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The Official Newsletter of the ND Township Officers Association • NATaT Member

NDTOA Plans 2008 Workshop Tour of ND

NDTOA is again holding workshops for all township officers—supervisors, assessors, clerks, pound masters, highway overseers, zoning officers or any other office holder in a township in North Dakota.

Workshops are scheduled during the last two weeks of February. These workshops bring NDTOA to you, at a location and at a time which allows you to drive into the session and return home that same day. Each workshop will last approximately two hours.

Please bring your green township officers manual as we will be distributing a complete new book for 2008. This will be our major distribution effort and we want as many officers as possible to have this new edition.

All county presidents, or their designee, should be prepared to pick up a supply of new inserts for distribution to the townships in their county.

The program will include a report on organizational activities by newly elected President, Kerry Schorsch. Executive Secretary, Ken Yantes, will lead the distribution of the new edition of the handbooks and review township law changes made during the 2007 Legislative Session. Mark Verke, Risk Management Specialist for the North Dakota Insurance Reserve Fund, will present a slide show on how to reduce potential liability in your township, and there will be an open forum on legal responsibilities in your township with Thomas R. Moe, our attorney-at-law.

This educational workshop is for all township officers and the meeting expense including travel, per diem and the \$15 registration fee is a legally acceptable expense for reimbursement by your township.

An invitation to ALL township offices, supervisors, clerks, treasurers, assessors, pound masters, overseers of highways or any other office holder in ANY township!

Tuesday, FEBRUARY 19 City Hall 2-4 p.m. • Bowman, ND	Tuesday, FEBRUARY 26 Courthouse Basement 7-9 p.m. • Devils Lake, ND
Tuesday, FEBRUARY 19 Regent Cafe 7-9 p.m. • Regent, ND	Wednesday, FEBRUARY 27 Memorial Hall 2-4 p.m. • Bowbells, ND
Wednesday, FEBRUARY 20 Amvets Building 2-4 p.m. • Steele, ND	Wednesday, FEBRUARY 27 Airport International Inn Far West Room 7-9 p.m. • Williston, ND
Wednesday, FEBRUARY 20 Gladstone Inn 7-9 p.m. • Jamestown, ND	Thursday, FEBRUARY 28 Senior Citizens Building 1-3 p.m. • Newburg, ND
Thursday, FEBRUARY 21 Eagles Club 2-4 p.m. • Lisbon, ND	Thursday, FEBRUARY 28 NC Research Ext. Center Hwy. 83 S 7-9 p.m. • Minot, ND
Thursday, FEBRUARY 21 City Hall 7-9 p.m. • Casselton, ND	All meeting registrations begins 1/2 hour before the meeting time.
Monday, FEBRUARY 25 Legion Club 2-4 p.m. • Larimore, ND	Inclement weather announcements will be broadcast by radio stations KFYR 550 & KFGO 790
Tuesday, FEBRUARY 26 101 Cty. Rd. 12B, Ext. Bldg. 2-4 p.m. • Park River, ND	

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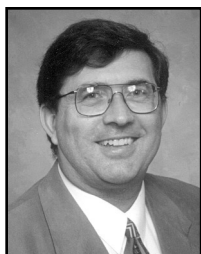
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Meet the President

Kerry Schorsch

I operate a diversified farm and ranch between Regent and New England on the Cannonball River in Hettinger County in southwestern North Dakota. I've been a township officer in Havelock Township for about 30 years—serving as assessor, zoning director and supervisor. I have represented District IV on the state board since 1997.

After graduating from high school in Mandan, I attended and graduated from UND in Grand Forks. My parents lived for 20 years in the Nelson County town of McVile.

I have been married to my wife Marian for 30 years. We have one son who lives in Chicago and another son in Miami.

I and all of the state Board of Directors are committed to helping the townships effectively administer grassroots government in our state. With that in mind, please let us know if we can ever be of any assistance.

President's Message

I would like to thank all of you who voted and elected me President of the NDTOA at our annual convention in Minot. I am looking forward to the challenges ahead. With your continued support, I know that we can continue to enhance and enable township government in North Dakota.

One of the tasks that our state organization faces in the coming year is the continued implementation of the new office of Executive Secretary/Director of Governmental Relations. We have a good man, Ken Yantes, filling that role.

Ken is a real asset to us and to the National Association of Townships and Towns. Ken has had a year in the new job and has been a great help in forwarding our legislative goals and managing the day to day affairs of NDTOA.

