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## 2019 NDASCD CONVENTION AGENDA

### “Conservation: We’ve Only Just Begun!”

#### SUNDAY, November 24, 2019

3:00pm - 7:00pm      **Registration** - Courtyard  
4:00pm                **Board Meets for Final Detail Review** - Governor’s Room  
5:00pm - 7:00pm      **Display booths open**  
5:00pm - 6:00pm      **Keynote Speaker** - Jimmy Emmons, Oklahoma – Patterson  
Room

**Chair:** President Keith Bartholomay

#### **Introduction of Speaker:**

Darrell Oswald, Burleigh County SCD

**“Long Live the Soil – Why Do We Care?”**

Jimmy Emmons

6:00pm - 6:30pm

#### **Area Meetings**

**Area I: Lamborn Room**

**Area II: Heart Room**

**Area III: Sheyenne Room**

**Area IV: Cannonball Room**

**Area V: Governor’s Room**

7:00pm

**Convention Kick-off Social** - Grand Pacific Room

**Welcome** - Brian Johnston, CEO

**Introduction of LON Staff, NDASCD Board Members,  
NDCDEA Officers and Board, Farm Bill Specialists and**

**Coleman Garrison, NACD Director of Government**

**Affairs and Sponsors**

**Door Prizes (must be present to win)**

#### MONDAY, November 25, 2019

7:30am                **North Dakota Conservation District Employees Association  
Breakfast Meeting** - Heart Room

7:30am                **NDASCD Past President’s Breakfast**

7:30am - 8:15am      **Buffet Breakfast** - Grand Pacific Room

8:00am - 5:00pm      **Registration** - Courtyard

8:30am - 10:00am    **Opening Session/Business Meeting** - Patterson Room

Monday Business Meeting will have reports - all voting will take place during the Tuesday Business Meeting.

**Chair:** Jeff Aalund, Vice President

- Presentation of Colors - ND Veterans Color Guard**  
**National Anthem**  
**President's Report** - Keith Bartholomay  
**NACD Report** - Roger Christenson and NACD Coleman Garrison  
**NRCS Report** - Jennifer Heglund, Acting State Conservationist  
**NDSSCC Report** - Barton Schott, Chair  
**NDCDEA Report** - Ryan Thorson, President
- 10:00am -10:30am **Refreshments** - Courtyard
- 10:30am -11:30am **Legislative Committee** - Heart/Sheyenne Rooms  
**Natural Resources Committee** - Heart/Sheyenne Rooms  
10:30am - 11:00am - NACD Coleman Garrison Speaking  
Individual Committee Meetings following his presentation)
- 11:30am - 12:15pm **District Operations Committee** - Sheyenne Room  
**Education Committee** - Cannonball Room
- 12:15pm - 1:15pm **Luncheon** - Grand Pacific/Patterson Rooms  
**Welcome**  
**Chair:** Kelly Froelich, Cedar SCD  
**Invocation:** Rocky Bateman  
**Remembering of Our Departed Colleagues**  
**Sponsor Comments:** ND Natural Resources Trust  
**NDASCD Drawing**

**MONDAY AFTERNOON – November 25, 2019**

- 1:30pm - 3:00pm **Breakout Session 1**  
Heart, Sheyenne and Cannonball Rooms  
**“Demonstrating the Hope In Healthy Soil”**  
**Speaker:** Jimmy Emmons
- 3:00pm - 3:30pm **Refreshments**  
3:00pm **Lincoln-Oakes Nursery Tour** (Bus - ND Farmer's Union)
- 3:30pm - 5:00pm **Breakout Sessions 2**  
Cannonball Room  
**“An Overview of Urban Conservation in ND”**  
**Speakers:**  
Nolan Swenson, Burleigh County SCD  
Jeff Miller, Cass County SCD  
Ryan Thorson, Grand Forks County SCD

Sheyenne Room

**“Soil Health Connections: Crops, Covers and Cows”**

Speakers:

