



South Central Dakota Regional Council

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APRIL NEWS BURST

SCDRC holds their first “Working Session”

The April 18th “Working Session” was well attended by representatives of our nine (9) constituent counties. It was gratifying and encouraging to see some people for the first time.

Staff presentations focused on the council’s main areas of endeavor and included an update on current efforts. A graphic depicting the historic financial performance of the council lead to a presentation of a “new” dues calculation methodology (page 3) using the dues amount for the upcoming 2019-2020 year. The newly approved formula will assign \$1 of dues, based upon population (most recent available data) with the balance of dues based upon property valuation. Dues for the upcoming year have been calculated this way, resulting in a property-based calculation of approximately .15 mills. The new formula, as approved, allows staff to prepare and present forward year budgets not to exceed \$1 per capita and not more than .25 mills of property valuation. This eliminates the prior practice of forcing deficit budgeting. In discussion, it was noted that this new formula is more “fair” as dues for some counties could be reduced and huge deviations are avoided for all.

Another topic of extensive discussion centered around increased involvement of the County Commissioners and more extensive communication from the council to members. Staff is committed to actively pursuing the directive to expand communication. (this is such an effort).

Please remember we are here for you and rely on you to apprise us of your needs and how we can be of service to you.

Communication is a two-way street! Please join us in committing to sharing better .

During fiscal year 2017-2018, SCDRC successfully closed out seven (7) loans originated in 2007-2009 with loan values of \$312,000. Several of the loans had previously been in default. Accrued interest and late fees of \$35,000 were also recovered through negotiation. New borrower contacts are on the rise, with recent referrals of sixteen (16) child care facilities and six (6) business inquiries. A Business Contact program is under development to increase communication with current borrowers regarding additional services SCDRC may provide.





S&K Pottery is a new shop in Fessenden where you will find a wide variety of ceramic ware. It is located in The Q shopping area on the corner of Main and First Street South. Kathy Tebelius and her daughter Sara Wiedrich have been creating pottery together for several years out of the Tebelius' home in Wells County. Kathy turns most of the pots and Sara paints and glazes the pieces before they are fired at the kiln at Tebelius' farm. Shoppers will also find handcrafted items and gifts from Cabin Creations, owned by Faye Fandrich in Fessenden and Fresh from the Mill in Bowdon.

Assistance available for above-normal livestock losses

Some North Dakota livestock producers have lost cattle in blizzards this winter and spring, and others are concerned about losing calves as winter weather continued into the 2018 calving season. The 2014 farm bill provides payments to eligible producers for death loss through the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP). LIP will provide assistance for livestock deaths in excess of normal mortality that are a direct result of eligible loss conditions, including adverse weather, diseases or attacks by animals such as wolves. Payments are equal to 75% of the market value of the livestock the day before they died. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/FSA-LIPfactsheet> for more information about the LIP.

Foster County showed a good gain in taxable sales and purchases according to the latest release from the N.D. State Tax Commissioner. The county showed an increase of 15.51% in 2017 over the previous calendar year. The modest three percent taxable sales and purchases growth in 2017 is a good indicator that the economy is doing well and continuing to improve after the numerous decreases we've seen reflected in past reports.



Bowdon thrift shop remodeled

Housed in a repurposed Bowdon High School building, The Bowdon Closet thrift store has a new look and features items of interest to shoppers of all ages. The non-profit store on Bowdon's Main Street offers unique finds in categories from personal hygiene items to garden décor and accepts donations from throughout the area. They are open Mondays, Wednesday, Fridays and Saturdays. Store manager and volunteer, Nancy Krause, moved from Bismarck

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\$110,000 Dues, split evenly by property valuation and population

County	\$55,000.00		\$55,000.00		Annual Dues
	Property Valuation	Pro-Rata Share	Population	Pro-Rata Share	
Foster	24,494,499.00		3,303		
	6.4282 %	\$3,535.51	5.9509 %	\$3,273.00	\$6,838.10
Griggs	19,795,429		2,277		
	5.195 %	\$2,857.25	4.1024 %	\$2,256.32	\$5,113.57
Logan	15,091,204		1,941		
	3.9605 %	\$2,178.28	3.497 %	\$1,923.35	\$4,101.63
McIntosh	18,730,917		2,656		
	4.907 %	\$2,703.64	4.7852 %	\$2,631.86	\$5,335.50
Dickey	39,320,492		5,064		
	10.3191 %	\$5,675.51	9.1237 %	\$5,018.04	\$10,693.55
LaMoure	39,420,367		4,111		
	10.3453 %	\$5,689.92	7.4067 %	\$4,073.69	\$9,763.61
Wells	38,965,699		4,098		
	10.226 %	\$5,624.41	7.3833 %	\$4,060.82	\$9,685.12
Barnes	77,687,371		10,926		
	20.388 %	\$11,213.40	19.6851 %	\$10,826.81	\$22,040.21
Stutsman	107,539,042		21,128		
	28.221 %	\$15,521.55	38.067 %	\$20,936.15	\$ 36,458.40

Totals off due to rounding. Based upon 2016 data.

There is some sad news to report: Jennifer Schultes is leaving us on 4-27-18 to pursue a management career with Casey's General Store. We wish Jen the best in her new endeavor.

The 2018 Notice of Public Meetings for SCDRC is as follows:

- Executive Board meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month
- Board of Directors meets the 3rd Wednesday of Jan., March, July and Oct.
- Loan Funds Committee meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month