

NDCDEA Employees Meeting
Radisson Hotel
March 17th, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by President Dustin Krueger. A quorum was present. See attachment for present members.

Minutes:

The minutes were presented from the December 7th, 2021 meeting. ***J.D. Hanson motioned to approve the minutes. Valerie Frohlich seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.***

Financial Report:

Darci reported that there are currently 68 paid members, along with 14 regional members. The 2022 budget was reviewed and accepted at the directors meeting on March 15th. ***Jaci Cargo motioned to approve the Financial Report as presented by Darci Gahner. Ryan Thorson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.***

Old Business:

- 2022 Above and Beyond Award
Jeffrey Miller from Cass County SCD is this year's recipient and was given the award (\$100.00 gift card) during the noon luncheon at tree promotion. It was decided at the directors meeting that the Above and Beyond award will be given out every two years instead of every year. 2024 will be the next time this award will be handed out.
- 2022 Scholarship
Brenna Hosman and Garin Opdahl were selected as the two-\$1,000.00 scholarship winners for 2022.
- 2023 Tree Promotion
No planning has started yet, but employees are encouraged to email the directors in their area about topics/training ideas they would like to see.

New Business:

- Lincoln Oakes Nursery-Jesse Thompson, Nursery Manager
Jesse reported on a few of the facility updates at Lincoln Oakes Nursey, along with some of the cooler and humidity systems modifications they are working

on. This will hopefully address some of the stock concerns they are receiving from the districts. Jesse briefly went into the lilac shortage and said the drought and lack of seed is primarily the main concern with the shortage. Jesse said they are looking into hosting a training workshop/session on how district employees/volunteers can properly collect seed. Grading season will be wrapping up soon and final stock numbers will be coming out within the next couple of weeks.

- Outdoor Heritage Fund Update

Currently there is 8.9 million dollars funded for 2022/2023 OHF Tree Assistance Program, with no guarantee that more funding will be available afterwards. There will be another 2023 OHF application this late summer into early fall, so districts were urged to pay attention to deadline dates to avoid slowing down the whole application process.

- 2022 NDASCD Convention

The convention will be held November 20th-22nd at the Ramkota Hotel in Bismarck.

- NDCDEA Raffle/Auction

Starting 2023, the plans are to have the proceeds from the NDCDEA raffle/auction (held during the NDASCD convention) to go towards creating more scholarship funding opportunities.

- 2022 Summer/Fall Training/Workshops

Tree Cooler Maintenance Workshop-

Stetson Myers and Betty Brown will once again be hosting this workshop for new employees on April 19th in Ward County. More information to follow in an email.

UCOW (Urban Conservation Outreach Workshop)-

Planning is underway for August or September. More information to follow at a later date.

Windbreak Technology Course-

Possibly held again in 2023, in conjunction with the NDFS. More information to follow at a later date.

Other Business:

- North Dakota State Envirothon-Andrea Petersen

Andrea talked about the upcoming ND Envirothon on May 11th-13th at Crystal Springs Camp in Medina, ND. Districts were encouraged to reach out to her with any questions they might have, or information on how to get started.

Other Reports:

- Northern Plains Regional Representative/NACD-Sarah Tunge (Absent) report given by Dustin Krueger.

Sarah Tunge traveled all over to different States and got the opportunity to see and gather different ideas. There will be regional training August 3rd & 4th 2022, in Sioux Falls, SD. The Northern Plains meeting will be June 6th & 7th 2022, in Fargo. The 'Partnership Collaborative Grant' is almost in its final stages, with the name selection reveal, along with fine-tuning of the website's portals and accessibility. Program rollout should be coming out shortly and hopefully this will be a great avenue for people to utilize for cost-share programs/availability from different partnership agencies throughout the State.

With no further business, ***Matt Olson motioned to adjourn the meeting. Billie Jo Hinders seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m.***

Respectfully submitted,

Kari Beckman

Kari Beckman, Secretary