

MINUTES
NORTH DAKOTA ASSOCIATION OF SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICTS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
LINCOLN-OAKES NURSERY, BISMARCK
January 18, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President LeAnn Harner at 9:08am.

ATTENDANCE: Dennis Haugen, Edward Hauf, Dennis Reich, James Cart, Aaron Smestad, Curtiss Klein, Richard Faught, James Teigen, LeAnn Harner

OTHERS ATTENDING: Greg Morgenson, Nurseries Manager
Todd Schwagler, State Resource Conservationist
Tom Hanson, NDASCD Executive Director
Kathy Henriksen, Association Secretary

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

President LeAnn Harner declared the December 13, 2010 Board of Directors Meeting minutes approved as printed and distributed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Tom Hanson reviewed the December monthly budget analysis and the profit and loss statements which were sent out to all Directors. He reported on the income and expenses from the Carbon Credit program which we will no longer be doing verifications since Farmer's Union is not participating in this program. Tom reported a pickup truck and small tractor have not yet been purchased from capital expenses. He stated year to date tree sales are about the same as last year and expenses have slightly increased.

Jim Cart moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. James Teigen seconded the motion. All board members present voted aye. The motion carried.

NDASCD 2014 ANNUAL MEETING

The board discussed the annual meeting sites and dates for 2014 in preparation for the CVB's presentations at 10am.

Jim Cart moved to hold the 2014 Annual Meeting on November 23-25, 2014 pending availability of hotels. Dennis Haugen seconded the motion. Board members voted aye: Dennis Haugen, Dennis Reich, James Cart, Aaron Smestad, Richard Faught, James Teigen, LeAnn Harner

Voted no: Ed Hauf, Curtiss Klein

The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Tom Hanson (no written report)

Tom Hanson reported on his activities since the last meeting. He has been meeting with SCDs to plan Area meetings. The following Area meetings have been scheduled: Area II meeting is scheduled for March 7 at Cooperstown, ND hosted by Griggs County SCD and the Area I meeting on March 21 at Pembina, ND hosted by Pembina County SCD. He reported he attended the Joint Ag committee meeting at the

State capitol. The Governor's budget includes full funding for the salinity and microbiologist positions and an increase of \$50,000. for SCD technical assistance.

Tom stated he will be meeting with Dave Tunge, Dakota Aerials to discuss the 2011 Achievement Winner Program and will have a contract for the next meeting.

PRESENTATIONS OF THE CVBS FOR THE 2014 ANNUAL MEETING

The Convention and Visitors Bureaus from Bismarck, Minot, Fargo and Grand Forks gave presentations/bids on hosting the 2014 annual meeting on November 23-25, 2014. All CVBs offered to provide registration assistance, name tags, and theme and welcome banner. The board will discuss the options later in the meeting.

12:12pm – recessed for lunch

1:29pm – meeting reconvened

AGENCY REPORTS

NRCS State Resource Conservationist, Todd Schwagler reported for State Conservationist Paul Sweeney who was out of town. Todd distributed a copy of Paul's NRCS activity report. Todd commented that NRCS has received their budget prorated to March 4, 2011 based on the continuing resolution for discretionary funds and their full allocation for all Farm Bill Programs. Todd reviewed the programs, special initiatives and agreement updates. Todd updated the Board on the Sprague's Pipit draft agreement with the FWS. This is a very positive outcome for the districts and NRCS.

NURSERY MANAGER'S REPORT – Greg Morgenson

Greg reported on the winter activities at the Nursery. He reported the extremely late start in harvesting last fall. The seasonal crew has been laid off. There is a small crew grading at this time. They will be processing cuttings the next two months. Greg stated the availability list has been sent to the directors and districts. At this time he reported tree sales are at 1.1 million. Greg attended the funeral of Gordon Kutzer in Oakes who worked at the nursery for 39 ½ years. He updated the board on the disease problems with chokecherry and an update on the spreading of Emerald Ash Borer. The nursery is looking for a pickup and tractor by this spring. Nursery crop insurance was discussed and the board asked Greg and Tom to investigate purchasing crop insurance and if feasible they make the decision to obtain crop insurance.

AGENCY REPORT CONTINUED:

Scott Hochhalter was unable to attend the afternoon meeting so Tom Hanson distributed a copy of his report and highlighted its contents. He updated the board on the Assistance Program Applications, House Bill 1020, Joint Ag meeting and a district mill levy listing report. The NDSSCC and NDASCD are working together to provide testimony in support of HB 1020 which will include gathering wage data for district employees and others.

The board reviewed the district mill levy handout. The directors were asked to report on mill levy increases in their areas. Most reported if there was an increase it was used for wages, machinery, maintenance, staffing, capital purchases and to assist with

expenses because of the decline of tree sales. Districts are not taking the full mill levy until they absolutely need it.

2014 ANNUAL MEETING DISCUSSION CONTINUED:

James Teigen moved to hold the 2014 Annual Meeting in Bismarck on November 23-25, 2014. Jim Cart seconded the motion.

Ed Hauf moved to amend the motion to include holding the 2015 Annual Meetings in Bismarck on November 22-24, 2015. Aaron Smestad seconded the amendment on the motion.

President Harner called for the vote on the amendment. Board members voted aye: Edward Hauf, Dennis Reich, James Cart, Aaron Smestad, Curtiss Klein, James Teigen, LeAnn Harner

Voted No: Richard Faught

Absent: Dennis Haugen

President LeAnn Harner called for the vote on the amended motion as: To hold the 2014 Annual meeting on November 23-25 and the 2015 Annual meeting on November 22-24 in Bismarck, ND. All board members present voted aye. The motion carried.

