

MINUTES
NORTH DAKOTA ASSOCIATION OF SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICTS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
LINCOLN-OAKES NURSERY, BISMARCK, ND
October 15, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Keith Bartholomay at 8:08 am.

ATTENDANCE: Kent Pedersen, Rocky Bateman, Roger Christenson, Perry Bollum, Richard Knopp, Jr., Keith Bartholomay

ABSENT: Albert Wood, Julius Wangler, Jeff Aalund, Kelly Froelich

OTHERS ATTENDING: Brian Johnston, CEO
Bill Elhard, Nursery Manager
Jennifer Heglund, Acting NRCS State Conservationist
Jill Howard, NRCS, Asst. State Conservationist,
Partnership Coordinator
Whitney Huesers, Farm Bill Specialist Supervisor
Sarah Tunge, NDCDEA, Mercer County SCD
Bruce Schmidt, NDSU Extension Specialist, NDSSCC
Darrell Oswald, Burleigh County SCD
Bill Elhard, Nursery Manager
Kathy Henriksen, Association Secretary

President Keith Bartholomay stated we have a quorum.

CONSIDERATION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Rocky Bateman moved to approve the June 24, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes as written and distributed. Perry Bollum seconded the motion. All Board members present voted aye.

Absent: Albert Wood, Julius Wangler, Jeff Aalund, Kelly Froelich
The motion carried.

AGENCY REPORTS

NRCS

Jennifer Heglund, NRCS updated the Board on the NRCS year-end reports and programs. She reported it was a very successful year for getting conservation programs on the ground. Jenny reported Mary Podoll should be back in the Bismarck office in November. Also, NRCS will be increasing attendance at the Convention because of the restructure plan. She updated the Board on the status of the restructure. Jimmy Emmons will be speaking at their Tuesday morning NRCS meeting.

NDSSCC (report available)

Bruce Schmidt reviewed his written report. He announced the 2 governor appointees to the NDSSCC are Kelly Klosterman and Barton Schott.

NACD REPORT (report available)

Roger Christenson reported on the NACD Summer Board Meeting on July 18-21, 2020 to be held in Bismarck, ND. The Northern Plains Regional Meeting will be held at the same time. The goal is to have as many ND supervisors attend this meeting. Coleman Garrison, NACD Director of Government Affairs will be attending the Convention.

NDCDEA REPORT

In the absence of President Ryan Thorson, NDCDEA Board member, Sarah Tunge reported on the District Employee activities and upcoming programs. She reported on the donations from the ND Game and Fish raffle given to educational programs. Grants for the Outdoor Heritage Fund have been finalized, checks will be sent out soon to the SCDs. The Tree Promotion meeting will be held March 10-12, 2020 at the Radisson Hotel in Bismarck. The Board is looking at changing the name of this meeting since it has become a Leadership Development Event not just tree promotion. Sarah reported the Regional Leadership Event in Sioux Falls was excellent and well attended.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Todd Klee, Premier Tax and Bookkeeping distributed and presented the Financial Report as of September 30, 2019. Todd reviewed the draft Audit Report. The Audit by Haga Kommer went well. It was suggested to put the financial report in the Supervisor Convention packet so the supervisors can review the report before the Tuesday morning meeting.

Brian Johnston reviewed the Bremer Report in the absence of Jesse Sailer, Bremer Bank.

Roger Christenson moved to approve the Financial Report as distributed and reviewed Richard Knopp, Jr. seconded the motion. All board members present voted aye.

Absent: Albert Wood, Julius Wangler, Jeff Aalund, Kelly Froelich

The motion carried.

Kristi Fettig, new Office Manager was introduced.

9:47am – Break

10:29am – The meeting was reconvened.

Convention Planning

The draft agenda was reviewed. It was again mentioned that the NDASCD Auxiliary disbanded as of November 2019. Committee agendas will be sent out after the Resolution deadline of October 22. The Board decided to have Coleman Garrison speak at 10:30am-11:00am at a joint Legislative and Natural Resources Committee meeting, then at 11am break into separate meetings. Darrell Oswald updated the Board on the Keynote speaker, Jimmy Emmons. He encouraged the Board and others to get the word out about this excellent speaker and the opportunity to attend the Keynote address on Sunday at 5pm. Jimmy Emmons is also scheduled to speak at the Monday Breakout Session 1 at 1:30pm.

