

BARNES COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Minutes of Meeting

September 12, 2014

District Office / USDA Building
Valley City, ND 58072

Board Members Present:

Brad McKay, Chairman
Diane Olson
Bill Bertram
Charlene Stenson
Shelly Nelson

Others: Madeline Luke, VC Comm.

Jason Elston, Tech.
Karen Olstad, Sec, Treas.
Amanda Brandt, DC

The September meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Olson at 8:00 AM at the District Office in Valley City, ND.

Minutes of the August 13, 2014 regular meeting were reviewed and Chairman McKay declared those minutes approved as mailed.

FINANCIAL:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

From Madeline Luke: Request for letter of support. (See New Business)

From ND Health Dept: Report on Maple River (Report was not attached.)

REPORTS:

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

Watershed Report/Eco-Ed Report/Firewise: Lori Frank submitted the attached report.

Technician Report: Technician Elston reported that he has an application for employment for a part time assistant for tree renovations. He is going to hire this applicant. We also have a request from two Dickey County producers to use the pump – 110 miles away. After discussion on safety and time involved in delivering, setup, and retrieval, Bertram made a motion, seconded by Nelson, to not go that far from the county. Voting: Bertram, aye; McKay, aye; Nelson, aye; Olson, aye; and Stenson, aye. Motion carried.

Eco-Ed Report: Olstad reported that Barnes Co./LaMoure Co. Eco-Ed camp was attended by 169 sixth grade students. We held two 2-day sessions with approximately 80 students apiece. After this year, some schools do not want to send their students for over-nights and LaMoure County will do their camps in LaMoure County. Olstad proposed that we offer a 1-day session along with one 2-day session and have the Barnes County schools choose which session they would like to attend. The Board agreed that we should try this next year.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Madeline Luke, Valley City Commissioner, met with the board to explain the grant applications she is working on for the public golf course in Valley City. This proposed grant will supplement the District's 319 grant for riverbank stabilization. Olson made a motion, seconded by Stenson, to write a letter of support for Ms. Luke's grant applications. Voting: Bertram, aye; McKay, aye; Nelson, aye; Olson, aye; and Stenson, aye. Motion carried.

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 October 8 at 9:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,



S/ Karen Olstad, Sec/Treas

Approved: 10/15/14

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319 Sheyenne Sedimentation Reduction Grant: Salinity Field Day- Sept 9th

Outdoor Heritage Grant: Status Report due August 31

Metcalf – diversion, completed, waiting on OHF
Velure – cross fence
Bartz – cross fence, contractor backed out
S. Smith – finished Nut Mgt Plan
Jungles – fence completed, waiting on OHF
Eberle – finished Nut Mgt Plan
Barnes Co. Hwy Dept. – waiting on contractor
D. Berntson – dugout repair completed, waiting on OHF
Stensland – riverbank stabilization, 1 bid, \$ 40,000 over engineer estimate
M. Berntson – cover crop
Chautauqua Park – permit apps sent in
P. Heinze – septic system, completed, waiting on OHF
Brotten – cover crops, waiting on receipts
PBJ Farms – cover crops, waiting on receipts
Harvest Partners – cover crops
C. Peterson – waiting on design
Cook – spring dev ?
J. Elston – septic reno
Logan- grassed waterway, waiting on design

Completed Projects:

Kjelland – septic reno
Sauer – critical area planting
Lausch – hayland pltg
Eberle – hayland pltg

WILDFIRE Grant:

50 assessments completed
Jason will be working on renovations
NDFS coming on the 18th to help with a community assessment
3rd Quarter Reimbursement due Sept 30

Eco-Ed:

Will be very busy the next 2 weeks with reports

PARK:

FEMA (Young property) buyout - \$1.00 ????
House has been moved, basement leveled, well will be sealed
sloped & seeded to a native grass mix



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

Date: September 12, 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
 - Continuous CRP sign up from June 9th to September 30th 2014
- **EQIP Deadline:**
 - Set for November 14th 2014
 - Local Work Group, PPW&GRP, Organic, Energy, High Tunnels & Honey Bee Pollinator Effort
- **Meetings:**
 - Attended the Barnes County Water board meeting on Monday
 - Curt & I will be attending a Drainage Water Management Training next Wednesday in Fargo
 - I am the new Area 2 Civil Rights Representative- 3 year term- My first meetings are Monday & Tuesday in Bismarck.
- ✓ **Soil Salinity Field Day** was held on Tuesday from 8 a.m. to noon. 38 people attended, including agency personnel, local agronomists and producers.
 - Thanks to 319 & Barnes County SCD for proving the dinner, coffee, supplies and TENT!