Even though the legislature is not in session this year, there are many legislative committee meetings taking place and among his other duties, the executive secretary works to watchdog and protect township interests at these interim meetings.

The contribution of your annual membership dues makes it possible for us to have township representation when legislative matters that affect us are being formulated.

In the last year, with the help of your membership dollars and personal testaments from many North Dakota township officers, we've been able to introduce legislation in the US Congress to attempt to eliminate payroll taxes for township officers; lobbied for and successfully passed state legislation to allow townships to implement temporary 100% excess annual mill levies to help with needed projects; helped enact legislation that curbed the encroachment of extra territorial zoning by cities into

surrounding counties and townships; worked cooperatively with state water boards to implement legislation regulating removal of obstructions in township and county road ditches, and succeeded in removing language in HB 1420 that would have restricted township zoning authority over environmental concerns in townships.

Our bi-annual workshops are coming up in February. A schedule of times and places appear in this issue of our *Grassroots Report*. The North Dakota Insurance Reserve Fund has generously printed new township officer's manuals for us. ***Please have a representative from your township at the workshops to receive your new township officer's manuals.***

One of the messages from state officials that came through loud and clear at our annual convention in December was that township officers need to be informed to be effective. Your attendance at this workshop will help you do your job better.

The financial health of your organization is good because of the duescommitment that all of your townships make every year. Thank you in advance for submitting your dues in a timely manner.

In closing, I would like to thank out-going President, Chuck Thacker of Neche, for all of the time and work he devoted to our township officer's association during the last two years. Chuck is always looking for a way to help the townships.

The board of directors will also miss the good natured Scottish humor, advice and council of Ex-President Donny Malcomb of Minot, who completed his term on the state board. Thank you gentlemen.

I hope to see you all at the February workshops.

Secretary's Corner

Ken Yantes, Executive Secretary

I would like to take this opportunity to thank long time friend, Chuck Thacker, for his many accomplishments as president of our NDTOA. Past President Chuck Thacker took office in December of 2005 with a few promises that were monumental.

He said "We need to bring our accounting out of the shoe box and into the computer age." We now have Barb Knutson as treasurer and computerized financial reports at every board meeting.

Chuck asked for and got cooperation among our state leadership to create a teamwork atmosphere. The third promise he made was to see the realization of a full time Executive Secretary that NDTOA had been working towards since the beginning of its existence in 1966.

Those goals and many more were accomplished during his last two years as president. "We gotta get the train on track," said Chuck "...in order to see where you

are going you should know where you've been." At his direction, a committee was established to produce a 40th Year History Book to document where we had been over the last 40 years.

Our relationship with NATaT had waned and Chuck urged re-vitalizing it. "I think the time is right to get some action on our national policies," said Chuck. I didn't know a thing about how to change things at the national level or even how to book a flight to Washington, DC but when the board under Chuck's presidency said "Go and do." I did.

The introduction of SB2154 "Our Local Officials Tax Relief Act of 2007," which exempts township officers from filing and paying Federal payroll taxes came under Chuck's years of being NDTOA president.

I saved the best for last! Shortly after Chuck became president, the local phone company changed its service area and Chuck and I ended up in the same

area...no long distance charges between the two of us.

The policies of NDTOA said that the president is to serve as immediate supervisor to the executive secretary. I could count on Chuck to call almost every day and ask "What are you up to today, Mr. Secretary? Did you accomplish what you were working on yesterday and how can I help to finish the job if it's not done?"

Early on, our relationship developed the following motto which has been in the NDTOA office ever since. It goes this way, "Sooo---what in the h--- have you done today for the NDTOA?" With that in mind, each morning I sit down to my desk, look at the motto and try my hardest to do something constructive for our NDTOA.

Thanks, Chuck and Joan, for the last two years of guidance and friendship as it was sincerely appreciated.

Payroll Tax Exemption Bill--Where Is It?

Ken Yantes, Executive Secretary

On October 4, 2007 we caused to be introduced in Congress S.2154 which will exempt township officers from filing and paying payroll tax.

Senators Conrad and Dorgan have signed onto the bill as co-sponsors. The bill was referred to the Committee on Finance and will be handled in a subcommittee on Taxation IRS Oversight and Long Term Growth.

Senator Conrad chairs this subcommittee and is ranked third in seniority on the Finance Committee.

