

**Minutes**  
**North Dakota Association of Soil Conservation Districts**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
*via Zoom*  
**January 11, 2022**

The meeting was called to order by President Rocky Bateman at 8:34 am.

**ATTENDANCE:** Rocky Bateman, Keith Bartholomay, Monte Bloms, Gary Dathe, Steve Gilje, Sam Partlow, and Kent Pedersen

Absent: Kelly Froelich and Albert Wood.

**OTHERS ATTENDING:** Kristi Fettig, Gina Fracassi, Brian Johnston, and Jesse Thompson.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

*District Tree Ordering Policy* – Brian Johnston and Rocky Bateman held an emergency board meeting to address the problem of nursery stock supply and demand.

The following concerns were brought to the board’s attention:

1. How to address so many shortages. LON had been grading 3-6” and 6-10” stock to help address shortages.
2. Districts are concerned that out of state nurseries are given priority over the ND SCDs.

Brian Johnston stated that LON does not sell exclusively to the ND Districts. He stated we know that many districts like to shop elsewhere and we cannot wait for a ND district to place an order with us because that district is waiting on availability from an out of state or other nursery.

The NDASCD board of directors has adopted the following policy: North Dakota Districts that have their initial order into Lincoln Oakes Nursery on or before October 1<sup>st</sup> of each year will have first priority to available stock. The district is committed to receiving their initial order. The district can add to their initial order after October 1<sup>st</sup> but stock is not guaranteed nor can they cancel their initial order. The district can swap, sell or exchange the trees with any other entities, but arrangement to do so will be handled by the district after they have taken physical possession of the initial order.

**Sam Partlow moved to make a motion to approve the policy. Steve Gilje seconded the motion. All board members present voted aye.**

**Absent: Kelly Froelich and Albert Wood.**

**The motion passed unanimously.**

Rocky Bateman adjourned the meeting at 9:13 am.