

# BARNES COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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## Minutes of Meeting

August 11, 2015  
District Office / USDA Building  
Valley City, ND 58072

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### Board Members Present:

Bill Bertram  
Diane Olson, Vice Chairman  
Charlene Stenson  
Shelly Nelson

### Others:

Lori Frank, 319  
Jason Elston, Tech.  
Jill Olson, Sec/Treas  
Alex Reyes  
Amanda Brandt, DC

The August meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman D. Olson at 8:05 AM at the District Office in Valley City, ND. Minutes of the July 8, 2015, board meeting were reviewed and Vice Chairman D. Olson declared those minutes approved as mailed.

### FINANCIALS:

A list of receipts and bills paid during July 2015, along with the outstanding bills due from producers were reviewed by the Board. Bertram made a motion to approve the Financials with Stenson seconding it.. Voting: D. Olson, aye; and Stenson, aye; Bertram, aye, Nelson aye. Motion carried.

### CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Mary Podoll mtg – requested Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>. Jill will check Mary's schedule and see if that will work for her to attend.
2. Reviewed Workforce safety letter of breach of security information
3. Reviewed Brian Johnstons memos and a memo about the nursery and photos
4. Reviewed the Range Mgmt class info.

### REPORTS:

**Office Report:** District Conservationist Amanda Brandt stated that we haven't had our final results from the QAR. Also stated that she is trying to set up a Field day in September. See attached.

**Technician Report:** Jason reported that he sold the old reel and the new reel arrived. Waiting on Vic from Hydro engineering to help put it together. Terry Bryn's renovation is done. Justin Vogel's up next along with 2 other potential locations. City of Fingal used our pump, please advise what to bill. The board discussed and bill accordingly.

**Watershed Report:** Lori reported on her meetings in Bismarck, the surveys that Brian Johnston went over and the 319 report, see attached report.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Discussed and reviewed the pictures of the awards winner Noeske Seed Farm to be announced at the Nov. Meeting in Bismarck. Jason brought up a good suggestion about looking into planting from 9 or 10 years ago to review for our upcoming awards such as backyard stewardship and others. Reviewed the awards possibly given for the upcoming Nov. Meeting in Bismarck. Everything is pretty much ready to submit Sept. 1.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The tree report for this year was put together by Jill. It was handed out and reviewed. Prices will not change for next year. New jackets for the board members along with the district employees were looked at out of Allard Trophy book. Jill will order in sample for sizes for next meeting.

### ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for September 9th at 8:00am.

Respectfully submitted,

S/ Jill Olson, Sec/Treas.

### Approved:

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

Date: August 11<sup>th</sup> 2015

By: Amanda Brandt - District Conservationist

The field office has been busy working on the following:

- Checking out and submitting payment for completed conservation practices in EQIP & CSP Contracts. Completing modifications if needed. Calling contract holders to check on how things are going.
- Determining Continuous CRP eligibility and developing plans, maps and seed sheets (if needed). 19 conservation plans have been developed in the last month.

**PROGRAMS:**

- **Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) General Sign up Coming:**
  - The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will accept new offers to participate in CRP under a general sign up to be held Dec. 1, 2015, through Feb. 26, 2016. Eligible existing program participants with contracts expiring Sept. 30, 2015, will be granted an option for one-year extensions. Farmers and ranchers interested in removing sensitive land from agricultural production and planting grasses or trees to reduce soil erosion, improve water quality and restore wildlife habitat are encouraged to enroll.
- **Environmental quality Incentives Program (EQIP):**
  - 2016 sign up is usually in the fall (October/November).
- Kathryn- Salinity Plots are looking good in certain areas of the field. Possible field day coming up in September.

**MEETINGS:**

- Attended the Water Board Meeting yesterday- discussion about draining Hobart.
- DC meeting- Wednesday August 19<sup>th</sup>- Jamestown- Curt & Amanda
- See Flyers for upcoming field days/workshops.

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Outdoor Heritage Grant/319:

Phase I - dollars have been spent

Contracted for 2015: \$28,044.34 OHF \$27,691.20 319 (cost-share)

Bjerke – cross fence	D. Berntson – x-fence
Dahl – cover crops	Jungles – cover crops
Wittenberg- grassed waterway	Cook – Pipeline, tank
Kvein – artesian well sealing	M.Heinze- portable panels
D. Steffen – tank & pipeline	J.Sorby – grazing mgt
Pritchett- septic reno	Hieb – cover crop
Borchert – septic	Sorby – misc grazing
Rieth - septic	

Completed Projects: \$175,000.05 (cost-share paid out)

Amann – portable wndbrk	Bartz – x-fence	D.Berntson – misc grazing
M.Berntson – cover crop	E.Broten – cover crop	J.Broten – cover crop
Dieterle – septic	Eberle – fence,pltg, wndbrk	Emery – pltg
Heinze – septic	B.C. Hwy – erosion control	Jungles – fence, pltg,pipe,tanks,well
Kjelland – septic	Lausch – pltg	Metcalf – diversion
VC Parks – erosion control	Sauer – critical pltg	Schaefer – septic
S.Smith –cc,fence,pipe,tank,wdbkr	Steffen – pltg,pipe,tank,wdbkr	Stensland – streambank stabilization
Velure – fence	Zacharias – cover crop	

Not under contract yet:

9 <sup>th</sup> St Project – erosion control	Diegel – well, pipeline, tanks, x-fence
J. Stevens – spring development	McFadgen – manure mgt.

Wildfire Grant:

8 assessments completed in July

Will do Valley City assessment in September

Assessments completed - 95 ea.	Deadfall removal – 28.6 ac.	Tree row removal – 32.3 ac
Hazard tree removal – 7 ea.	Rock mulch – 1360 sq/ft	Structure removal – 4 ea.
Tree Planting – 700 ft.	Handplants – 145 ea.	Weedbarrier – 700 ft.
Tree tubes – 72 ea.	Completed FW -180.5 ac.	

Have spent: \$54,026.37 (\$45,453.79 on BMP's) Award was for \$300,000.00

Next payment application will sent in the end of Sept.

Eco-Ed: working with McKenzie & South McLean (new tours)

July:

17<sup>th</sup> – NDASCD meeting, very interest!!!

August:

6<sup>th</sup> – NDCDEA mtg

27<sup>th</sup> – Partnership Meeting (NRCS, NDASCD, SSCC, NDCDEA, Parks & Rec.)

Working on NPS BMP Team grant application