

Notice of Meeting-A quorum of the State Conservation Commission will be present for a Conservation Leaders Retreat on November 18-19, 2024 at the Capitol Lakes Visitor Center

Attendees: SDACD, SD DANR, SD Conservation Commission, SDACDE, USDA NRCS

What: Conservation leaders collaboration session focusing on building capacity of SD conservation districts boards for leading citizens of their communities

Goals of session: 1) ensure all leadership fully understands each partner's role, 2) develop a vision and shared mission for natural resources conservation in the state, 3) craft a strategy for capacity building at the local level, 4) provide opportunity for shared socialization amongst the leaders

Why: In-person conversation for a shared vision of how best our leadership can help conservation districts be strong leaders in their communities

When: Monday, November 18 12 p.m. (a lunch option will be onsite)

Monday evening, 6:15 p.m. group reservation Grey Goose Restaurant [28886 Merry Rd, Pierre](#)

Tuesday, November 19 begin at 7:30 a.m. and concluding by noon

Where: Capitol Lake Visitor Center, [500 E Capitol Ave, Pierre](#) (park in east lot north of capitol)

Monday, November 18, 2024 - Welcome and Introductions

Round robin introductions ~ 30-45 mins. Each participant should be prepared to finish statement: I have a personal interest because _____ (or similar statement/question).

Review organizational roles and responsibilities

Discussion of local, state and federal partnership organizations and relationship for community-led conservation - CDs, SDACDE, SDACD, SDDANR, Conservation Commission, and USDA NRCS
~ 30 mins

Discussion:

State Perspectives:

As state leaders, discussion of opportunities for collaboration, shared vision?

Local Perspectives:

What are some issues that the citizens of conservation districts are most interested in or concerned about?

Defining a Path Forward

Discuss potential focus areas for potential shared mission? Are there people in the communities who are supportive of the purpose or would be interested in being involved?

Tuesday, November 19, 2024 - Defining a Path Forward, *continued*

Discussion: Refining opportunities for conservation districts, Partnership support, Resources and assets for moving forward, Challenges being faced, Timelines for consideration