The upcoming annual meeting dates are:

2011	Bismarck	November 20-22
2012	Minot	November 18-20
2013	Fargo	November 17-19
2014	Bismarck	November 23-25
2015	Bismarck	November 22-24

The board discussed the possibility of doing the Achievement Winner program every other year. It was noted considerable number of attendees at the convention are the achievement winners.

NACD REPORT

Richard Faught reported on the plans and preparations for attending the 2011 NACD Annual Meeting in Nashville, January 29- February 2. He is driving to the NACD meeting in Nashville as is James Teigen. Richard reported he has asked LeAnn Harner to replace him on the Urban and Community Resource Policy Group committee and she has consented to do so. Dick reported NACD CEO Jeff Eisenberg has resigned.

A framed black beard wheat weaving picture has been purchased for the NACD auction which was made in Turtle Lake, ND. The cost is \$115.00

ACCREDITATION PROGRAM

Tom reported on the plaques for districts completing accreditation.

Curtiss Klein moved to order a 10 x13 plaque with 12 spaces for name plates for districts completing the accreditation process. James Teigen seconded the motion. All Board members present voted aye. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS
BOARD QUESTIONNAIRE

President Harner emailed board members the questionnaire to be completed before the January Board meeting and sent to her for compilation. The board reviewed the comments. Some of the comments and discussion from the questionnaire:

- Concerns: finances of the nursery/association and soil health.
- Increase SCD supervisors' attendance and active participation at Area meetings and Convention
- Good exercise and appreciated the participation of the board members
- Focus session at the beginning of Board meetings (15 minutes)
- Shorten reports at meetings – provide written report prior to meetings
- It was suggested to have hard copies of the supervisor accreditation quizzes on hard copy (more user friendly for the supervisors).

It was suggested to ask the supervisors to fill out a similar questionnaire prior to their area meetings. The supervisor will be sent a questionnaire and asked to return it to the NDASCD office for compilation.

2011 WORK PLAN

The Board of Directors worked on updating the Work Plan.

The following changes were made to the 2010 Work Plan:

- Page 3 Add the year 2011 to Objectives
 - Objective #1: to read: Carry out the resolutions adopted at the 2010 Annual Meeting of the NDASCD.
- Page 4 Objective #1 to read: Follow up on resolutions adopted at the annual meetings of NDASCD
 - Delete Resolutions 1, 2 3, &4 – re-number and list resolution as follows:
 1. Establishment of Permanent Salt Tolerant Vegetative Cover.
 - Under Progress: Resolution was forwarded to State FSA Committee for consideration.
- Page 5 – Objective #2
 - #1 Progress: Ongoing program.
 - #2 Progress: Signed agreement with Dakota Aerials for 2010. Will have new agreement ready for approval in 2011.
 - #3 Progress: Change to read: Continue to be a participant every year by providing trees to districts for award winners.
- Page 6 #7 Change to read: Encourage SCDs and others to fully support Living Snow Fence Initiative.
 - #8 Progress to read: Provide updates to board as appropriate. Also provide weekly State Legislature Update to Legislative contact list during the 2011 Session.
 - #10 Change dates to 2010 and add (Achievement Award)
- Page 7 Objective #3 Progress:
 - #1 Change dates for 2011 Area Annual Meetings and add scheduled Area I and II meeting dates.

- #2 Change date of Annual Meeting, November 20-22, 2011
- #3 Delete Executive Advisory Committee
- #5 Progress: Executive Director visited 5 SCDs in 2010
- #6 Item to read: Promote Supervisor Accreditation Program to SCDs and strive for 50% completion including Board of Directors.
Progress: last line to read: ...Hanson are available to attend meetings to help SCDs get started.
- Page 8 #7 Change discussion to information and under progress delete the last sentence
- Page 8 Objective 4
 - #3 Progress: change to read: In place. Review with employee responsible on a yearly basis.
- Page 9 #4 Progress to read: Updated with each change.
- Page 9 #6 to read: Establish tree and shrub seed belts at Bismarck and Oakes for future production and sales use.
- Page 9 #6 Progress: Change Skunkbush sumac to Aromatic and add Seaberry and add 2010-2011 ongoing.
- Page 10 #7 Progress: paragraph to read:
- Page 11 #9 Item to read: Identify, propagate, and establish on site plantings of High plains range shrubs such as sagebrush, leadplant, winterfat and others in conjunction with Nancy Jenson-PMC agronomist. 2010-2011.
Progress : Several species propagated and ready to be planted spring 2011 at Bismarck.
- #10 Progress add: 'silverscape olive', amur maackia
- #11 Progress add: Seed collection as produced for near term seedling production.
- Page 12 Objective 4
 - #12 Progress: Add: 2011-establish seed production belts of hardy selections of Thornless honeylocust, Kentucky coffee tree, and 'Prairie Harvest' hackberry.
- Page 12 Objective 6
 - Delete #2 re-number
 - # 23 change to read: Facilitate discussions among SCDs for opportunities including rural/urban interface issues.
- Page 13 Objective 7: #1 Progress: No shows were attended in 2010.
Add #3: Determine additional methods and venues of providing Lincoln-Oakes Nurseries Products.

James Teigen moved to adopt the changes to the Work Plan for 2011. Jim Cart seconded the motion. All board members present voted aye. Motion carried.

President Harner stated at the March meeting the Board will review the Conservation and Administrative policies. It was also suggested to update the Past President's pictures.

The board discussed the development of a marketing committee. It is the charge of the Education Committee to do marketing. Chairman Curtiss Klein stated he will set up an Education committee meeting in March.

President LeAnn Harner declared the meeting adjourned at 5:27pm.

Curtiss Klein, Secretary

Recorded by:
Kathy Henriksen
NDASCD Secretary