Committee Chair Report Template

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**Committee Name:**

*The Agricultural Committee*

**Committee Chair:**

*Jeanne Henderson*

**Committee Members:**

*Region 1 – Richard Schouweiler, Wabasha County*

*Region 2 – Sue Schulz, McLeod County*

*Region 3 – Gale Zimmermann, Morrison County*

*Region 4 - Mike Dangers, Aitkin County*

*Region 5 - Joyce Schmidt, Pipestone County*

*Region 6 – Doug Bruns, Renville County*

*Region 7 – Steve Carlson, Becker County*

*Region 8 – Al Heim, Roseau County*

*Region 9 - Keith Kern, Carver County*

*DOR Representative – Tom Reineke*

**2011/2012 Committee Goals:**

*Our committee goals included the continued monitoring of the use of Crop Productivity Index (CPI), the new method of valuing agricultural land. Committee members also worked closely with their regions to address agricultural issues, which included; classification of special purpose properties (ethanol and agricultural containment facilities) and the valuation and classification of acreage enrolled in conservation programs.*

**Work Accomplished**

*The Agricultural Committee met during Fall Conference and Summer Seminars. A special meeting was held in St. Cloud, on July 24, 2012, to address various agricultural issues, including; requests by assessors for Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), Common Land Units (CLU) and CPI information from Farm Service Agency offices. The committee also discussed the Property Tax Working Group draft document section covering agricultural homestead.*

*The Agricultural Committee, with the help of MAAO’s Information Systems Committee, posted the updated Grain Elevator Cost Schedule to the MAAO website in June of 2012. Also posted were past meeting minutes and letters. Committee members are now utilizing the MAAO Agricultural Committee webpage to share documents and post messages. We hope to use the web-based meeting service ‘Go to meeting’ in the future.*

**2012/2013 Committee Goals:**

*For the up-coming year the Agricultural Committee goals include: continue to work closely with our regions throughout the state to address agricultural issues, continue to research and provide cost updates to the Grain Elevator Cost Schedule as needed, work with the Department of Revenue on the valuation and classification of special purpose properties, and finally to provide guidance to counties as they go through the conversion process from Crop Equivalency Rating (CER) to Crop Productivity Index (CPI) for the valuation of agricultural land.*

**Other Committee Highlights**

*The Agricultural Committee would like to welcome our new 2012- 2013 committee members Al Heim from Roseau County and Steve Carlson, Becker County.*