South Central National Association of Conservation Districts Region Meeting

August 12—13, 2021
Inn of the Ozarks
Eureka Springs, Arkansas

Thursday, August 12, 2021

8:00am  Registration Opens

9:00am  Welcome & Introductions
Jerry Don Clark, AACD President
Pledge of Allegiance
Invocation

Conservation Partnership Reports
Mike Sullivan, AR NRCS State Conservationist
Wes Ward, Secretary, AR Dept. of Agriculture
Dr. Vic Ford, U of A Division of Agriculture
Michael Crowder, President, NACD

10:30am  Regenerative Agriculture
Adam Chappell, Arkansas Soil Health Alliance

11:30am  Conservation Partnership Luncheon
James Tillman, NRCS Regional Conservationist

1:00pm  Bus Leaves the Hotel

1:45pm  Osage Creek Farms, Green Forest, AR
Brent Fry, Owner and Producer

5:30pm  Dinner at Rockin’ Pig Woodfire Kitchen

7:30pm  Bus Returns to hotel

On his farm in Cotton Plant, Arkansas, Adam Chappell tends 9,000 acres of cotton, corn, soybeans, and rice. Chappell’s triumph over pigweed made him a proponent of regenerative farming practices. He stopped tilling most of the soil, which depletes it, and he’s nearly eliminated pesticide and synthetic fertilizer. His soil has become healthy and dark, alive with earthworms, rich with carbon.

The Osage Creek Farms currently runs 200 head of Angus base cattle in a rotational grazing system that allows them to have fresh grass year round. They drink from spring fed tire tanks which allows us to reduce erosion. In June 2017, they purchased an additional 700 acre expansion and are working to incorporate into the current operation which includes farm-to-table sales and marketing.
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8:00am Buffet Breakfast

8:30am SC NACD Employees Meeting
Coleta Bratten, Dewey County CD

9:00am Arkansas Discovery Farms
Dr. Mike Daniels, U of A Division of Agriculture
Jeff Marley, Producer, Marley Farms

9:30am SC NACD Auxiliary Meeting
Dianne Jeans, SC NACD Auxiliary

10:00am Feral Hog Eradication Program
J.P. Fairhead, Feral Hog Coordinator, ADA
Robert Byrd, State Director, APHIS
Ryan Farney, Feral Hog Coordinator, AGFC

10:30am SC NACD Business Session
Call to Order—Larry Wright, President
SC NACD Representative—Alan Williams
SC NACD Employees Association—Coleta Bratten
NASCA—Mike Brown, Executive Director
New Business
Election

12:00pm Luncheon
Legal Issues and Agriculture
Harrison Pittman, Director,
National Agriculture Law Center
- Thorn crown Chapel
- Christ of the Ozark Statue & Passion Play
- St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church
- Historic Crescent Hotel
- Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge
- Lake Leatherwood
- Eureka Springs & NW Arkansas Railway
- Eureka Springs Trolley
- Historic Downtown
- Pine Mountain Village

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