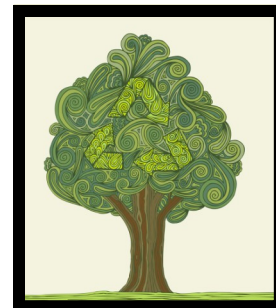


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PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

By James Teigen

Today marks the two-month anniversary of starting the 2009 harvest on our farm, and we still have over a third of the soybeans and all of our sunflowers in the field. Nearly every bushel came off the field too wet for long-term storage, and the forecast promises little relief from the cool, wet conditions that have plagued us all fall. That same scenario is true for much of the Great Plains and Corn Belt. Let's hope for real progress soon, so we can attend and enjoy the NDASCD convention in less than four weeks with harvest complete.



In the August newsletter, I neglected to mention the Area III meeting which was held at the Towner Nursery on July 8. We had an interesting tour of the Nursery facilities and planting

beds, and Jim Cart was re-elected to his second term as Area III director.

The Area V meeting was held at Regent on September 23. The group toured a new dairy barn and saw the manure management and lagoon facilities in the morning, and held the business meeting in the afternoon. We met Acting State Conservationist John Glover, and Dennis Reich was re-elected as Area V director.

Congratulations are also in order for Greg Morgenson, our nursery manager, who received the Distinguished Service Award from the ND Forest Service at the NDSU Trees Bowl in mid-September. We are proud of the work Greg does and are happy to see him recognized for it.

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EXECUTIVE LINE—Tom Hanson

The 71st Annual Meeting and convention of the North Dakota Association of Soil Conservation District will be held on November 22-24 at the Ramkota Hotel in Bismarck. Make plans now to attend this informative and exciting event designed for those

interested and involved in soil and water conservation. A terrific slate of speakers, panels, and information sessions promise to be of interest to all who attend.

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Plans for the state convention are nearing completion and details are elsewhere in this newsletter, but I want to emphasize the importance of attending and the opportunities available for district supervisors and employees, as well as our partners.

One of our responsibilities is to learn as much as possible about our jobs to help us perform our duties. There are few chances with so many venues to accomplish that as at the state convention each year. Among the speakers, the breakout sessions, and the time to meet and visit with others from across the state exist countless opportunities to learn and to share. These are challenging times for all, and it's our responsibility to take advantage of every chance to improve our abilities.

I recall a discussion at a recent national meeting where the difficulty of getting attendance and participation at meetings was discussed. A member from another state said "Maybe it's time to be blunt and tell those who don't participate to step back and be replaced by someone who will take part." I don't think we have reached that point in North Dakota.

Each of us assumed our responsibilities because we were interested and believed we had something to offer. We know that the goal of conserving and improving our natural resources is important. While schedule conflicts occur, we have good attendance at state conventions, and many have a long streak of attending nearly every function. We have supervisors who volunteer to serve on the standing committees of the state association, we have district supervisors who initiate and organize programs within their districts, and we have cooperation between districts on a variety of projects.

I look forward to seeing each of you at this year's convention, hearing about your successes, and helping solve problems that may occur. We have a lot of challenges to face, but by working together, I am sure that we can meet those challenges. Our business meeting will have a session to discuss financial and other challenges facing the state association (and the districts), and we will need understanding and input from everyone.

I ask for your continued participation, and hope you are able to continue the on-line supervisor training modules. Remember, we, the elected and appointed supervisors of the 55 soil conservation districts in North Dakota, are the membership of the state association. We are the future of our organization.

SHORTS

Senate Schedules Climate Bill Hearings

The Senate Environment and Public Works Committee scheduled its first hearing on October 27 to review provisions of S.1733, the Clean Energy Jobs and American Power Act. The hearing was the first of several hearings expected in Senate committees to review Climate legislation. The bill is companion legislation to H.R. 2454, the American Clean Energy and Security Act which passed the House of Representatives in June.

EPA Announces Strengthened Enforcement Efforts

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recently announced that it is stepping up efforts on compliance and enforcement of the Clean Water Act (CWA). EPA Administer Jackson made the announcement while testifying before the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and discussing EPA's role in implementing and enforcing provisions of the CWA. The Agency plans to strengthen the way it addresses water pollution challenges by utilizing comprehensive enforcement approaches, working with states to achieve greater consistency throughout the country, and using updated information technology.

