
Attendance: Chad Remley, Skye Wills, Suzann Kienast Brown and Shawn McVey.

Shawn McVey addressed the team to discuss QA/QC reviewing training resources. Shawn showed us access to resources to conduct the training review through the training team focus page.

Shawn discussed new developments in education. Currently in Aglearn a virtual ESD course. Detailees will be developing a part 2 to the course under the direction of Joel Brown National Leader for Ecological Site Team.

Shawn took us through the Searchable index of training resources. Nice product for finding subject training.

NCSS has added training modules for Program Analysts.

Shawn discussed updates to the “Basic Soil Survey” course including extension to three weeks.

Shawn has been working to give outside the agency participants easier access to SPSD training modules. Should be able to assist federal partners with a level one e-authorization.

Shawn announced he will be leaving his position to take on duties in the NRCS Nebraska State Office. Thank you, Shawn, for all your contributions to SPSD education and training.

Chad updated the team on the Kansas Watershed project. Flumes are installed, climate station stands are up, enclosures have arrived and are on site. Still waiting on bubbler module for water sampling unit. Currently purchasing all the odd and ends that make everything work. Goal is to have water sampling units up and running by July 1st. Climate station components have come in and will be going up on Monday June 21, 2021. Getting inquiries from state and federal groups on project. Project is part of edge of field monitoring program. Soil moisture sensors will be installed this fall after crop removal.

Skye provided an update on Carlos work. Things are moving along well, Carlos is using generic soil inputs currently in the models and will be moving towards more specific soil inputs. Dylan will be assisting Carlos with the soil inputs.

Next meeting in July 19, 2021 at 2pm CT.