

MINUTES
NORTH DAKOTA ASSOCIATION OF SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICTS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
LINCOLN-OAKES NURSERY, BISMARCK, ND
March 12, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President Richard Knopp at 8:20am.

ATTENDANCE: Keith Bartholomay, Albert Wood, Julius Wangler, Cordell Bettenhausen, Kent Pedersen, Jeff Aalund, Richard Knopp

Absent: Roger Christenson, Perry Bollum, Rocky Bateman

OTHERS ATTENDING: Brian Johnston, CEO
Mary Podoll, NRCS State Conservationist
Bruce Schmidt, NDSU Extension Specialist – NDSSCC
Kelli Schumacher, NDCDEA President
Jill Howard, NRCS Assistant State Conservationist – Partnership
Coordinator
Luke Gilbert, Farm Bill Specialist Supervisor
Bill Elhard, Bismarck Nursery Manager
Sarah Tunge, NDCDEA/Mercer County SCD Manager
Kathy Henriksen, NDASCD Secretary

Approval of December 11, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes

Kent Pedersen moved to approve the December 11, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes. Jeff Aalund seconded the motion. All Board members present voted aye.

Absent: Roger Christenson, Perry Bollum, Rocky Bateman
The motion carried.

Approval of the December 19, 2017 Special Board Meeting Minutes

Cordell Bettenhausen moved to approve the December 19, 2017 Special Board Meeting Minutes. Albert Wood seconded the motion. All Board members present voted aye.

Absent: Roger Christenson, Perry Bollum, Rocky Bateman
The motion carried.

AGENCY REPORTS

NRCS Report

Mary Podoll, NRCS State Conservationist updated the board on the NRCS programs and activities. She reported on the changes happening in NRCS with the district contribution agreements. Mary reported that NRCS is still in a hiring freeze.

NDSSCC Report (available)

Bruce Schmidt highlighted his written report. He reported staff is working on updating the supervisor handbook and accreditation website.

NDCDEA Report (available)

Kelli Schumacher, President reviewed her report. She reviewed the agenda for the upcoming Tree Promotion meeting. The \$1,000.00 scholarship will be announced at the Tree Promotion meeting. Plans have started for the 2019 Legislative Day at the Capitol.

Financial Report – Todd Klee, Premier Tax and Bookkeeping

Todd Klee distributed copies of the financial report as of February 28, 2018. He reviewed the report and answered questions.

Julius Wangler moved to approve the financial report as distributed and reviewed. Jeff Aalund seconded the motion. All Board members present voted aye.

Absent: Roger Christenson, Perry Bollum, Rocky Bateman

The motion carried.

9:51am: Break

10:06am: Reconvened the meeting

NACD Report (available)

Keith Bartholomay reviewed Roger Christenson's written report. He reported the two NDASCD resolutions sent to NACD passed with a few background changes. Roger Christenson, Keith Bartholomay and Richard Knopp are planning to attend the Northern Plains Meeting on June 3-6 in Charlo, MT.

President Report

Richard Knopp reported on the December 19, 2017 Legislative Review meeting concerning the NDSSCC. He attended the NACD Annual Meeting in Nashville, TN. Dick reported he has been working with Brian Johnston on the Farm Bill Specialist funding. Also, he attended the Area I meeting in Langdon. Five resolutions were presented and stated it was a good meeting. He represented NDASCD at a February 8th Leopold Award Meeting with partners in Bismarck.

Nursery Report (available)

Bill Elhard reviewed his written report and answered questions. The nursery staff has been working on equipment and nursery repairs during the winter months.

Farm Bill Specialist Report (available)

Luke Gilbert reviewed his written report. He announced he is resigning from the Farm Bill Specialist Supervisor position effective March 23, 2018.

CEO Report (available)

Brian Johnston highlighted his written report.

Trust Profit and Loss Statement Clarification

Jeff Aalund talked with Todd Klee about the Trust Profit and Loss Statement from July 2016 through June 2017. A late 2016 bill from Haga Kommer Accounting Firm was paid in this fiscal year thus showing a negative balance.

Bremer Proposal

The board members discussed the current Bremer Management Proposal.

Keith Bartholomay moved to approve the Bremer Management Proposal. Jeff Aalund seconded the motion.

The Board members requested Brain Johnston to check with Payden and Bremer to make sure all the funds are in compliance with our Policy.

Vote on the motion.

