

**Minutes**  
**North Dakota Association of Soil Conservation Districts**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**NDASCD Office & *via Zoom***  
**September 9, 2021**

The meeting was called to order by President Rocky Bateman at 8:18 am.

**ATTENDANCE:** Rocky Bateman, Monte Bloms, Perry Bollum, Kelly Froelich, Richard Knopp Jr., and Kent Pedersen

Absent: Keith Bartholomay, Steve Gilje, Sam Partlow, and Albert Wood.

**OTHERS ATTENDING:** Bill Elhard, Aaron, Field, Gina Fracassi, Jill Howard, Brian Johnston, Darrell Oswald, Mary Podoll, Barton Schott, and Kaylee Stein.

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

August 4, 2021 will be reviewed at the next board meeting.

**REPORTS**

*NACD* – Rocky Bateman discussed with the board he will be part of the NACD’s Climate Action Task Force. He will update the board as it gets going.

*NDSSCC* – Aaron Field requested the board members talk to their local area districts and ask what requests the districts have for funds through the State’s Extension Budget. The State Committee will be meeting in Fargo, on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, to discuss assistance funds. Aaron also asked the board members to invite their area’s State Committee Rep. to their district’s local board meeting.

*NDCDEA* – Kaylee Stein reviewed a survey that was taken regarding stalk from LON. Kaylee informed the board the NDCDEA would like to put together a Nursery Stalk Advisory Board to help manage issues/complaints districts have with nursery stalk. Kaylee suggested to the board to have LON leave tags on trees that are purchased from other nurseries and sold to ND districts. Kaylee answered questions from the board. (report available)

*NRCS* – Mary Podoll reported on the 2022 budget and where funds are going. She updated the board on the increase of new employees. (report available)

**NEW BUSINESS**

*Nursery Tour Review* – Brian discussed with the board about having a nursery tour every year. LON needs to get the districts out to view the crop before purchasing. The board agreed the fall works best for most districts. The board agreed to get the *Save The Date* out earlier next year to get more districts involved.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

*Oakes Property Update* – Perry updated the board on the continuation of the sale of the Oakes Property. He will update the board as things move forward. The board discussed planning a tour of the Oakes Property.

*Convention Update* - Darrell Oswald updated the board on speaker Steve Groff. Darrell will ask Steve if he is will to speak during a Zoom Meeting. Gina Fracassi updated the board on Area Meeting dates, the Annual Meeting date, and sending out a letter 30 days in advance to accept resolutions for review. Brian Johnston touched base on the pro's and con's of an in-person convention verses a virtual convention.

**Kent Pedersen motioned to cancel the in-person convention for 2021 and hold it virtually using Zoom. Richard Knopp Jr., seconded the motion. All board members present voted aye.**

**Absent: Keith Bartholomay, Steve Gilje, Sam Partlow, and Albert Wood.**

**The motion passed unanimously.**

*Seed Cooler* – Jesse Thompson updated the board on what needs to be done with the seed cooler and reviewed the bids proposed.

**Kent Pedersen motioned to accept the River City bid and add wifi temperature alarm to additional coolers. Monte Bloms seconded the motion. All board members present voted aye.**

**Absent: Keith Bartholomay, Steve Gilje, Sam Partlow, and Albert Wood.**

**The motion passed unanimously.**

*Website* – Brian Johnston updated the board on the LON Website and Fishbowl Inventory. Brian answered questions from the board.

*Update on Chromebooks for Board Members* – Kristi Fettig updated the board on estimates on purchasing Chromebooks for the board members. Kristi answered questions from the board.

**Monte Bloms motioned to purchase 10 Chromebooks for the board to use while serving their term(s) with the NDASCD. Kelly Froelich seconded the motion. All board members present voted aye.**

**Absent: Keith Bartholomay, Steve Gilje, Sam Partlow, and Albert Wood.**

**The Motion passed unanimously.**

Monte Bloms motioned to adjourn the meeting. Rocky Bateman adjourned the meeting at 11:48am.