It is important that we show support for the passage of S.2154 (our Bill) called the Local Officials Tax Relief Act of 2007. This can be done by writing, telephoning or e-mailing the offices of our Senators and the Senators that are members of the Finance and Taxation Committees.

S.2154 must gain support from committee members from both sides of the political aisle. When it reaches the Senate floor for a vote all U.S. Senators need to be urged to vote for S.2154.

The members of the Finance Committee need to hear from us now. Please contact as many as you can to keep our S.2154 on the way to becoming federal law.

To find the committee members on the internet use a web search for Contacting Congress then click the search button. Then click on Contacting the Congress.

On the left side, click the Committee and Subcommittee link. This opens a page with House of Representative Committees and Subcommittees on the left side and Senate Committees and Subcommittees on the right side.

Scroll down a ways on the right side (Senate side) and you will find the Senate Committee on Finance and under it will be the Subcommittee on Taxation IRS Oversight and Long Term Growth. Click on either of the above committees and you will find the membership of the committee with their names, DC phone numbers, DC fax numbers and e-mail addresses.

Then clicking on the Senator's names will bring on-screen their office addresses, political profile, committee memberships, office staff and personal bio information.

If I can be of help to you, e-mail me at ken@ndtoa.com or call me at 655-3513.

Remember, the main reason to pass this bill is that it takes more money, time and effort to get the paperwork done than it brings in and to pass this exemption thereby promotes efficiency in government.

Treasurer's Report

Barb Knutson, Treasurer

Happy New Year!

First of all, thanks to those of you who have already paid your dues for 2008 and to those who cleaned up 2007.

I would also like to thank those of you who have included a list of townships when making partial payment for the counties. That helps a lot!

Important: Yes, we do...still have to do the IRS paperwork--same as last year. Work is still going with SB2154. Let our Congressmen know the importance of the

passage of this bill. They need to hear from us. It could make the difference.

Have a great year and keep up the good work. Our country needs people who care and are willing to give their time and effort to show it!

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me:

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NDTOA Joins Transportation Steering Committee Ken Yantes

This winter NDTOA was asked to join with the other state entities that provide transportation service to those who use our roads. NDTOA Board of Directors sent Ken Yantes to investigate the Steering Committee's intentions.

Ken was asked to serve on this committee and found himself surrounded by friends that we have worked with in the legislature including Association of Counties, League of Cities, Motor Carriers Association, State and Federal Highway Officials, Associated Contractors, ND Wheat Commission and Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute.

This committee is vitally concerned with the future of our road system in North Dakota as the inflated costs to maintain what we have has been exceeding funding increases.

The size and number of trucks using township, city, county, state and federal road systems have been going up at an alarming rate and this reflects back on the decreasing life span of our roadways.

It was agreed that we should hold a series of informational meetings across the state to inform the public and our legislators of the present and future needs of transportation.

The format of these meetings will also include informal small group discussions. It would help if a good showing of township officers would attend these meetings to express their needs for increased road maintenance funding.

Don't miss this opportunity to be part of future improvement for your township.

At the 2007 Legislative Session, NDTOA caused to be introduced a bill which asked for a one time appropriation of 4 million dollars to be granted to townships for road maintenance.

This bill did not pass but with the support of this committee it may fare better in the next legislative session.

Registration Information

There are four easy ways to register for any of the scheduled workshops. Completed registration forms can be mailed or faxed in, or you can register online at www.ugpti.org.

Registration can also be phoned in by calling (701) 231-7767. For planning purposes, pre-registration is required. There is no fee. ***Registration must be received by February 29.***

Meeting Dates and Locations

March 24: DICKINSON
Days Inn Grand Dakota Lodge & Conference Center

March 25: WILLISTON
Airport International Inn

March 26: MINOT
Grand International

March 27: BISMARCK
Best Western Doublewood Inn

March 28: FARGO
Kelly Inn, Main Avenue & I-29

March 31: JAMESTOWN
Gladstone Inn & Suites

April 1: DEVILS LAKE
Spirit Lake Casino & Resort

April 2: GRAND FORKS
Hilton Garden Inn

**May 1: STATEWIDE CONFERENCE
MANDAN**

Best Western Seven Seas
9:45 a.m.-5:15 p.m.

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings will be held from 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. local time. Lunch will be provided.

