

**MINUTES**  
**NORTH DAKOTA ASSOCIATION OF SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICTS**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**LINCOLN-OAKES NURSERY, BISMARCK**  
**SEPTEMBER 20, 2010**

The meeting was called to order by President James Teigen 9:35am.

**ATTENDANCE:** Dennis Haugen, Edward Hauf, Dennis Reich, LeAnn Harner, James Cart, Richard Faught, Curtiss Klein, Marc Schriefer, James Teigen

Absent: Aaron Smestad

**OTHERS ATTENDING:** Scott Hochhalter, NDSU Extension/NDSSCC  
Paul J. Sweeney, NRCS State Conservationist  
Greg Morgenson, Nurseries Manager  
Tom Hanson, NDASCD Executive Director  
Kathy Henriksen, Association Secretary

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

President James Teigen declared the June 21, 2010 Board of Directors Meeting minutes approved as written and distributed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Tom Hanson reviewed the August monthly budget analysis and the profit and loss statements which were sent out to all Directors. He reported Eide Bailly will be presenting the audit report this morning.

**NORTH DAKOTA FOREST SERVICE REQUEST**

President James Teigen presented a letter from Larry Kotchman, ND Forest Service asking NDASCD for support and interest as a sponsoring agency for a grant which would include monies for living snow fence, shelterbelts and windbreaks for livestock. The funds would be allocated through NDSSCC just like the forestry initiative grant.

**Jim Cart moved NDASCD be a sponsoring agency for this ND Forest Service grant proposal. Dennis Reich seconded the motion. All board members present voted aye. Absent: Aaron Smestad The motion passed.**

**AUDIT REPORT**

Josh Wiens, auditor from Eide Bailly presented the 2010 audit report to the Board. He reviewed the financial statements for the Association and the Trust. He reviewed the management letter with the Board. A copy of the audit report will be available to each district at the annual business meeting. The auditor will review the audit at the annual meeting and answer questions from the supervisors.

**Ed Hauf moved to accept the audit report. Dennis Reich seconded the motion. All board members present voted aye. Absent: Aaron Smestad The motion passed.**

Break- 10:23am

The board reconvened at 10:40am

### **CONTINGENCY PLAN**

President James Teigen suggested the directors review the Contingency Plan which was presented to the supervisors at last year's annual meeting. Tom Hanson reported dues to organizations and subscriptions have been kept to a minimal and salaries have been restricted to a 2% increase. The Board has done a good job of keeping expenses down. President Teigen stated the bottom line is we have to sell more trees.

Tom Hanson reported on his visit with John Fuhr and Scott Stofferahn this summer on the discussion of the farm bill. They discussed the living snow fence proposal and both were very interested and encouraged us to continue pursuing this in the Farm Bill but also to continue pursuing other avenues for living snow fence funding. The board discussed the avenues of funding for the living snow fence proposal. CREP seems to be the best avenue to begin pursuing for living snow fence monies. The board asked Tom to move forward with the CREP application. Tom reported the ND Department of Agriculture and the governor have to sign this CREP proposal and 20% of the funding has to come from the state. The board also asked Tom to continue pursuing the NRCS options, NACD and the Farm Bill as all options for the living snow fence. President Teigen stated the key for us is still to sell trees. Tom passed around his living snow fence article he wrote for the Association of Counties Newsletter. Paul Sweeney reported on some areas of NRCS outreach and funding which includes billboards and brochures/posters to promote living snow fences this winter. Paul discussed some possible NRCS avenues to promote living snow fences in ND with other partners.

### **NACD REPORT**

Richard Faught reported on the NACD Legislative Conference held in Washington, DC, July 16-20. Time was spent on strategic planning at the meeting. What can NACD do for districts? One of the biggest issues for NACD is the budget. Dick reported on the Supervisor Accreditation program. He stated he attended the Northern Plains regional meeting and discussed the webinar system of online meetings. Dick reported a NACD task force has been formed to discuss the Farm Bill. Dick stated NACD issues are climate change legislation, Clean Water Act, Chesapeake Bay area, child nutrition, EPA Pesticide Regulation, fuels on the farm and USDA Technical systems. Dick reported he visited with the ND delegation which living snow fence was the main topic and the interest was very high and all wanted more data. Also the living snow fence proposal is very positive with NACD. Dick reported on the Urban Community Resource Policy group meeting in Columbus Ohio he attended July 31-August 3 addressing urban conservation issues. It was a very good session.

