

BARNES COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Minutes of Meeting

December 09, 2015

District Office / USDA Building

Valley City, ND 58072

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

Others:
Amanda Brandt, DC
Lori Frank, 319

Jill Olson, Sec/Treas
Curt Francis, Acting DC

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The December meeting was called to order by Chairman McKay at 4:10 pm at the District Office in Valley City, ND. Minutes from the November 12th, 2015 board meeting were reviewed and Chairman McKay declared those minutes approved as mailed.

FINANCIALS:

A list of receipts and bills paid during November 2015, along with the outstanding bills due from producers were reviewed by the Board. Nelson made a motion to approve the financials with Bertram seconding it. All in favor aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Reviewed Nursery Newsletter with the attached nursery license app. Barnes Co. will not be sending in the nursery app.
2. Reviewed the Conservation Newsletter.
3. Discussion on the letter that all the Board members got from Mary Holm regarding tree sales of nursery's and soil conservations.
4. Reviewed Scott Holchhalter email – nursery license and selling of trees.
5. Reviewed Scott Hochhalter Tech grant email regarding ND tax revenues.

REPORTS:

Office Report: Acting District Conservationist Curt Francis reported that there were 4 Wetland contracts, 5 CSP renewals with 2 approvals that they are waiting on. 2015 payments have been made with 2016 payments in the works. CRP signup is Dec thru Feb 20th 2016. He is still acting DC until the end of the week.

Technician Report: Jason has been working on more tree plans for 2016. He has made some farmstead visits regarding producers firewise renovations and or removals. He has also been helping Amanda and Curt with soil sampling and testing.

Watershed Report: Lori spoke on her attached report. She had a very busy month with the Annual meetings in Bismarck and now will start the prepping for the Tree Promotion in March. She has been developing a new website that is more user friendly. Lori and Amanda have also been setting up a Grazing Workshop (cover crops) for January 14th. See attached report.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Wittenberg Letter – Amanda wanted to make the board aware that she send out a follow up letter to Albert Wittenberg along with some informational maps regarding his last visit.

NEW BUSINESS:

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for January 13th 2016, 4pm.

Respectfully submitted,
S/ Jill Olson, Sec/Treas.

Approved:

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Minutes of Reorganizational Meeting
Wednesday, December 9, 2015
District/NRCS Offices
Valley City, ND 58072

Present:

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

Others: Jill Olson, Sec/Treas

This special Reorganizational meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman D. Olson at 8:00 p.m.

Vice Chairman Diane Olson, board member Charlene Stenson and board member Shelly Nelson need to appoint the other 2 appointed members of the board for 2016. Stenson made a motion to appointed Brad McKay and Bill Bertram for another term for 2016. Vice Chairman D. Olson made a motion to second. Voting members: Vice Chairman D. Olson aye, Stenson aye, Nelson aye. Motion carried.

Nelson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Stenson second the motion. The next meeting will be held January 13th 2016 4:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

S/

Jill Olson
Secretary/Treasurer/Clerk
Approved:

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Outdoor Heritage Grant/319:

Phase II - \$51,198.83 has been paid out
\$12,348.30 will be arriving shortly

Contracted for 2015:

OHF - (cost-share)
Bjerke – cross fence
*Diegel – pipeline, tanks, * x-fence
Wittenberg- grassed waterway
D. Berntson – x-fence
D. Steffen – tank & pipeline (2016)
*T. Velure – range pltg
*D. Hermanson – dam & repair
K. Marler – cover crops
*waiting on payment

319 - (cost-share)

Pritchett- septic reno-7/8 done
Severson – septic reno
M.Heinze- portable panels
J. Elston – septic reno
* J. Stevens – portable wndbrk
K.Marler – portable wndbrk

Not under contract yet:

9th St Project – erosion control McFadgen – manure mgt.

Wildfire Grant:

Will start setting up community meetings in January

Eco-Ed: All districts have been reimbursed

Gave 2015 report to Education Committee at NDASCD convention

November:

22-24th – NDASCD Convention – lots of discussion on Nursery License & selling apple trees
Met with “new” employees Sunday evening
NDCDEA – lots of discussion on selling large trees & fruit trees against mediation
Keynote Speaker, Dave Weber – “Overcoming Life’s Goliaths”
Board Member Fiduciary Responsibilities – 100+ attended
Outdoor Heritage – leaned towards getting wildlife habitat on the ground
Barnes Co – 10 years of publishing a newsletter

December:

3rd – SWCS Meeting
10th – Tree Promotion teleconference
11th – NDASCD Meeting – Bismarck

January:

14th – Grazing Workshop (cover crops)