

Valuing your property, *John Widdoss*

John Widdoss will present information to help you understand how appraisers value your property, and specifically discuss how easements, conservation and others, impact the appraisal and sales value of your property. Join John on Thursday, September 22 from 1:15 to 2:30pm to learn more.

John Widdoss graduated from Concordia College in Moorhead, MN with a B.A. in Economics. He has owned and operated Hall-Widdoss & Co, Inc in Belle Fourche, SD since 1983 where he specializes in agricultural, mineral, recreational, transitional, easement, condemnation, fire damages, water rights, and land exchange appraisals.

His extensive experience involves appraisals and value estimates for commercial, industrial, rural, recreational (hunting & other recreational leases), transitional (mountain & urban), gaming, minerals (producing & non-producing), water and hydro, and resource (wind and geothermal [landowner & operating positions]). Appraisals have been used for condemnation and other types of litigation, special-use agricultural valuations, fire damage, financing for both proposed and existing properties, valuation of easements and partial interests, multi-state land exchanges, and market studies for corridor acquisitions.

John has represented hundreds of different types of clients, and taught more than 150 courses and seminars as a certified instructor for the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers, and the Appraisal Institute. He has completed appraisals in nearly 30 states.

Let's chat! An open and honest discussion about mental health in rural America, *Emilia Flint*

Is this what depression feels like? Who can I talk to when the nearest psychologist is an hour away? I feel so alone, will anybody else understand? Have you ever felt this way? Whether the feelings come and go, or they stay for a long period of time, it is important to be honest about the struggle. How does one do this in rural areas? Come and find out at Dr. Flint's talk. She will walk you through the symptoms of some of the major psychological disorders as well as discuss what you can do to help yourself, family members, and neighbors when trouble comes.

Dr. Emilia Flint is an Associate Professor of Psychology at Black Hills State University, she is also employed part-time as a licensed psychologist for Black Hills Psychology. Dr. Flint has previous work experience in both a college counseling center as well as a rural health clinic. Dr. Flint's experiences in her time at the rural health clinic revealed some of the unique challenges that people who live in rural areas face, which will serve as the basis for her talk. She had always considered herself a "city girl" until she moved to Spearfish and fell in love with the Black Hills area. She particularly enjoys the slower pace of life and the multiple opportunities to be outside for camping, hiking, running, and playing golf.

Update on National Issues facing our Industry, Bill Bullard, CEO R-CALF USA

Bill Bullard joined R-CALF USA as the organization's first Chief Executive Officer at national headquarters in Billings, Mont., on April 9, 2001.

Bullard has testified on behalf of R-CALF USA members before Congress and executive branch agencies, has managed numerous lawsuits on behalf of the organization, and is the organization's registered lobbyist.

Bullard, formerly a cow/calf rancher in Perkins County, S.D., served as the Executive Director of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission from 1995-2001. He has a B.S. in Political Science from Black Hills State University and completed a year of graduate studies at the University of South Dakota.

Bullard and his wife Jeanne have three children: Cameron, Candace, and Callie.

The Global Roundtable for Sustainable Beef, Tracy Hunt

Tracy graduated from the University of Wyoming, BS, Professional Agricultural Economics, 1981 and continued his education with the University of Wyoming in 1984 by completing his Juris Doctor.

Tracy's work background includes: being engaged in the private practice of law from 1985 to 2012; Cow/calf producer on private and public lands in located in the Black Hills of Wyoming and South Dakota since 1993; Weston County and Prosecuting Attorney-8 years; On the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission for 6 years; the Weston County Coroner for 8 years; and it the Weston County Commissioner- 2012 to present

Tracy has been married to Donna 29 years and has one son, Hans, 26, who has served as a Representative in the Wyoming House of Representatives since 2011. He remains the youngest legislator ever seated in the Wyoming Legislature.

Dr. Dustin Oedekoven, State Veterinarian

Dr. Dustin Oedekoven is the State Veterinarian and Executive Secretary for the South Dakota Animal Industry Board. Prior to employment with the Board in 2003, Dr. Oedekoven worked in a private equine practice in Wyoming. Dr. Oedekoven is a graduate of South Dakota State University and Iowa State University's College of Veterinary Medicine.

The Animal Industry Board, under Dr. Oedekoven's direction, has broad responsibilities over the multitude of animal industries in the state, including animal health, auction market and dealer regulation, state meat inspection, importation of animals, non-domestic animal regulation, and inhumane treatment laws.

Legislative Update, Jeremiah M. Murphy

Jeremiah has been the lobbyist at the South Dakota legislature since July of 1999. He does grass roots and grass tops development and organization in South Dakota as well as political campaign work. He has provided legislative and regulatory analysis for the South Dakota Stockgrowers Association and worked to advocate for legislation that is important to the members of the South Dakota Stockgrowers.

Jeremiah works with several other clients including Indian gaming issues at the state and federal level and perform business development analysis regarding gaming projects.

How the National Drought Monitor works, Brian Fuchs and Laura Edwards

The U.S. Drought Monitor is used by USDA and insurance companies to determine severity of the weather, and FSA uses it to determine who is eligible for programs. Join Brian and Laura to learn all about how they make the map, what goes into creating the reports, and how you can be a part of making it better in the future.

Brian joined the NDMC in 2005. Before coming to the NDMC, he worked for 5 years for the High Plains Regional Climate Center as a regional climatologist. Brian worked extensively with weather/climate data during this time. He worked extensively on development of the ACIS (Applied Climate Information System) and applied data products. Brian's responsibilities with the NDMC include working as a climatologist for the center, with various duties related to this position. Brian participates with other NDMC staff in the production of the U.S. Drought Monitor, and he serves as a media contact for climate- and drought-related topics.

Laura Edwards is the acting South Dakota State Climatologist and SDSU Extension Climate Field Specialist at the SDSU Regional Center in Aberdeen. She has an M.S. in Meteorology from the University of Maryland and a B.A. in Physics and French from the University of Minnesota.

Preserving your Family Ranch Legacy, Beth Adamson

Did you know that more than 55% of all family owned businesses in the United States will transition their ownership in the next 5 years? More than 80% of those businesses say they want to transition to a family member, but the reality is much harder to accomplish. Join Beth and Alan to learn more about the differences between estate planning and succession planning, what specific steps your family can take to get the ball rolling, and how to handle some of the challenges. Beth will discuss this from the side of the current stakeholder and talk about the responsibility of the future stakeholders. Join this great discussion and bring your family!

Beth is the director of the Prairie Family Business Association and works with family business owners including farms and ranches across the region. She specializes in transition and estate planning. She received a Certificate in Family Business Advising, Family Firm Institute in 2004; Family Business Advisor Certificate, Galliard Group, 2015. Beth lives and works in Sioux Falls.