### **AGENCY REPORTS:**

#### **NDSSCC**

Scott Hochhalter distributed copies of the SCD Technical Assistance Program. He updated the Board on the forestry initiative grant monies. The committee members will be reviewing the application process in October for the next biennium. Scott reported 26 supervisors have completed the accreditation process. The board discussed different ways to recognize supervisors and districts that have completed the supervisor accreditation program. It was suggested to recognize them at the Tuesday morning awards banquet with a pin or plaque at the annual meeting and be acknowledged in the newsletter. LeAnn Harner suggested the Association's recognition of supervisors and districts completing the supervisor accreditation process happen when they complete the program rather than months later.

11:50am- recessed for lunch  
1:05pm - reconvened meeting

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** (see attached copy on page 6)

Tom Hanson handed out copies of his report and highlighted his activities since the last meeting. He reported the Soil Health workshops were very successful. He will now begin the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of training and follow-up. Tom reported he has been spent a substantial amount of time on living snow fence proposal and the carbon credit verification program. He reported on the status of the carbon credit verification process. LeAnn Harner commented on feedback she has received on Tom's excellent working relationship with Farmers Union. She stated the Soil Health workshops were excellent and commended Tom on his outstanding job with the soil health workshops and carbon credit verification program. Tom will survey the districts about continuing with the carbon credit verification program. Tom reported the area meetings have been good.

**NURSERY MANAGER'S REPORT** – Greg Morgenson

Greg Morgenson reported on the current activities at the Nursery. Weeds have been a huge problem this year with lots of herbicide resistance. Marestalk is exploding because of resistance. Greg stated the nurseries are good to strong on availability on most species. Conservation grade Juneberry and American linden will be available only to ND districts. He addressed the survival problems with buffaloberry in our districts. He also talked about chokecherry which exhibits orange and dark colors. This is virus X and it is being found all over the state and will kill these trees. Greg reported the nurseries have been focusing on seed collecting and cleaning. He hopes to begin harvesting in two or three weeks depending on the frost. Lincoln-Oakes Nursery is testing new varieties of poplar and honeysuckle. Greg also hopes that some other species should be available in future years. Jesse Jose was hired as a fulltime nursery technician and he is working out very well. Tree order forms were sent out the end of August. The nursery and association website have been updated by Mary Heintz. Greg stated the nursery will need to purchase a tractor and pickup this coming year.

**AGENCY REPORTS - continued**

**NRCS- Paul Sweeney, State Conservationist**

Paul Sweeney reported on the NRCS Soil Health/Quality position which at this time applications are being received. He distributed a handout on the September 2010 North Dakota Assistance update. Paul highlighted the programs and accomplishments of NRCS. He reported on the WRP program. It was the highest sign up in the nation and now to get it on the ground is their major priority. He reported on the outreach programs of NRCS to promote living snow fence, etc., by billboards, posters and brochures. Paul handed out a copy of a letter and pre-proposal form which will be sent to the SCDs focusing on NRCS looking to change and expand their contribution agreement process.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**2010 ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM**

The board discussed the schedule change for Monday morning and afternoon at the convention.

The following mini-sessions were discussed and the board asked Tom Hanson to contact the suggested presenters.

**Mini Session I at 9:15am-10:00am**

**Session:**

Soil Quality Demonstration  
Manure as Fertilizer  
CRP Transition  
Morton County SCD

**Presenter;**

John Stika  
Ron Wiederholt  
Rocky Bateman

**Director Introducing:**

Jim Cart  
Curt Klein  
Dennis Reich

**Mini-Session II at 10:45am-11:30am**

**Session:**

No-Till Farming  
Manure as Fertilizer  
Energy Production- Conservation on  
The Farm

**Presenter:**

Dwayne Beck  
Ron Wiederholt  
Carl Peterson

**Director Introducing:**

LeAnn Harner  
Aaron Smestad  
Dick Faught

**Mini- Session III at 3:15-4:00pm**

**Session:**

No-Till Farming  
Soil Health Biology/Cover Crops  
What are SCDs doing to make money?

**Presenter:**

Dwayne Beck  
Jay Fuhrer

**Director Introducing:**

Dennis Haugen  
Marc Schriefer  
Edward Hauf

Dennis Reich asked to put the Area V Director Election meeting on Sunday evening following the Inspirational Service. The schedule for the general session II will be the NRCS report and 75<sup>th</sup> NRCS celebration with cake for refreshments. Entertainment for the banquet was discussed and it was suggested the Strolling Strings be asked if they can't contact St Mary's High School Steel Drum Band. The Trust raffle will take place at the end of the banquet as stated on the ticket. South and West McLean County SCDs will be the early bird committee. All NDASCD committees will meet at 4:15pm on Monday afternoon. It was suggested to contact Jeff Eisenberg, NACD to speak at the business meeting.

