

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

Meeting called to order by Alan Schwalbe at 7:05 am

Those present were:

Chairman – Alan Schwalbe

Vice Chairman –

Secretary – JD Hanson

Members – LeAnn Harner, Mike Bauer, Lonnie Henke

Others – Val Hartman

Brandon Bott

Rick Schmidt

1. Minutes

Approved as presented

2. Financial Report

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

Bills to be paid:

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

3. Review Accounts Receivable

Reviewed as of 9/2/16

4. District Conservationist Report

See Written

5. District Manager Report

Hanson reported on upcoming activities, grass drill prices, questioned board about trailer for bobcat.

**Motion by Harner seconded by Bauer to purchase the OTG Truex Drill at a price of \$39,552 contingent on approval of NDG&F Grant. Motion Carried.**

6. Extension Agent Report

Report on noxious weeds throughout the county, they have been completing some water samples.

Consumer choice team will be headed to nationals again.

7. Old Business:

a. 2016 Awards – Detailed discussion about award winners, names thrown out for conservation cropping award were Mikeal Schmidt, Gary Beckman, Steve Kraft, Larry Doll, and Anthony Berger.

**Motion by Harner Seconded by Henke to select Steve Kraft as the 2016 Conservation Cropping award winner.** Mike Bauer will contact Steve and let him know that the SCD will be recognizing him as the winner.

Names thrown out for the Grassland award were, Drew Erhardt, Mikeal Schmidt, Todd and Rebeca Orgaard, and Anthony Berger. Board tabled this decision to look into what Anthony Berger's operation consists of.

Also noted that Hanson will develop a folder so that names considered for 2016 can be reconsidered for 2017.

b. Eco-Ed Day

Hanson Reported on date of event, and invited all supervisors to attend if possible.

c. School Farm Tour Day – Hanson reported that he would like to move to spring, to allow for better

planning and coordination.

d. Joint Rangeland tour

Hartman passed out flyer for tour to be held on the 29<sup>th</sup> of September. Flyer listed Oliver SCD as Oliver County SCD, Hartman will have corrected. A mailing will be sent out to appropriate producers as a reminder closer to event and newsletter front page will consist of tour information.

Hartman also informed board of range sticks and how Morton County will be handing them out to their producers.

**Motion by Henke, seconded by Bauer to purchase \$100 worth of Grazing Sticks from NDSU at \$5 each. Motion carried.**

Rick Schmidt will take care of getting them ordered and will have NDSU bill SCD.

8. New Business:

a. 2016 Awards Banquet:

Board would like to keep menu the same as 2015.

b. Pheasants Forever Donation

**Motion by Henke seconded by Harner to purchase JD Toy up to \$125 in value. Motion carried**

Henke said he will take care of this.

c. NACD Color Contest – Hanson informed board about NACD Color contest, Local winners will compete at state convention, and winners at state level will be sent to the national level.

**Motion by Harner second by Henke to participate in the NACD color contest, winners will be given gift card from corner express. Motion carried.**

d. Christkindl Market

**Motion by Harner, seconded by Bauer to participate again in 2016, using the same activities as in 2015. Motion carried.**

e. 2017 Hand plant tree prices.

Board discussed price increase from Towner Nursery

**Motion by Henke, seconded by Harner to increase surplus sale price for conservation grade trees by \$.10 from \$1.50 to \$1.60 per tree. All other prices will remain the same as in 2016. Motion carried**

f. Northern Prairies Ag Innovation Alliance Meeting

g. Board was informed of name change from ManDak Zero Till workshop, to Northern Prairies Ag Innovation Alliance Meeting and of 2017 dates.

9. Other Business

a. Soil Sampling – Hanson informed board that Yatsin Berger will not be able to assist because of his knee surgery, asked board their thoughts on having Daryl Heid assist with soil sampling if needed, after detailed discussion and questions it was agreed he could be used only if needed to help balance Hanson's time.

b. ARS – Harner informed board of retirement of Matt Sanderson director of ARS – other scientists will be covering the direction until position is filled.

**Motion by Bauer Seconded by Harner to adjourn. Motion carried**

Next Meeting Tuesday October 4<sup>th</sup> @ 7 am

Respectfully Submitted

JD Hanson, Manager  
Oliver Soil Conservation District