

**MINUTES**  
**NORTH DAKOTA ASSOCIATION OF SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICTS**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**LINCOLN-OAKES NURSERY, BISMARCK, ND**  
**October 9, 2018**

The meeting was called to order by President Richard Knopp, Jr. at 8:12am.

**ATTENDANCE:** Kent Pedersen, Cordell Bettenhausen, Albert Wood, Rocky Bateman, Julius Wangler, Keith Bartholomay, Roger Christenson, Jeff Aalund, Perry Bollum, Richard Knopp, Jr.

**ABSENT:** Albert Wood

**OTHERS ATTENDING:** Brian Johnston, CEO  
Mary Podoll, 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  
Bill Elhard, Nursery Manager  
Kathy Henriksen, Association Secretary

**CONSIDERATION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**

**Jeff Aalund moved to approve the June 25, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes as written and distributed. Perry Bollum seconded the motion. All Board members present voted aye.**

**Absent: Albert Wood**

**The motion carried.**

**AGENCY REPORTS**

**NRCS**

Mary Podoll, NRCS updated the Board on the NRCS year-end reports and programs. Also, she reported on the upcoming restructure meetings scheduled throughout the state. More information should be available by the time of the Convention.

**NDSSCC** (report attached)

Bruce Schmidt reviewed his written report. He updated the board on the Supervisor Handbook which a draft copy shall be available at the Convention. He announced that Dr. Greg Lardy is the new NDSU Extension Director.

**NACD REPORT**

Keith Bartholomay reported on the Summer NACD Board Meeting in Williamsburg, Va. He stated that NACD reported on their concerns about the New Farm Bill. It is important to retain the locally led conservation delivery system in the New Farm Bill.

Roger Christenson reported on the NACD Summer Board Meeting 2020 to be held in Bismarck, ND. Roger will be in contact with NACD on the planning of this event. He reported on the current status of SCDs paying their NACD dues.

### **NDCDEA REPORT**

In the absence of President Kelli Schumacher, NDCDEA Board member, Sarah Tunge reported on the District Employee activities and upcoming programs. She reported on the Outdoor Heritage Fund, NRCS Conservation Planning Course, Windbreak Technical Training and the NRCS Workload Analysis Process Study. The Tree Promotion meeting will be held next year at the Radisson Hotel in Bismarck. Sarah stated the Board has discussed holding an Employee Awards luncheon and also discussed plans for Conservation Capitol Day in 2019. They are working on a new website.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Todd Klee, Premier Tax and Bookkeeping presented the Financial Report as of September 30, 2018. It was suggested to put the financial report in the Supervisor Convention packet so the supervisors can review the report before the Tuesday meeting. Discussion on an audit will be put on the December Board Meeting.

**Kent Pedersen moved to approve the Financial Report as reviewed. Julius Wangler seconded the motion. All board members present voted aye.**

**Absent: Albert Wood**

**The motion carried.**

11:00am – Break

11:13am – The meeting was reconvened.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

The Board discussed the sale of the 35 acres of LON land on the west side of South 12<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Roger Christenson moved to move forward with the sale of the LON property. Perry Bollum seconded the motion. All board members present voted aye.**

**Absent: Albert Wood**

**The motion carried.**

**Perry Bollum moved to offer the LON property to the Bismarck Parks and Recreation Department for 2 million dollars. Julius Wangler seconded the motion. All board members present voted aye.**

**Absent: Albert Wood.**

**The motion carried.**

Brian Johnston, CEO will make the contact with Bismarck Parks and Recreation. The Board continued the discussion on the sale of the Oakes Nursery property. Some further research needs to be completed so will be discussed at the December Board meeting.

12:12pm – Lunch

12:50pm – The board meeting was reconvened.

### **Convention Planning**

The draft agenda was reviewed. Darrell Oswald reported on the Keynote speaker, Joel Salatin and the District Employee mini-session offerings at the convention. Dr. Abbey Wick, Joe Breker and Derrek Dukart will be the speakers at the mini-sessions. He reported on the Soil Health summit on November 7 and 8 at the National Energy Center of Excellence at BSC in Bismarck. There is an excellent lineup of speakers and there is still time to register.

The board made director assignments for the Convention and made changes to the draft agenda.

### **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.

### **BUDGET:**

Brian Johnston reviewed the 2018-2019 Budget that was mailed in the Board packets.

**Keith Bartholomay moved to approve the budget with changes. Jeff Aalund seconded the motion. All Board members present voted aye.**

**Absent: Albert Wood**

**Motion carried.**

### **JUDGE THE AWARDS**

The Board selected the following Award Winners:

Rick Schmidt, Professional Award, Oliver SCD

Shirley Hanson, District Employee Award, Ransom County SCD

### **DISCUSSION ON THE MILL LEVY**

Rocky Bateman presented documents on Mill Levies for districts. Discussion followed.

**Julius Wangler moved to adjourn the meeting. Cordell Bettenhausen seconded the motion. All Board members present voted aye.**

**Absent: Albert Wood**

**The motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 4:33pm.

Perry Bollum, Secretary

Recorded by,  
Kathy Henriksen,  
NDASCD Secretary