Registration Form

Name _____

Title _____

Organization _____

Mailing Address _____

Email _____

Select Workshop Location:

- March 24-Dickinson
- March 25-Williston
- March 26-Minot
- March 27-Bismarck
- March 28-Fargo
- March 31-Jamestown
- April 1-Devils Lake
- April 2-Grand Forks
- May 1-Mandan (Statewide Conf.)

Registration Options

Detach and mail completed form to:
Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute
North Dakota State University
P.O. Box 5074
Fargo, ND 58105

Fax completed form: (701) 231-1945

Register online: www.ugpti.org

Phone: (701) 231-7767

Registration must be received by February 29, 2008.

Constitution and By-Law Changes Approved

The voting membership at the 2007 annual meeting approved the following constitutional change. In Article III the following was added: The quorum for said meeting shall be the number of members present at that time.

A change in Article VIII which was approved in 2006 was adopted which set the dues at \$100 per township member for townships that have a county association and \$105 for those without a county association.

Article XI was changed to read as follows: At the first meeting of the board of directors after the annual meeting, the Board of Directors shall annually appoint an Executive Secretary who shall also serve as secretary of the association and a treasurer who shall also serve as treasurer of the association. All of article XIV was deleted.



Maintaining Gravel Road Surfaces

The dramatic change in the vehicles and equipment using the county and township roads in recent years has caused major concern in maintaining gravel roads.

Farming has changed over the years and trucks and agricultural equipment are increasing in size and horsepower. The energy boom in North Dakota has also resulted in the increase in the size and volume of traffic on our gravel roads.

Maintaining existing gravel roads depends on two basic principles; first the use of good gravel and second the proper placement of the gravel. The use of a motor grader to properly place and shape the road is well understood, but the quality of gravel needed is not as obvious.

Often times the quality of a gravel road is blamed on the grader operator when the real problem is the gravel itself. This is particularly true when dealing with wash boarding or excess loose gravel that doesn't seem to stay where it's placed.

To help understand the need for good gravel it is necessary to know what good gravel is. Good gravel contains a mixture of irregular shaped stones with a mixture of sand and clay.

When selecting gravel it's important to have a proper blend of different size stones. The different size stones allow the gravel to pack together with the small sizes filling the voids between the larger sizes.

The shape of the stones is also very important. It is easier to pack stones shaped like a block than those shaped like a marble. The correct amount of clay is also a very important part of good gravel because, when moist, clay acts as the glue or binder and will lock the sizes together to make a strong, tight surface.

Be careful because too much clay will cause the roadway to rut and possibly be slippery when it rains.

Moisture in gravel roads is important. During long dry spells the binding action of the clay will diminish and traffic will start to loosen and even drive the fines and clay out of the roadway.

This is very evident by the dusting that occurs behind your vehicle. When the fines and clay are no longer bound in the road top, the clay and fines start to float on the surface and wash boarding starts to occur.

Driving habits also have an impact on wash boarding. The braking action at intersections or the acceleration on hills will cause shoving of the clay and fines and lead to wash boarding.

When wash boarding is present on a roadway the only way to remove it is to rip the surface of the roadway to about 1" below the wash board, relay and recompact the gravel.

Remember moisture is necessary to cause the clay to bind so the best time to repair wash boarding is in the spring or after a rain. If you attempt to repair a gravel road during dry weather you will need a water truck.

Filling the wash board areas with loose gravel will not fix the problem. The loose gravel will push out and the wash board will return as soon as traffic starts using the roadway.

If you are working with a gravel road that has been in service for a long time without additional gravel being added you might have a roadway without adequate gravel or one with too much large stone that will not compact.

If you have the first situation, a regrading project is necessary. If you have the latter situation, where over time the clay and fine stones have been lost and the best way to correct it is to sweeten the existing stone with material that is needed to make it good gravel.

Occasionally pulling material up from the shoulders and reshaping will correct the problem. At other times hauling in fine stone and clay to rejuvenate the existing gravel is required. Whichever concern you have, moisture and proper compaction are necessary in the restoration.

The NDLTAP center provides training for the maintenance of gravel roads. **This year we have workshops scheduled for February 5 & 6 in Bismarck and Oakes respectively.**

The instructor is Ken Skorseth from the South Dakota LTAP center. Ken is known nationally for his expertise on gravel road maintenance.

County supervisors, commissioners, and township supervisors are encouraged to attend these workshops to get a better understanding of what occurs on the roadway and how to best correct problem areas.

