Reedy, State Conservation Engineer, Huron

Sub Committees and their Roles with the State Technical Committee

Sub Committee Reports

- Tribal Conservation Advisory Council (TCAC) – *Nate Grueb, State Tribal Liaison*
- NRCS Conservation Programs of the Farm Bill – *Val Dupraz*
- Ecological Sciences – *Jessica Michalski*
- Engineering – *Jim Reedy*
- Local Working Groups

Open Forum and Public Comment (as time permits)

Partners Reports (as time permits)

Additional information

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