



## Annual Meeting Recap

The District's annual meeting was a great success! We had a large attendance made up of cooperators/landowners, agency partners, county commissioners, and staff. Program updates were given by NRCS, FSA and ACCD. Afterwards everyone engaged in social conversations over a delicious dinner catered by *Antonio's*.

In 2020, we look forward to working with all of you on new projects, providing technical assistance or just a friendly conversation.



*An enormous thank you to those who sponsored or donated items to our meeting!*

- ❖ AGPRO Inc.
- ❖ Blue Mountain Agri-Support
- ❖ Columbia Grain
- ❖ Cramer Fish Sciences
- ❖ GeoEngineers
- ❖ Casey & Gail Hagenah
- ❖ Happy Day Restaurants
- ❖ Nelle Murray
- ❖ Murray Fisheries, Remi Lorentz
- ❖ Elaine Nagle
- ❖ Roosters Waterfront Restaurant
- ❖ Dan & Ann Sangster
- ❖ Scheibe Farms
- ❖ Schurman's True Value Hardware
- ❖ Stonebraker McQuary Insurance
- ❖ Ken Thornton

## 18<sup>th</sup> Annual ACCD Tree/Plant Sale

- **April 9<sup>th</sup>: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.\***
- **April 10<sup>th</sup>: 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.\***
- **Pre-orders are due by April 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m.**



Conservation tree and plant species are of limited quantities so don't forget to pre-order! Remaining quantities are available for purchase during the April 9-10<sup>th</sup> in person sale. Pre-order will be available during these days and times for pick up. Additional order forms can be found on our website.

*\*The In-Person sale days may be impacted by COVID-19. Updates will be provided on the ACCD website and sent out to the Tree Sale mailing list if any changes are implemented to the Tree Sale activities.*

# Conservation Practice Spotlight: Windbreak

Windbreaks or shelterbelts are single or multiple rows of trees or shrubs in linear configurations. Windbreaks and shelterbelts are primarily used to reduce soil erosion from wind; protect crops, livestock, and home/farmsteads from wind and related microclimate effects; enhance wildlife habitat; control snow deposition; and improve air quality by intercepting drifting chemicals and odors. Windbreak/shelterbelt establishment involves the planting of vegetation to serve the purposes noted above.



The effectiveness of a windbreak or shelterbelt is dependent on the height of the mature plants. Therefore, it may take 20 years or more for the practice to become fully functional. Selection of plants for use in windbreaks should favor species or varieties tolerant to herbicides used in the area. Species diversity, including use of native species, should be considered to avoid loss of function due to species-specific pests. No plants on the Federal or state noxious weeds list shall be planted.

Replacement of dead trees or shrubs will be continued until the windbreak/shelterbelt is functional. Supplemental water will be provided as needed. Thin or prune the windbreak/shelterbelt to maintain its function. Inspect trees and shrubs periodically and protect from adverse impacts including insects, diseases or competing vegetation. The trees or shrubs will also be protected from fire and damage from livestock and wildlife.

## Important Dates for ACCD, NRCS & FSA

- FSA COC meeting on March 18<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m.
- NRCS CSP Contract Renewal Application deadline is March 20<sup>th</sup>
- ACCD Board meeting on April 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at the District's office
- ACCD Annual Tree Sale April 9-10<sup>th</sup>

