

MINUTES OF THE  
OLIVER SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
CENTER, NORTH DAKOTA  
October 2<sup>nd</sup>

Meeting called to order by Alan Schwalbe at 9:10 am

Those present were:

Chairman – Alan Schwalbe

Vice Chairman – Dale Berg

Secretary – JD Hanson

Members – LeAnn Harner, Mike Bauer, Lonnie Henke

Others – Val Hartman

Brandon Bott

Rick Schmidt

1. Minutes

Approved as printed.

2. Financial Report

**Motion by Henke and seconded by Harner to accept financial report as presented. Said report to become a part of these minutes. Motion carried.**

Bills to be paid:

**Motion by Bauer and seconded by Berg to pay bills as presented. Motion carried.**

3. Review Accounts Receivable

Reviewed as of 9/30/16

4. District Conservationist Report

See Written

5. District Manager Report

Hanson gave a report on services, 3 OHTPI Tree Grants Approved, tree numbers approaching 65,000 feet. Soil Sampling underway. OMG Grant we have 6 applications. Hanson also reported on leave he will be taking in October. Board discussed the early sign up discount for soil sampling. **Motion by Harner seconded by Henke to move discounted sign up date for soil sampling from October 1<sup>st</sup> to September 15<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried.**

6. Extension Agent Report

Schmidt reported about Questions they are receiving concerning aftermath grazing. He also reported on workshops and teleconferences upcoming. Oliver Co extension will also have an agent in training starting November 1<sup>st</sup>.

7. Old Business:

a. Reviewed eco ed day, Hanson reported on a successful meeting.

b. Local Awards Banquet – Hanson should contact Jay Fuher and see if he would again be willing to speak.

c. Morton/Oliver County Range Tour- Discussion held on why event had no interest from county producers. Board would like that topic addressed at winter workshop along with an evaluation form.

d. Award Winners – Bauer informed board that he visited with Steve Kraft and informed him that he was selected as the 2016 Conservation Cropping Award winner. **Motion by Berg, seconded by Henke to select Anthony and Mandy Berger as the 2016 Grass Lands Award Winner. Motion Carried. Motion by Harner seconded by Bauer to select Free and Endine Kargess, and Rob McAdoo as the 2017 Clean Tree award winners. Motion carried**

- e. Annette Tait – Hanson informed board that Annette Tait was selected as the 2017 NDASCD Communications Award recipient and will be honored at the awards breakfast on Tuesday morning of the convention.
8. New Business:
- a. 2017-2019 Technician Assistance Grant – Hanson should start working on it and bring back to board for approval
  - b. Convention Registration / Hotel Rooms – Hanson handed out a draft copy to board members so that they can fill out and return. Board also let Hanson know who needed rooms.
  - c. Employee Association Auction Item – **Motion by Berg seconded by Henke to purchase a donation from RDO for the convention auction, if possible getting the remote control sprayer that was purchased for the PF Banquet. Motion carried.**
  - d. **Honey Bee and Monarch Butterfly Partnership – Motion by Harner seconded by Berg to apply for pollinator plot grant for the 1 acre of land that we have out at new shop. Motion carried**
9. Other Business
- Resolution for Association – Motion by Bauer seconded by Henke to support resolution that supports locally led Conservation to be submitted to NDASCD at annual convention. Motion carried.**

Next meeting will be November 8th at 1:00 pm.

**Motion by Berg Seconded by Henke to adjourn. Motion carried**

Respectfully Submitted

JD Hanson, Manager  
Oliver Soil Conservation District

**NRCS Activity Report**  
To the  
**Oliver Soil Conservation District Board**

Date: October 7, 2016  
By District Conservationist Val Hartman

**WORKLOAD**

**Programs**

**EQIP**

- 2017 money – deadline October 21, 2016
  - Presently 16 applications
- Ongoing planning and implementation
  - Branden completing range inventories on all grazing apps

**CSP**

- Renewals – 2 to develop plans for by October 14, 2016
- Records coming in for 2016 payments – two spot-checks
- New CSP – training November 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>

**INFORMATION**

Justin will work Oliver, Morton, and Grant

Valerie –no longer work, potential new person

**BOARD INPUT**

2016 grazing losses – in % of loss – FSA/NAP

2017 EQIP – ranking

**MEETINGS, TRAINING, SCHEDULE**

October 4<sup>th</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> – Val Acting DC for Turtle Lake FO

October 6<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> – Justin on leave

October 10<sup>th</sup> – Columbus Day Holiday – Office closed

October 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> – Val on leave

October 25<sup>th</sup> – Local Work Group Mtg. - Mandan

October 28<sup>th</sup> – Branden leave pm