**2021 Annual Report**

Board Reorganization and Staffing Changes

Hayden Evans and Seth Hofland remained elected SCD Board Supervisors. Sean Weinert was elected to the Board in the November 2020 elections and officially took office in January of 2021. Jamie Enerson and Anthony Larson were reappointed yearly terms to the Board as well. Seth Hofland was elected Chair; Sean Weinert was elected Vice Chair. In November, Anthony Larson resigned from his position on the Board.

Jordan Rabon joined the NRCS team as the Farm Bill Specialist in June and Ashley Seiler joined as Soil Conservation Technician in April. Jessalyn Bachler resigned from her role as District Manager with the SCD after accepting a role with SDSU Extension Services. Rachel Ouren filled this role until June after accepting a position with NRCS in Bowman. Shannon Ellig was hired in October as District Manager and remains there at this time.

Conservation Awards and Scholarships

The Buckmier Families received the Adams County Soil Conservation Achievement Award. Howard Steen received the Tree Care Award. K & K Ag received the Soil Health Award.

The Annual Chris Christman Scholarship was awarded to three recipients this year, Rachel Larson, Madison Weishaar, and Lauren Weishaar.

Events Attended

NRCS Soil Health Team Meeting - Kate Motzko
Farm and Home Show -Shannon Ellig
ND Grazing Land Coalition Profitable Pastures - Shannon Ellig Soil and Water Leadership Academy, Level 1 - Shannon Ellig

Tree Planting

In 2021 the Adams County SCD planted 2,200 trees in machine plantings, which came to be over 13,000 feet of trees planted. Another 6,500 trees were sold throughout the community to plant by hand. The goal for 2022 is to plant 18,000 trees in our machine planting programs.

New Services Offered

In 2021 the Adams County SCD added a hydraulic post pounder and water tank/trailer to the list of products and services offered to the community. The water tank/trailer was added through a ND Forrest Service grant for Soil Conservations to help maintain planted trees in drought conditions. Both the post pounder and water tank/trailer can be rented through the SCD.