12:00pm – Lunch

1:03pm – The board meeting was reconvened.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

President Bartholomay reported, in his absence Perry Bollum and Whitney Huesers attended the Leopold Award banquet this summer. He updated the Board on the upcoming NACD summer Board Meeting. A Planning committee is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, October 16 at 8am at the NDASCD office.

FARM BILL SPECIALIST REPORT (report available)

Whitney Hueser, FB Specialist supervisor reviewed her written report. The Farm Bill Specialists will be assisting at the Convention.

NURSERY MANAGER REPORT (report available)

Bill Elhard, Nursery Manager reviewed his report.

Perry Bollum moved to spend up to \$15,000.00 for gravel road maintenance. Kent Pedersen seconded the motion. All Board members present voted aye.

Absent: Albert Wood, Julius Wangler, Jeff Aalund, Kelly Froelich

The motion carried.

CEO REPORT - BUDGET

Brian Johnston distributed and reviewed the 2019 - 2020 Budget.

Rocky Bateman moved to approve the budget. Richard Knopp, Jr. seconded the motion. All Board members present voted aye.

Absent: Albert Wood, Julius Wangler, Jeff Aalund, Kelly Froelich

Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ON TOPICS TO DISCUSS WITH SUPERVISORS AT AREA MEETINGS

The Board discussed getting feedback on convention dates, committee structure and Area Meetings from the supervisors starting at the Area Meetings.

JUDGE THE AWARDS

The Board selected the following Award Winners:

Curtiss Klein, Layperson Award, Foster County SCD

Todd Morgan, Communication Award, Walsh County Three Rivers SCD

Perry Bollum moved to select Curtiss Klein as the Layperson Award winner and Todd Morgan as the Communication Award winner. Kent Pedersen seconded the motion. All Board members present voted aye.

Absent: Albert Wood, Julius Wangler, Jeff Aalund, Kelly Froelich

The motion carried.

2020 Meeting Schedule

The Board reviewed the draft copy of the 2020 Meeting Schedule. They will decide on the dates at the Re-organizational meeting on November 26, 2019 at the Convention.

SCDs receiving money from the LON Conservation Sale

The Board decided since so few districts benefit from this end of year Conservation sale at Lincoln-Oakes Nursery they would rather find a way that all districts would benefit from the Conservation Sale.

Rocky Bateman moved to use the LON Conservation tree sale funds (previously designated to certain districts) for an incentive fund to assist supervisors with attending the convention. Perry Bollum seconded the motion.

**Absent: Albert Wood, Julius Wangler, Jeff Aalund, Kelly Froelich
The motion carried.**

The Board approved to send the directors mailing list to Governor Burgum's office.

2:55pm - Break

3:20pm - meeting reconvened

Judging Awards continued:

Roger Christenson moved to select Ben Geaumont, Bowman-Slope SCD as the Professional Award winner and Bob Klein, Stark and Billings SCD as the District Employee Award Winner. Richard Knopp, Jr. seconded the motion. All board members present voted aye.

**Absent: Albert Wood, Julius Wangler, Jeff Aalund, Kelly Froelich
The motion carried.**

Other Business:

The board discussed the by-law change and the interim conservation policy for Convention discussion and vote at the Business meeting.

Rocky Bateman updated the Board on the Area IV Research Farm. LeAnn Harner and Rocky are negotiating the lease with the 3 landowners. There is still an option to purchase a section.

Perry Bollum moved to adjourn the meeting. Kent Pedersen seconded the motion. All Board members present voted aye.

**Absent: Albert Wood, Julius Wangler, Jeff Aalund, Kelly Froelich
The motion carried.**

President Bartholomay declared the meeting adjourned at 4:00pm.

Perry Bollum, Secretary

Recorded by,
Kathy Henriksen,
NDASCD Secretary