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The keynote speaker is Tom Christensen, NRCS Regional Conservationist, Central. He will be discussing conservation in 2010 and beyond. This discussion is bound to create discussion and forward thinking.

The second keynote slot will be a panel composed of NDSU Agriculture Administrators and the State Board of Agricultural Research and Education (SBARE) chairman who will inform the convention attendees of their current programs in natural resources and significant directions for the future. SBARE, NDSU Extension, Experiment Station, and School of Natural Resource Sciences representatives will be in attendance.

Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring will be the luncheon speaker on Monday. As a former SCD supervisor, Commissioner Goehring is well versed in SCD operations and purpose. He understands agriculture and the conservation of our soil and water resources. Commissioner Goehring also has distinct thoughts on the future of agriculture. This address promised to stretch your thinking on our agriculture industry.

Several mini-sessions will be held on Monday afternoon with talks on grazing, salinity, emergency preparedness, winter cereal crops, emerald ash borer and tree species, and two of the very popular innovation showcases. These very informative sessions promise to have something for everyone. A tour of Lincoln-Oakes Nursery will also be offered on Monday afternoon.

The annual Business Meeting will be held on Tuesday morning. There are several issues which will be discussed which promise to generate significant discussion. These are discussions which need all supervisors to consider and weigh in on.

There is no better opportunity to listen, learn, and discuss conservation and agricultural issues with fellow conservationists and also find out how other SCDs operate and address problems and opportunities. Make your reservations now and plan to attend the major conservation event of the year. Don't be left out.



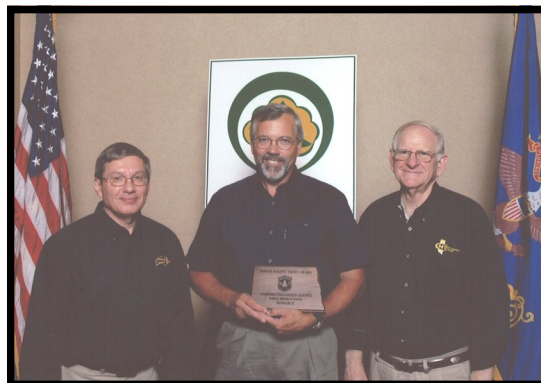
MORGENSON RECEIVES A 2009 TREES AWARD

Greg Morgenson of Bismarck, accepted the 2009 "DISTINGUISHED SERVICE" Trees Award at the Trees Bowl and Awards Ceremony held in Fargo on September 19, 2009. Nominations were received from across the state and award winners were recognized by the North Dakota Forest Service and North Dakota State University. Greg was nominated by Dr. Dale Herman of NDSU.

Greg is the manager of Lincoln-Oakes Nurseries and is one of the most knowledgeable plantsmen in North Dakota. His knowledge and understanding of trees and shrubs is much greater than the species produced at the nursery. He has singlehandedly enlarged the inventory of species produced for regional conservation tree planting purposes. He is also an effective and progressive nursery manager at a widely respected conservation nursery.

Greg goes beyond the call of duty searching for new, potentially valuable sources for tree production. These trees and shrubs provide countless benefits to wildlife, to people, and to the landscape of North Dakota.

The award winners were honored at the Fargo dome. During the awards ceremony, NDSU President Joseph Chapman and State Forester Larry Kotchman, presented each winner with a special Trees Awards plaque and limited edition centennial print. The award winners were also recognized on the field during the NDSU half-time activities at the Trees Bowl Football Game in the Fargo dome.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER 2009

- 20-21 ND Farmers Union Convention,
Holiday Inn, Fargo
- 22-24 NDASCD Annual Meeting,
Ramkota Hotel, Bismarck
- 26 Thanksgiving

DECEMBER 2009

- 8-11 ND Water Convention,
Ramkota Hotel, Bismarck
- 14-15 NDASCD Board of Directors Meeting
Lincoln-Oakes Nursery, Bismarck

JANUARY 2010

- 12-13 Manitoba/ND Zero Till Workshop
Minot
- 20 Burleigh County Soil Health Workshop



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