All Board members present voted no.

Absent: Roger Christenson, Perry Bollum, Rocky Bateman

The motion failed.

Keith Bartholomay moved to table the decision on the Bremer Management Proposal until more information is acquired and to present the information at the next Board of Directors meeting. Albert Wood seconded the motion. All Board members present voted aye.

Absent: Roger Christenson, Perry Bollum, Rocky Bateman

The motion carried.

Area I Meeting Report

Julius Wangler, Area I Director reported on the February 21, 2018 Area I meeting in Langdon, ND hosted by the Cavalier County SCD. Nineteen Supervisors were in attendance. He reported it was a very good meeting and five resolutions were introduced. Albert Wood was re-elected to the NDASCD Board.

The Board members discussed having the Area Meetings at the State Convention in November in 2019.

11:56am Break for lunch

12:34pm: Board meeting was reconvened

Education Committee

Albert Wood, Chair reviewed the committee minutes. Funding to the following programs for \$4,000.00:

Envirothon	\$1700.00
Project Trees	\$1700.00
EcoEd	\$ 600.00

The Board members discussed the possibility of increasing the Education funds by \$4,000.00.

2018 Convention Plans

Darrell Oswald, Burleigh County SCD Technician reported on the keynote speaker. He is in contact with Joel Salatin from Virginia. More information at the June meeting.

The District Employees would like 2 mini-sessions at the Convention.

Leopold Award Program: The Board would like the announcement at the convention hopefully with Governor Burgum presenting the award. Discussed the possibility of having an informational session at the Education/Outreach committee meeting on the Leopold Award at the convention.

Discussion on the convention registration fee and some incentives to encourage supervisor attendance at the meeting. No decision was made for the 2018 convention.

Area Meetings 2019

Suggestions were made to attract supervisors to Area Meetings. Some ideas were: have two regionals meeting (west and east) with a keynote speaker for the event and include introduction of new supervisor accreditation website.

After discussion:

Keith Bartholomay moved to hold the 2019 Area Meetings on Sunday afternoon prior to the Social at the Convention. Julius Wangler seconded the motion. All Board members voted aye.

Absent: Roger Christenson, Perry Bollum, Rocky Bateman

The motion carried.

2:50pm: Break

3:15pm: the Board meeting was reconvened

Convention Plans continued:

The board is working on a system to better present and vote on the resolutions. All supervisors present at the Committee meetings shall be able to vote on the resolutions. The change will be made in the Resolution Policy.

Theme: Celebrating 80 Years of Conservation in ND

Sponsors- **Jeff Aalund moved to only enlist sponsors for the Convention. Kent Pedersen seconded the motion. All Board members present voted aye.**

Absent: Roger Christenson, Perry Bollum, Rocky Bateman

The motion carried.

The SCDs and NRCS will continue to have the opportunity to have displays.

Achievement Winner Presentation

The Board discussed some options for the presentation. Kelli Schumacher will check with District Employees.

Administrative Policy Review:

The Policy was reviewed and the following changes were made:

Page 1: Annual Considerations:

1. Change September to Fall Board Meeting (March 2018)

Page 3: Directors

A. 4: change to Three (3) days (March 2018)

Page 8: Resolutions

C. Line 5 should read: Voting members of the Standing committee shall be the supervisor present. Delete the next sentence. (March 2018)

Page 10: Travel: 2) Meals – change the lunch to \$10.00 and the Dinner to \$15.00

**Jeff Aalund moved approval of the changes and additions to the Administrative Policy. Kent Pedersen seconded the motion. All Board members present voted aye. Absent: Roger Christenson, Perry Bollum, Rocky Bateman
The motion carried.**

Conservation Policy Review:

The Board reviewed the policy for 2018.

The following changes and additions were made:

Page 1: Paragraph 4 (BOD 2018)

Page 6: Spelling correction of conservation

The board members asked that a committee consisting of Keith Bartholomay, Roger Christenson and Rocky Bateman rewrite the 2017 Resolutions in a format for the Conservation Policy for the June Board Meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Kent Pedersen updated the Board on the PSC meeting on the Resolution on Tree Mitigation.

Albert Wood moved to adjourn the meeting. Julius Wangler seconded the motion. All Board members present voted aye.

Absent: Roger Christenson, Perry Bollum, Rocky Bateman

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 5:31pm

Perry Bollum, Secretary

Kathy Henriksen
Recording Secretary