

# BARNES COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Minutes of Meeting

December 10, 2014  
District Office / USDA Building  
Valley City, ND 58072

Board Members Present:  
Bill Bertram  
Diane Olson, Vice Chairman  
Charlene Stenson

Others: Lori Frank, 319 Coord.  
Jason Elston, Tech.  
Amanda Brandt, NRCS DC

The December meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Olson at 4:07 PM at the District Office in Valley City, ND.

Minutes of the November 12, 2014 regular meeting were reviewed and Vice-Chairman Olson declared those minutes approved as mailed.

## FINANCIAL:

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

## CORRESPONDENCE:

## REPORTS:

**Supervisor Report/NDASCD Meeting:** Supervisor Olson reported that the nursery is losing money and that there may be a lawsuit because of CEO Johnston requesting that districts obtain nursery licenses. Keith Bartholomay was elected as Area II representative and that the banquet was good.

Supervisor Stenson reported that the meeting was a very good experience for her as a new board member. Nursery tour was very interesting.

**Office Report:** District Conservationist Amanda Brandt submitted the attached report. Brandt commented that Senator Hoven was rudely cut off at the NDASCD meeting.

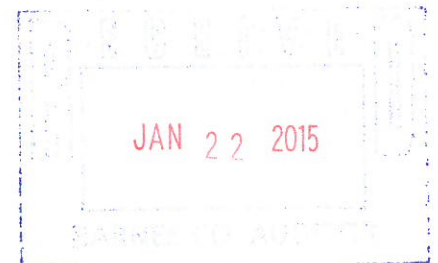
**Watershed Report/Eco-Ed Report/Firewise:** Lori Frank submitted the attached report. The financial request from Stutsman County for Lidar will be discussed in January.

**Technician Report:** Technician Elston submitted the attached report. See Old Business with regard to tree shed. The Board will discuss the irrigation system updates in January.

## OLD BUSINESS:

**Tree Shed Repairs:** Elston submitted estimates on repairs to the existing tree cooler. Stenson made a motion, seconded by Bertram, to complete the necessary repairs. Voting: Bertram, aye; Olson, aye; and Stenson, aye. Motion carried.

## NEW BUSINESS:



**\*Technician Grant:** Olstad is working on the Technician Grant application which is due December 22.

**\*North Dakota Conservation District Employees Association:** Lori Frank was elected president of the NDCDEA at the November meeting of that organization.

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM. The next scheduled meeting will be the Reorganizational Meeting of the Board on January 14, 2015, at 4:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



S/ Karen Olstad, Sec/Treas.

Approved: 1/14/15



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

Date: December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014

By: Amanda Brandt - District Conservationist

The field office has been busy working on the following:

- Ranking the 2015 EQIP applications
- Checking out and submitting payment for completed conservation practices in EQIP, WRP & CSP Contracts

**DEADLINES:**

- **Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) Deadline:**
  - Ranking deadline is January 16<sup>th</sup> 2015 for the following (only ranking the high priority).
    - Local Work Group (LWG), PPW&GRP, Organic, Energy, High Tunnels & Honey Bee Pollinator Effort
      - In Barnes County we have:
        - 26 EQIP-LWG applications (22 High Priority)
        - 1 Honey Bee Pollinator application
        - 5 PPW&GRP applications
        - 0 Energy, High Tunnel or Organic applications
- **Wetland Reserve Easement (WRE) deadline:**
  - Ranking deadline is January 23<sup>rd</sup> 2015
    - 14 applications to be ranked
- **Continuous Conservation Reserve Program (CRP):**
  - State Acres For Wildlife Enhancement (SAFE) - 32,800 acres available
  - Farmable Wetland Program (FWP)- 50,000 acres available

**MEETINGS:**

- NDASCD- Attended
- 2014 Soil & Water Conservation Society (SWCS) Annual meeting & technical workshop in Mandan last week- attended.
- Attended the Water Board meeting on Monday the 8<sup>th</sup>.
- See brochures for upcoming producer meetings in January.
  - Grazing Re-Imagined- Minot, Wednesday Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> 2015.
  - Workshop & Trade Show- Build a better farming system put on by Manitoba-North Dakota Zero Tillage Farmers Association. Dickinson, ND on January 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> 2015.

**OTHER:**

- Curt has been the acting District Conservationist in the Wahpeton Field Office from November 17<sup>th</sup> till next Monday (December 15<sup>th</sup>).