Justin Zahradka, Walsh County Three Rivers SCD

Aaron Steckler, Morton County SCD

Mark Liebig, USDA-ARS Research Soil Scientist

3:30pm - 4:30pm Heart Room

**“District Activity Reporting Tool Update (DART)”**

**Speaker:**

Bruce Schmidt, NDSU Soil Conservation Program Leader

4:30pm - 5:00pm Heart Room

**“Experimenting with New and Different Tree Species  
In Windbreaks”**

**Speakers:**

Joe Zeleznik, NDSU Extension Forester

Mackenzie Alexander, Graduate Student

4:30pm

**Resolution Committee Meeting** - Room 3130

**MONDAY EVENING**

5:30pm

**No Host Social Hour** - Dakota Ballroom

6:30pm

**Annual Recognition Banquet**

**Master of Ceremonies** - Roger Christenson

**Invocation:** Pastor Bruce Schmidt

**Strolling Strings** - Emily Robinson, Director

**Children’s Movie in Courtyard**

(age 5 and older)

**Presentation of Achievement Awards**

Narrator and Production DN Cinematics, Bismarck

**Presentation of Leopold Award**

**Finalists:**

**Joe and Patty Breker, Havana, ND**

**HJ (Chip) and Anne Fischer, Rhame, ND**

**Gene and Christine Goven, Turtle Lake, ND**

**50/50 Raffle** - Ryan Thorson, President NDCDEA

**NDASCD Drawing**

9:30pm **NDCDEA Auction supports conservation education - Courtyard**  
**Auctioneer:** Rick Schmidt, Oliver SCD

**TUESDAY MORNING November 26, 2019**

7:30am **Awards Breakfast**  
**Chair:** Kent Pedersen  
**Invocation:** Bruce Schmidt  
**Awards:**  
Professional Award:  
District Employee Award:  
Layperson Award:  
Communication Award:  
**Supervisor Length of Service Awards**  
**District Employee Length of Service Awards** - Ryan Thorson  
**Largest Percent Increase in Trees Planted Award** - Bill Elhard  
  
**NDCDEA Appreciation Awards** – presented by Ryan Thorson  
**NDASCD Drawing**

8:00am **NRCS Meeting** - Heart/Sheyenne Rooms

**TUESDAY MORNING**

9:00am **NDASCD Business Meeting Part 2** - Lamborn Room  
Presiding, Keith Bartholomay, President  
**President's Comments**  
**Natural Resources Conservation Trust Report** - Kent Pedersen  
**CEO Report** - Brian Johnston  
**Lincoln Oakes Nursery Report** - Bill Elhard, Nursery Manager  
**Farm Bill Specialist Report** - Whitney Huesers, Supervisor

**AGENDA**

**Approval of 2018 Proceedings**  
**Financial Report** - Todd Klee, Premier Tax & Bookkeeping  
**Approval of 2019 Financial Report**  
**Committee Reports**  
**Consideration of Resolutions**  
**Other Business**  
**Special Door Prize for Supervisors**  
(must be present to win)

**Adjourn**

Immediately following the Business Meeting:

**Meeting of the NDASCD Board of Directors**



### **Keynote Speaker - Jimmy Emmons**

Jimmy Emmons and his family own and manage 2,000 cropland acres and 5,000 rangeland acres in Dewey County, OK. The farm was converted to no-till in 1995, and Jimmy later went a few steps further and adopted crop rotations, cover crops and planned grazing management to decrease soil erosion and increase water infiltration. In addition to conventional soil testing, Emmons uses specialized soil and plant tissue testing to monitor soil fertility. This helps him adjust fertilizer application rates by crediting the system for nutrients supplied by soil organic matter. In 2017, Emmons Farm received the inaugural Oklahoma Leopold Conservation Award. Given the Leopold Conservation Award recognizes extraordinary achievement in voluntary stewardship and management of natural resources. Emmons served as President of the Oklahoma Association of Soil Conservation Districts and on the board of the Dewey County Soil Conservation District. Currently serving as FPAC Regional Coordinator Southern Plains Region for USDA (OK, TX, NM, CO and KS.)



### **NACD Coleman Garrison**

Coleman Garrison is currently the Director of Government Affairs at the National Association of Conservation Districts, where he coordinates the Association's legislative and regulatory efforts. Originally from Frisco, Texas, Garrison attended Texas Tech University receiving a Bachelors in History and Political Science and moved to Washington, D.C. upon graduation to work for his hometown Member of Congress. After working on Capitol Hill for 8 years, including a final 3 year stint handling agricultural issues on the staff of former Congressman Randy Neugebauer, then Vice- Chair of the House Agricultural Committee moved over to NACD in May of 2016.

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