Visit the LTAP website at www.ndltap.org for updated information on the workshops or feel free to contact our office at 800-726-4143, Vern at 701-328-9858 or Dave at 701-328-9857 for additional information.

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Greetings everyone! March is soon upon us and that means annual meeting time. Now is a good time to review annual meeting procedures. See generally section 58-04 in your township officers handbook.

Clerks should review the minutes from last year's meeting just to refresh yourself. Remember to give the annual meeting proper notice in the newspaper.

A few phone calls or reminder postcards to patrons about the upcoming meeting, while not qualifying as official notice, is still a good idea to try to get a few more people to attend. And, it's not too soon to begin recruiting if there will be a vacancy at the election!

Before the March annual meetings; however, your state association will once again be hosting in late February the regional workshops which have been so successful in prior years. Quite a rigorous schedule has been set, with workshop sites located throughout the state.

One should be able to easily attend a meeting at a location fairly close to home. Remember, these workshops are for all township officers, so clerks, treasurers, and zoning officers and assessors are most welcome as well.

A legislative update and information from the North Dakota Insurance Reserve Fund with Mark Verke will be on the agenda. Of most important note will be a new edition of updates for the handbook taken from actions of the 2007 Legislature.

In fact, NDTOA is having a whole new handbook printed this year, so everyone can start fresh. Bring your old handbooks to the workshop and we'll replace the whole thing. Picking up the handbooks at the workshops will also save us quite a bit on postage rather than us sending them all out.

I'll round out the workshop agenda with some thoughts on legal obligations for townships, allowing plenty of time for questions and answers.

The workshops are your state association's opportunity to meet with member townships. It fulfills our obligation stated in our by-laws to provide education and training for our members, and it allows me to place a face with a telephone voice! Please make plans today to attend the workshop when it comes to your area.

I hope this finds all in good health. Keep warm and ponder this bit of philosophy: "It

won't be so cold when it gets warmer."

Following are some questions received in the office, plus a review of some older ones which are still pertinent. See you at the workshops! TOM

Q. I'm from Minneapolis and just inherited some farmland from my grandfather. When we visited the farm this fall we noticed that several road signs on the township road leading up to the farm were broken. Do you know who are township officers are? And, we plan on coming back in March. Can we come to the township annual meeting?

A. Call the county auditor in the county where your farm is. That office should have the names and phone numbers of your supervisors. Yes, you can come to the meeting as it is a public gathering. It is always held on the third Tuesday in March in North Dakota. Because your home is in Minnesota, you won't be able to vote at the township meeting because you are not a resident here. (land ownership does not qualify one for voting) but you surely can attend and have input if the chairman/moderator of the meeting allows you to have the floor.

Q. What happens if we don't have an annual meeting? Nobody ever comes, and we're thinking that we'll just tell the auditor everything will be the same as last year.

A. The first thing that comes to mind is that you won't have an official budget, and any taxes you levy probably would be unconstitutional and be could be challenged—especially by an out of state or absentee landowner, and who would be your officers? Interestingly, the County Commissioners can appoint township officers if no annual meeting is held. See Section 58-04-20. Remember, even if nobody comes to the meeting, it is their opportunity to attend that is important.

Q. Does the chairman of the supervisors have to chair the annual meeting? She will be late getting to the meeting and we weren't sure if someone else is authorized to do it.

A. No, the chairman does not have to chair the meeting. (Although I know that in most townships this is the normal practice)

In fact, neither the chairman nor the other supervisors have any special status on annual meeting day. The law is quite specific that the electors shall assemble and elect one from their number to be the moderator of the meeting. Most of the time that person is the chairman of the supervisors, but that is not required.

Q. Do we have to publish a notice in the paper about the annual meeting? We could just send out a postcard to everyone living here—or, we could even e-mail everyone.

A. The law specifically calls for a newspaper notice. Until that law is changed, it is a requirement. I know many county township officers associations that put in one notice for all the townships in the county. That's an excellent idea and suffices to meet the legal requirements and is less expensive. I even saw one county association that lists all the townships in the county, the various meeting places and times for each township, and a note that if the township wasn't listed that it had failed to be a member of the county association! I like your idea of post cards to remind people of the meeting, but alone it is not sufficient notice under the present law. I also think your e-mail idea is a good one, and I suspect that in the not too distant future electronic notification may be allowed.

Q. We had a landowner put up a fence right down the section line without our permission. It wasn't much of a road—probably just a prairie trail, but the neighbor needs the line to access his land. What do we do?