3:33pm – Break

3:46pm- meeting reconvened

**FARM BILL STATEMENT SUMMARY**

Tom Hanson distributed copies of the Farm Bill Statement Summary. The board discussed the statement and made changes to the statement. Delete the last two sentences of paragraph three. Paragraph 10: should change the wording on small and large projects. (Single issue projects need to be considered and evaluated equally with multi-issue practice projects.)

The next step is to format the statement into a narrative form and send to the districts. Tom will make the changes and send out to the directors and then to the districts. The statement will be presented to the supervisors at the annual meeting for consideration as the NDASCD Farm Bill statement and if approved then will be sent to other agencies and the congressional delegation.

**Dennis Haugen moved to adopt the Farm Bill statement with the changes and present it for consideration to the supervisors at the annual business meeting in November 2010 as the NDASCD Farm Bill Statement and if approved the statement will be sent to other agencies and the congressional delegation. Richard Faught seconded the motion. All board members present voted aye. Absent: Aaron Smestad and Marc Schriefer The motion passed.**

## JUDGE AWARDS

The directors judged the entries in the following categories and the selected the winners:

Layperson Award	Anne Ongstad	Kidder County SCD
District Employee Award	Joshua Schmaltz	Kidder County SCD
Professional Award	Dr. Don Tanaka	Morton County SCD
Communication Award	Sarah Gustin	Morton County SCD

## SUPERVISOR ACCREDITATION RECOGNITION

The directors discussed suggested various ways to recognize the supervisors and the districts that have completed the accreditation training. It was decided recognition will be at the Tuesday morning awards breakfast.

**Jim Cart moved to have Tom Hanson investigate the cost of a pin and plaque for the supervisor/district and make the best decision on what to present to those completing the accreditation training. Curtiss Klein seconded the motion. All board members voted aye. Absent: Aaron Smestad and Marc Schriefer. The motion passed.**

## NACD ANNUAL MEETING

The NACD meeting is scheduled for January 28-February 1, 2011 in Nashville, TN.

**Curtiss Klein moved approval to send NACD Director and the NDASCD President to the 2011 NACD Annual meeting. Dennis Reich seconded the motion. All Board members present voted aye. Absent Aaron Smestad and Marc Schriefer The motion passed.**

## NACD LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

A NACD Leadership Conference is scheduled for December 14 and 15, 2010 in Louisville, Kentucky.

**Dennis Haugen moved to send Vice President, LeAnn Harner to the NACD Leadership meeting and December 14 and 15, 2010 in Louisville, Kentucky and to apply for the \$600.00 grant offered to an attendee. Curtiss Klein seconded the motion. All board members present voted aye. Absent: Aaron Smestad and Marc Schriefer The motion passed.**

It was suggested to put a listing of supervisors completing the supervisor accreditation process and a listing of supervisor attendance at Area meetings in the next newsletter.

President James Teigen adjourned the meeting at 5:25pm.

Curtiss Klein, Secretary

Recorded by  
Kathy Henriksen  
NDASCD Secretary

**Executive Director's Report  
9/20/10**

June		
23	Area I Meeting	New Rockford
24	Area III Meeting	Crosby
28-29	Soil Health workshop	Carrington
30-July1	Soil Health workshop	Bismarck
July		
15	State Technical Committee	Bismarck
22	Ag Coalition	Mandan
26	ND Employees Assn.	Bismarck
28	Farm Bill Summit	Mandan
August		
3	ARS RL Seminar	Mandan
4	ARS RL Seminar	Mandan
11	NACD Conference	
19	Meet with Scott S. and John F.	LON
31	State Stewardship Coord. Comm (NDFS)	Bismarck
September		
2	319 NPSP Task Force	Bismarck
9	Area IV Meeting	Mandan
14	Big Iron	Fargo

Soil Health/Soil Biology

Have completed 1<sup>st</sup> year of training. Expenses are now being covered and moving into 2<sup>nd</sup> year of training project.

LSF

Several meetings, phone calls, and other communications have taken place in planning for a LSF expanded effort. This will continue.

Carbon Credit Verification

This effort has dragged on during this time. Verifications are complete and I am working with Farmers Union to complete the revised summary report which will coincide with the report given to CCX by Farmers Union.