

2020 Annual Report

Board Reorganization and Staffing Changes

Hayden Evans, Seth Hofland, Kathy Vliem remained elected SCD Board Supervisors. Jamie Enerson and Anthony Larson were appointed SCD Board Supervisors. Hayden Evans was elected Chair; Seth Hofland was elected Vice Chair. Shorty Hoerauf and Sean Weinert were appointed SCD Board Advisors.

Natalie Euler resigned the Farm Bill Specialist position in February. Katherine Brackel accepted the position after resigning as the District Technician. Randy Raasch was hired as the District Technician in March and left in August. Two seasonal employees were hired for tree planting. In May, Katherine accepted a position with the NRCS as a Soil Conservation Technician. Alee Boelter started as the Farm Bill Specialist that same month. In August, Jessalyn Bachler started as the District Manager. Gail Froelich retired as District Clerk in September. In December, Katherine accepted the Soil Conservationist position with the NRCS.

Conservation Awards and Scholarships

John and Kathy Vliem received the Adams County Soil Conservation Achievement Award. Randy Holden received the Tree Care Award. Ross Engraf received the Range Management Award.

Michelle Witt was the Chris Christman Conservation Scholarship Winner. The SCD sponsored Riley Hasbrouk to attend the ND Youth Range Camp in June. The SCD was also sponsored the Adams County Fair Overall 4-H Showmanship Winner, Lauren Weishaar.

Education and Outreach

The Kindergarten Trees and Tom Gibson TREES programs were postponed for the year due to COVID-19. The SCD Website (adamscountyscd.com) was created in November with the intent to reach producers.

Workshops and Coffee Talks

The SCD sponsored the Adams County Ag Appreciation Banquet that took place in January. The Tree and Horticulture Workshop was postponed in April. The spring Coffee Talk: Cover Crops 2.0 was postponed. The fall Coffee Talk: Pasture Walk was at Ross Engraf's operation in August. The winter Coffee Talk: Winter Feeding was postponed.

Events Attended

- NRCS Soil Health Team Meeting - Kate Motzko
- 2018 Farm Bill Webinar Trainings - NRCS
- HREC Cover Crops Plots Tour - NRCS
- Soil Health Workshop - Katherine Brackel
- Farm and Home Show - SCD Booth, Jessalyn Bachler
- Farming and Ranching Bottom Line Workshop - Kate Motzko
- SDGC Cattle Handling Workshop - Hannah Nordby and Jessalyn Bachler
- Soil and Water Leadership Academy, Level 1 - Anthony Larson, Sean Weinert, and Jessalyn Bachler



“2020 has been an interesting year for all. From figuring out how to meet with producers safely to attending conferences, trainings, and meetings virtually, it has been a challenge to say the least. We are doing our best to serve local producers and keep conservation going on the ground!” - Adams County Soil Conservation/NRCS Hettinger Field Office Staff