

# BARNES COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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## Minutes of Meeting

May 13, 2015

District Office / USDA Building

Valley City, ND 58072

### Board Members Present:

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

### Others:

Stuart Blotter, NRSC Jmst  
Jason Elston, Tech.  
Derek Schmitt, NRCS DC  
Karen Olstad, Sec/Treas.  
Lori Frank- 319 Coordinator

The May meeting was called to order by Chairman McKay at 8:00 AM at the District Office in Valley City, ND.

Minutes of the April 08, 2015, board meeting were reviewed and Chairman McKay declared those minutes approved as mailed.

### REPORTS:

**Office Report:** District Conservationist Derek Schmitt submitted the attached report.

**Technician Report:** Technician Elston reported that tree planting has commenced but now halted after the excessive rain. We have 2 or 3 planting days left but will have to probably start weed barrier before we continue with the wetter site plantings. The cooler is broke down and have Bakkegard/Shell stopping out to fix it.

**Watershed Report:** Loir gave a report on watershed, firewise and Heritage Fund, see attached.

### FINANCIAL:

A list of bills paid during April 2015 was reviewed by the Board along with the Financial Report from April 2015, it was noted that the outstanding bills for producers were not listed in the Financial. That report will be sent out in the mail for review by the board..

D. Olson made a motion to approve the bills paid and accept the April Financial Report . Voting: McKay, aye;

D. Olson, aye; and Stenson, aye; Bertram, aye, Nelson aye -Motion carried.

### CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Passed around a thank you from Amanda and family for the baby gift
2. 4 rooms have been reserved by NDASCD for the annual meeting in Bismarck, With a follow up in August to confirm names and time of individual who are attending.
3. Follow up letter received from the NDSU Soil Science Dept. thanking our county for the opportunity to speak to us.
4. Memorandum from Scott Hochhalter

### NEW BUSINESS:

- BMP team Grant – Karen Olstad suggested that Barnes County SCD become the sponsor and write the new grant for the BMP team pending the Sheyenne Valley James approval. Will be discussed further next month. At this time the board was in favor.

### OLD BUSINESS:

1. 2015 Soil Conservation Award winner 2015 –A motion was made by Nelson and D. Olson to nominate Noeske Farms for the 2015 Soil Conservation Award. All in favor Bertram aye, McKay aye, Stenson aye motion carried. Jill will complete proper paperwork and submit a check for the amount of \$420 to NDASCD to pay for the 2 aerial pictures.
2. Dacotah Bank Signatures. Needed up to date information on Board members to add names to our existing Cd's. Jill will drop off information Thursday. No other action needed.

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for June 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am.

Respectfully submitted,

S/ Jill Olson, Sec/Treas.

Approved:

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**Outdoor Heritage Grant:**

Application has been sent in

Contracted for 2015: \$95,844.87 of cost-share

Velure – cross fence	Bjerke – cross fence, have started
Bartz – cross fence, contractor backed out	Eberle – cross fencing
D. Steffen – tank & pipeline	D. Berntson – x-fence
J. Elston – septic reno	M. Dahl – cover crops
Stensland – streambank, ready to go	B. Emery – hayland pltg
Wittenberg- gr waterway	B. Roehrich – x-fence, range pltg
Kvein – artesian well sealing	W. Cook – Pipeline, tank

Completed Projects: \$100,111.15 cost-share paid out

Kjelland – septic reno	Metcalf –diversion	Barnes Co Hwy-eroded sites
Sauer – critical area planting	Jungles-fence,pltg,well,pipeline	S.Smith – winter grazing
Lausch – hayland pltg	P.Heinze – septic	VC Parks- riverbank
Eberle – hayland pltg, wndbrk	D.Berntson – dugout repair	J.Broten- cover crop
PBJ Inc- cover crops	Logan – critical area	M.Berntson-cover crop
Steffen- pipeline, 2 tanks	Amann – portable windbreak	

Not under contract yet:

9 <sup>th</sup> St Project – erosion control	M. Heinze – portable windbreak
Diegel – well, pipeline, tanks, x-fence	J. Stevens – spring development

Remaining OHF Balance - \$25,888.85

**319 Sedimentation Reduction Grant:**

Expenditures 4-1-2014 to 4-30-2015 \$91,654.12

**WILDFIRE Grant:**

24 assessments & 4 renovations lined up for this spring  
Will do Valley City Assessment this summer  
Have spent: \$50,474.56 (\$44,700.40 on BMP's)  
Award was for \$300,000.00 We need to get it spent...

**Eco-Ed:**

Sent out 2015 required report forms to all districts

**May:**

6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> - Envirothon

**June:**

3<sup>rd</sup> – OHF Presentation

10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> – Leadership Council Mtg. Minot

23<sup>rd</sup> – Area III mtg. Velva

24<sup>th</sup> – Area V mtg. Grant Co.

25<sup>th</sup> - Area IV mtg. Steele

## **Acting DC Board Report**

### **1. General office function**

### **2. Programs**

#### **a. Ranking for CSP**

- i. 6 applications**
- ii. Crop and Range**

#### **b. Finishing up EQIP Contracting**

#### **c. Delta Waterfowl**

- i. 10 Applications forwarded to Delta Waterfowl**

#### **d. CRP, Pollinator Plantings etc.**

### **3. 5% compliance**

### **4. June 3<sup>rd</sup> Amanda comes back**