**NEW:**

- Receipts for Service Form- see form we will be using. Required for NRCS but highly recommended that SCD employees use it as well if providing technical assistance to producers.

## SCD Board Meeting

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### Outdoor Heritage Grant:

3rd payment will be: \$18,076.80

Velure – cross fence

Bartz – cross fence, contractor backed out

Jungles – waiting on receipts for tanks

Eberle – cross fencing

D. Berntson – x-fence

C. Peterson – waiting to hear back

Stensland – will rebid in early spring

Bjerke – cross fence

T. McFadgen – manure mgt

M. Heinze – portable windbreak

D.Steffen – tank & pipeline

J. Elston – septic reno

Cook – spring dev?

Completed Projects: \$91,311.46

Kjelland – septic reno

Sauer – critical area planting

Lausch – hayland pltg

Eberle – hayland pltg, wndbrk

PBJ Inc- cover crops

Steffen- pipeline, 2 tanks

Metcalf –diversion

Jungles-fence,pltg,well,pipeline

P.Heinze – septic

D.Berntson – dugout repair

Logan – critical area

Barnes Co Hwy-eroded sites

S.Smith – winter grazing

VC Parks- riverbank

J.Broten- cover crop

M.Berntson-cover crop

### WILDFIRE Grant:

See attached sheet for work done from: 8/15/2012 to 11-30-2014

4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Reimbursement:

Salary, gas, postage, WS booth - \$1,154.26

Renovation work completed - \$3,046.00

Producer payments - \$6,400.00

### Eco-Ed:

Sent in request for Williams Co & my wages

Newsletter has created additional interest

### NDASCD Convention:

Randy Frazier- "What I've learned from 9000 Years of Farming"

Sandra Depountis – ND's Open meeting Laws & Records (didn't have time to get to records)

Mike Brown – Separation of Duties

Measureable goals in Annual Plan

Performance Planning-what does the brd expect of emp. then evaluations can be performed

% of budget for training

Supervisor skill sets

Rhonda Vetsch – Outdoor Heritage - 1.87 million awarded

1<sup>st</sup> batching: 1,353,000 ft. approved (264 applications) \$637,522.26

2<sup>nd</sup> batching: 1,393,784 ft. approved (265 applications) \$628,945.88 = \$1,266,468.10

3<sup>rd</sup> batching: sometime in March-April

Once trees & wb are completed Cons 4 forms will be sent for approval

1 lump sum check will be written directly to the district.

Scholarship: change essay subject, increase amt, double check with school councilors

Lidar Terrain Analysis for the James River watershed.

# Technician Report

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1. Tree Report
  - a. 76,508 planned already for spring 2015
  - b. Initial tree order on 12/5/14. 13,775 trees ordered from 3 nurseries. (Lincoln Oaks, Towner, Big Sioux)
  - c. Still some availability issues with Lincoln Oaks.
2. Shed Repairs
  - a. \$5000? To repair and reline cooler with FRP (fiberglass reinforced plastic) panels 4x8.
  - b. I would be able to repair during the winter by heating cooler. That would eliminate repairs during summer months when I'm busy with other projects.
3. Lagoon Pump
  - a. Talked with several dealers and have not been able to find a traveler gun that is built to be taken on hwy.
  - b. Cadman, Kifco, Ag-rain, OCMIS, Amadas & Hobbs all offer traveler guns. All are almost identical in design. None are designed to be on the highway.
  - c. All manufactures offer many different sizes and specs to suit producer's needs. To be kept and used by individual producers.
  - d. \$32,000 for new reel. Reel is less than ½ the weight of what we currently have. Can use our own lay flat hose. Waiting on est for trailer brakes on lay flat trailer. Also waiting on trade in value of our reel. May get more selling to a producer.
  - e. Can use our own purge kit. If we sell to a producer will also need to buy a new gun (\$1800) if sold to a producer?
4. Manure Spreader-
  - a. Lamoure has Kuhn PS 160-Vertical beaters, 600 cubic ft. capacity can still pull with pickup-
  - b. Trade every 2 years or you run into maintenance
  - c. Current price \$53,000 for Kuhn PS 160 (Degelman-waiting on quote)
  - d. Can generate \$12-15,000/yr if it stays busy-Producer picks up and drops off