

# **DRAFT**

## **Minutes**

### **North Dakota Association of Soil Conservation Districts Board of Directors Meeting NDASCD Office & *via Zoom* February 24, 2022**

The meeting was called to order by President Rocky Bateman at 8:09 am.

**ATTENDANCE:** Keith Bartholomay, Rocky Bateman, Monte Bloms, Gary Dathe, Kelly Froelich, Steve Gilje, and Kent Pedersen.

Absent: Sam Partlow and Albert Wood.

**OTHERS ATTENDING:** Cody Hoggarth, Kristi Fettig, Gina Fracassi, Brian Johnston, Todd Klee, Richard Knopp, Dustin Krueger, Lindsay Maddock, Jesse Sailer, and Jesse Thompson.

#### **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

**Rocky Bateman declared December 13, 2021 and January 11, 2022 meeting minutes approved as read.**

#### **REPORTS**

*NACD* – Keith Bartholomay reviewed the NACD 2022 National Convention. Rocky Bateman was unable to attend due to COVID. Keith reported the summer meeting will take place on June 6 & 7, 2022, in Fargo, ND. Rhonda Kelsch is helping with planning.

*NDCDEA* – Dustin Krueger went over the Tree Promotion planned for March 15<sup>th</sup>- 17<sup>th</sup>. Jesse Thompson, LON Manager, will attend to speak. The NDASCD would like to send a representative to answer questions. The business meeting will take place on the 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am. Rocky volunteered to attend.

*NDSSCC* – Aaron Field reported he is in the process of hiring for 3 positions. Level 1 & 2 training will be virtual this year (2022).

*Premier Tax and Bookkeeping* - Todd Klee reviewed the financials and answered questions from the board (report available upon request).

*Bremer Bank* – Jesse Sailer reviewed her report and answered questions from the board (report available upon request).

*President's Report* – Rocky discussed the meeting that will take place at the Quality Inn to address the concerns of the SCDs. Rocky told the board the meeting is informal. No business will be decided on today during the meeting.

*LON Manager's Report* – Jesse Thompson answered questions from the board. Monte Bloms discussed setting up a program to let SCD employees come to the nursery (with the help of NDSU) and take classes in seed picking/cleaning.

*FB Specialist Report* – Cody Hoggarth reported he and Jill Howard are working on a new grant to fund the Farm Bill Specialist program for 2 years.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

*CEO evaluation process* – Kent Pedersen and Kelly Froelich will start a committee for the CEO evaluation process. They will review a new form with the board at the next meeting.

*Oakes Property* – Brian proposed an option in the contract to look at the interest rate every 5 yrs (with a cap).

**Monte Bloms motioned to move forward with the Oakes Property contract with interest rates discussed. Gary Dathe seconded the motion. All board members present voted aye. Absent: Sam Partlow and Albert Wood. The motion passed unanimously.**

*Trust Grants/ Distribution* – Monte Bloms reviewed the NDNRCT grant program and answered questions from the board (copy of program available upon request).

*Area V Director/ Appoint Paul Schmitz (Golden Valley)* – Rocky Bateman asked the board to make a motion for appointing Paul Schmitz.

**Kelly Froelich motioned to appoint Paul Schmitz to Area V director's position. Monte Bloms seconded the motion. All board members present voted aye. Absent: Sam Partlow and Albert Wood. The motion passed unanimously.**

*Area I Director* – Rocky requested a phone call or letter to Albert Wood asking him to resign his position due to multiple absences over the last few years. The board will move forward to fill his position.

*Meeting date for next board meeting* - The board discussed to set a date for the next board meeting at a later time.

Rocky Bateman adjourned the meeting at 11:18am.