

# NDCDEA 2018 ANNUAL REPORT

## **What Does the NDCDEA Do for Me?**

NDCDEA (ND Conservation District Employees Association) membership is like a tree with many branches of knowledge that one can climb onto for information on education, administration, technical/operational services, or even just hands-on demonstrations through the wide variety of trainings/workshops the NDCDEA directors put on for the employees. With this “tree of knowledge”, we can continue to “branch” out to others and continue to strive toward our common conservation goals.

### **The NDCDEA:**

- ◆ Represents all of the district employees at the NDASCD meetings, legislative sessions, and at events like Conservation at the Capitol
- ◆ Spreads the word about resources we need along with funding for programs like Eco-Ed, Envirothon, and the TREES Program
- ◆ Awards a \$1000 scholarship to a ND resident pursuing a career in agriculture or conservation
- ◆ Brings in speakers for the breakout sessions and organizes the auction and 50/50 raffle at the convention in November, along with other fundraising opportunities
- ◆ Arranges speakers for the annual Tree Promotion Workshop
- ◆ Plans and executes Windbreak Technology Courses
- ◆ Represents employees at partnership meetings, NDASCD quarterly meetings, and National Conservation District Employees Association meetings (at the regional and national level)
- ◆ Acts in an advisory role with the State Soil Conservation Committee (SSCC) with supervisor trainings and the District Accomplishment Reporting Tool (DART). NDCDEA will own DART and assistance for maintenance and operating will come from the SSCC
- ◆ Received a NACD training grant and OHF grant dollars for tree plantings



#### **Directors:**

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Top: District employees taking in the new employees training taught by Betty Brown at the 2018 Tree Promotion Workshop

Bottom: Kyle Thomson performing a soils demonstration at the Windbreak Technology Course in front of about 30 district employees and partners in September, 2018. Feedback from the workshop was positive and we plan to hold a similar event in 2020

