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MEET YOUR PLANNING COMMISSIONER



FEATURED!

BECKY RANDALL

as told to Pat Herman

Becky Randall is the newest member of the planning commission. Starting her term in 2008, Becky was selected by the commission members from a number of interested persons. Becky explained that she became interested in serving when she and her husband went through the process of approval for their concentrated animal feeding operation. As well as raising feeder cattle, the Randalls also crop farm in northern Minnehaha County.

Becky grew up on a farm north and west of Sherman, attending Dell Rapids High School (public). She is a graduate of Augustana College and has advanced degrees from SDSU & USD. Becky works for SDSU in nursing student services, College of Nursing. She also teaches community health in Brookings and in Sioux Falls at the University Center.

In January Becky had the opportunity to travel to South Africa with S.D. Ag & Rural Leadership (SDARL). Becky's lasting memory of the trip was "wealth and poverty located right next door to each other, and the number of people who have

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Renner, Sunday September 26th

RENNER FLOODING & GIS



GIS Technician Darin VanDeBerg assisted Emergency Management on Saturday, September 25th. Darin created maps of the Renner area which was experience flooding from the Big Sioux River and Silver Creek. His maps were used to help plan and coordinate efforts to manage the flood waters. GIS plays a vital role in Minnehaha County's emergency preparedness and response efforts.



The Dream Team prepares flyers for the next Clean Up Day (L to R) Ryan Streff, Ken Schafer, Ben Aslesen & Darin VanDeBerg

Meeting Calendar

- Planning Commission Meeting
October 25 at 7:00 pm
Application submittal deadline October 1
- County Commission Meeting
Planning & Zoning Items
November 16
- Planning Commission Meeting
November 22 at 7:00 pm
Application submittal deadline October 29
- County Commission Meeting
Planning & Zoning Items
December 21 at 9:00 am

All meetings are held in the County Commission meeting room, 2nd Floor of the County Administration Building.



Solberg Arena- Section 30 Sverdrup Township

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nothing." SDARL has stressed the importance to serve which also influenced Becky's decision to join the planning commission. She also serves on a diabetes coalition as well as many committees for SDSU.

Becky stated that the most surprising thing about being on the Planning Commission is the knowledge base needed to work with the County's ordinances. She learns new things at every meeting and appreciates the insights of the long term members.

The interview ended with Becky answering the following:

First job.....picking eggs for my Mom on the farm - 2,000 laying hens

Food you hate.....anchovies

Food you love...ice cream, from SDSU of course

Three people I admire.....Lillian Wald, founder of American community nursing; Deitrich Bonhoeffer, a Lutheran minister who in resisting Hitler died for his faith; and President Franklin Roosevelt for leadership shown through very challenging times.

Paper or plastic.....I take my own bags.

A hidden talent.....I play the piano and organ.

People would say I'm.....a hard worker.

I would like to travel to.....Norway.

One thing I had to have as a teenager.....hot rollers.

I have learned.....to listen before I speak.

Thank you Becky for sharing part of yourself with us.



Geographic Information Systems Division

by Darin VanDeBerg

GIS Conference

Darin VanDeBerg (GIS Technician) traveled to San Diego for the annual ESRI International GIS User Conference and filed this report: There were more than 12,000 people worldwide who attended the weeklong conference at the San Diego Convention Center. ESRI, the GIS software and mapping provider, offers this event to people who use their GIS mapping applications.

I attended numerous technical training workshops taught by GIS professionals on how to use the newest version of ArcGIS10, how to build and cache online mapping applications, and learned the newest Tips, Tricks, and Shortcuts on ways to maximize your GIS performance. Exhibits were also very useful as it provided hands-on training on their newest version of ArcGIS. I also attended the plenary session, a daylong event about sharing insight and vision on the future of GIS. Many speakers, videos, and awards were demonstrated on the newest capabilities. I went to the Map Gallery showcase, one of the most comprehensive and innovative displays of more than 800 maps. The conference concluded with Gala, a celebratory fiesta, compliments of ESRI.

I met many new faces, learned new efficient and practical ways on how to better our work and create bigger goals for Minnehaha County GIS. It was a great opportunity for me to travel to beautiful San Diego and learn the newest and exciting ideas that GIS has to offer.

DRAINAGE ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

The drainage taskforce completed their review of the existing drainage ordinance after holding three meetings for public input and four working sessions. The taskforce is proposing amendments to the ordinance that would

- Increase the length of time a drainage permit is valid;
- Increase the number of properties covered by one drainage permit;
- Increase the depth allowed for manmade and natural ditch cleanout;
- Allow some drainage into intermittent streams.

Following State and County regulations, the proposed amendments will be presented to the County Commission on October 4th. The purpose of this meeting is to inform the Commission and the public that changes are being suggested to an adopted ordinance, but no public testimony will be taken at the meeting. The public hearing, where all interested parties can address the proposed amendments, will be held on [October 26, 2010](#) as part of the regularly scheduled County Commission meeting. That meeting will begin at [9:00 am](#) and is held on the [second floor of the County Administration Building](#), located at 415 N. Dakota Ave., in Sioux Falls.

The proposed amendments are located on the county's web page at www.minnehahacounty.org. Click on the [drainage ordinance taskforce](#) link at the bottom of the page and then select [proposed drainage ordinance October 2010](#). Copies of the amendments are also available in the Planning Department.

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