

# BARNES COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Minutes of Meeting

August 13, 2014

District Office / USDA Building  
Valley City, ND 58072

Board Members Present:  
Brad McKay, Chairman  
Diane Olson  
Bill Bertram  
Charlene Stenson  
Shelly Nelson

Others: Lori Frank, Watershed Coord.  
Jason Elston, Tech.  
Karen Olstad, Sec, Treas.  
Amanda Brandt, DC

The August meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Olson at 7:00 AM at the District Office in Valley City, ND.

Minutes of the July 9, 2014 regular meeting were reviewed and Chairman McKay declared those minutes approved as mailed.

## FINANCIAL:

A list of bills paid during July 2014 was reviewed by the Board along with the Financial Report from July 2014. Bertram made a motion, seconded by Olson, to approve the bills paid and accept the July Financial Report. Voting: Bertram, aye; McKay, aye; Nelson, aye; Olson, aye; and Stenson, aye. Motion carried.

## CORRESPONDENCE:

From ND State Rep. Naomi Muscha: Thank you and address change.

From Don Gruman family: Thank you.

## REPORTS:

**Office Report:** District Conservationist Amanda Brandt submitted the attached report.

**Watershed Report/Eco-Ed Report/Firewise:** Lori Frank submitted the attached report. The Heinze dam repair was discussed by the board. Stenson made a motion, seconded by Nelson, to cost-share the dam repair at 50% through the 319 grant. Voting: Bertram, aye; McKay, aye; Nelson, aye; Olson, aye; and Stenson, aye. Motion carried.

**Tree Report:** Technician Elston reported that he is now doing tree renovations. His summer help has left and he has listed the job with ND Job Service.

## OLD BUSINESS:

**Tree Awards:** The board reviewed the pictures and nominations for tree awards. The 2014 awards will go to:

Field Windbreak.....Rob Eggert  
Farmstead Windbreak.....Dennis Roberg  
Wildlife Planting.....Wesley Heidenreich  
Johnny Appleseed.....Eric Sand

## NEW BUSINESS:

SEP 15 2014

The District will be co-sponsoring a workshop – “Getting a Grip on Salinity” on September 9<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 AM to noon, located 6.5 miles S of I-94 on Highway # 1. Supervisors were encouraged to attend.

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 AM. The next scheduled meeting of the Board is scheduled for September 10 at 7:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen Olstad".

S/ Karen Olstad, Sec/Treas

Approved: 9/12/14



**NRCS Activity Report  
to the  
Barnes County Soil Conservation District Board**

Date: August 13<sup>th</sup> 2014

By: Amanda Brandt - District Conservationist

The field office has been busy working on the following:

- Conservation Technical Assistance (CTA) Planning with producers
- Checking out and submitting payment for completed conservation practices in EQIP & WRP Contracts
- Conservation Reserve Program (CRP):
  - Working on Continuous Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) plans and maps- Rachel Bush is coming over tomorrow to help with our 45 requests.
    - Continuous CRP sign up from June 9<sup>th</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup> 2014
    - No General CRP sign up is scheduled for FY 2014
- Rick Thoreson seeded the Salinity Plots by Kathryn yesterday- looking at a possible tour in October if we get some rain ☺
- Pollinator Field Day was held on Thursday July 31<sup>st</sup>- went well, had 15 total people (including office staff). Thank you Diane & Jason for attending and helping!
- Wetland Compliance meeting held on August 6<sup>th</sup> with the Undersecretary of NRCS Robert Bonnie and Heidi Heitkamp- Curt, I & Shelly attended.
- Attended the Barnes County Water board meeting on Monday
- Attending a Water Board Inter-agency meeting on Friday August 14<sup>th</sup> concerning 10 mile lake

**BARNES COUNTY SALINITY FIELD DAY SET:**

- ✓ Soil Salinity Field Day on Tuesday September 9<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. to noon (6 ½ miles south on Hwy. #1). See Flyer for more information.

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319 Sheyenne Sedimentation Reduction Grant:

Covers everything except BMPs

Outdoor Heritage Grant: Status Report due August 31

Metcalf – diversion, completed, waiting on recpts

Velure – cross fence

Bartz – cross fence, contractor backed out

S. Smith – finished Nut Mgt Plan

Jungles – fence ready to measure

Eberle – finished Nut Mgt Plan

Barnes Co. Hwy Dept. – waiting on designs & cost estimates

D. Berntson – dugout repair & x-fence

Stensland – riverbank stabilization, all permit apps sent in, bid opening Sept. 3

M. Berntson – cover crop

Chautauqua Park – waiting on Star Enterprise for design so permit apps can be sent in

P. Heinze – septic system

Broten – cover crops

PBJ Farms – cover crops

Harvest Partners – cover crops

C. Peterson – waiting on design

Cook – spring dev ?

J. Elston – septic reno

*T. Heinz - dam repair*

Completed Projects:

Kjelland – septic reno

Sauer – critical area planting

Lausch – hayland pltg

Eberle – hayland pltg

WILDFIRE Grant:

46 assessments completed

Jason working on renovations

3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Reimbursement due Sept 30

Eco-Ed:

No report

PARK:

FEMA (Young property) buyout - \$1.00

House has been moved, basement will be leveled, well will be sealed

Sept 9<sup>th</sup> deadline for clean-up, will be sloped & reseeded to a native grass mix