A. Tear down the fence.

Q. If we have someone come to the annual meeting and we're not sure if they are a resident or not—what is it we do again?

A. Have them sign the voter identification affidavit. There is a copy of one in the back of your handbook, or, you can get them from the county auditor. The person requesting to vote has to affirm under penalty of perjury that they have an address and a residence in the township. If they are willing to sign such an affidavit, then they must be allowed to vote, but the affidavit is sent on to the county for review and possible prosecution if it turns out they made a false affidavit.

NDTOA Annual Meeting Highlights

Kerry Schorsch Elected President

ND Township Officers gathered in Minot on December 3-4 for their 41st Annual Meeting. Kerry Schorsch, New England, was elected President of the NDTOA. Schorsch has represented District 4 on the state board since 1997 and has been very active in all organizational efforts.

Joanne Abel, Arvilla, was re-elected for her second term as Vice President. Floyd Miller, Williston, was re-elected Director of District 1; Larry Syverson, Mayville, was re-elected Director of District 3; Barb Knutson, McKenzie, was re-elected Director of District 5. Chuck Thacker, Neche, will remain on the Executive Board as Immediate Past President.

Ken Yantes was appointed Executive Secretary, Barb Knutson was appointed Treasurer, and Thomas R Moe was appointed Attorney-at-Law for the 2008 business year.

Legislator of the Year

District 10 Senator Curtis Olafson, Edinburg, ND, was named NDTOA's Legislator of the Year. This award was given for his loyal support of township legislation. This is the first time the award has been given to a freshman legislator.



Ken Yantes, Senator Curtis Olafson, Larry Syverson, and Chuck Thacker during the presentation of Legislator of the Year Award.

Grassroots Government Leadership Award

Ralph Menke, Felson Township in Pembina County, was given the Grassroots Government Leadership Award for 38 years of dedicated service to his township as supervisor.

Loren Ingebretsen, President of the Minnesota Township Officials, opened the meeting with a pledge to the flag. Al Jaeger, ND Secretary of State, explained the legal definition of a qualified elector and who can vote in a township.



ND Secretary of State Al Jaeger

ND Tax Commissioner Cory Fong explained the changes in taxation brought about by the passage of SB2032 in the 2007 Legislative Session.

Jim Prescott and Todd Kranda, representatives of the proposed Keystone Pipeline, discussed the affects of the pipeline going through 38 eastern North Dakota townships.

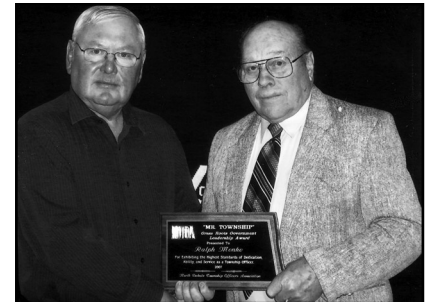
Ross Warner, Risk Service Manager for the ND Insurance Reserve Fund, explained the importance of townships knowing the liability they face if they do not have the proper signs in place during work done on township roads. He urged the use of written contracts transferring the indemnification to those companies that are doing the work for townships.

Francis Ziegler, ND Executive Director of the Department of Transportation, explained the matching dollars available to the ND Highway Department. Dave Leftwitch, Department Engineer, explained the increases in road repair costs and the miles of highway that are serviced by the department.

Thomas R. Moe, NDTOA's Legal Advisor, held an open forum concerning the duties and responsibilities of township officers.



Ken and Chuck keeping the meeting running smoothly.



Grassroots Government Leadership Award recipient Ralph Menke and Chuck.

2007 Resolutions Passed

The following three resolutions were passed by the voting members present at the 41st annual meeting of the NDTOA:

1. The NDTOA supports legislation to limit cities from putting specials on extraterritorial land until it is developed for commercial or residential purposes.
2. The NDTOA supports legislation that cities not be allowed to develop in the extraterritorial zones for city gain until the issue of the four mile zoning is resolved by the Legislature.
3. The NDTOA should promote legislation to raise the townships \$30,000 special road fund limit to a figure of \$100,000 in NDCC 57-15-19.2.

Steve Ginsbach held a policy development session which passed two resolutions in opposition to city extraterritorial zoning in townships.



Warren Zakopyko and Jim Volchenko were a couple of the lucky door prize cap winners.

Special thanks to NDIRF for providing the cookies, coffee and soft drinks at the annual meeting.

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