

BARNES COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Minutes of Reorganizational Meeting
Wednesday, January 13, 2016
District/NRCS Offices
Valley City, ND 58072

Present: Bill Bertram
Diane Olson, Vice Chairman
Charlene Stenson
Brad McKay, Chairman – via phone

Others: Karen Olstad
Jill Olson, Dist. Sec/Treasurer
Lori Frank, Watershed Coordinator
Jason Elston, Dist. Technician

This Reorganizational meeting was called by Chairman McKay at 4:00 p.m.
Since Chairman McKay had called in by phone, he asked Vice Chairman Olson to lead the meeting.

Stenson made a motion, seconded by Bertram, to keep everyone in the same office and positions for 2016. Voting on the motion was as follows: Bertram, aye; Olson, aye; Stenson, aye, McKay, aye. Motion carried.

Vice Chairman Olson made a motion to appoint Jill Olson to the office of secretary/treasurer of the Barnes County SCD. Stenson seconded the motion. Voting was as follows: Bertram, aye; McKay, aye; Olson, aye; and Stenson, aye. Motion carried.

The standing committee assignments on the 2015 Annual Work Plan were reviewed by the Board. Bertram made a motion, seconded by McKay, to keep the same committee assignments from the 2015 Annual Work Plan: Voting on the motion: Bertram, aye; McKay, aye; Olson, aye; and Stenson, aye. Motion carried.

Education and Programs.....Olson, McKay, and Bertram	Legislative Representative.....All
Building, Grounds, and Equipment...Stenson, Nelson and Bertram	BC Zoning Board Monitor.....Bertram
Finance.....All	BC Commission Monitor..... McKay
Sheyenne James RC&D RepresentativeOlson	BC Water Resource Monitor.....Nelson

McKay made a motion, seconded by Stenson, to schedule the regular Barnes Co. SCD meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Spring, Summer, Fall meetings at 7 or 8am and Winter meetings at 4pm. Voting was as follows: Bertram, aye; McKay, aye; Olson, aye; and Stenson, aye. Motion carried.

Bertram made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Olson to keep Wells Fargo Bank, Valley City, as official depository for District funds. This will include the main checking account, the livestock waste checking account, and a savings account. Two Certificates of Deposit are to remain at Dacotah Bank in Valley City. Voting on the motion: Bertram, aye; McKay, aye; Olson, aye; Stenson, aye. Motion carried.

The Re-organizational meeting for 2016 was concluded at 4:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

S/

Jill Olson
Secretary/Treasurer/Clerk
Approved:

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District Office / USDA Building

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Board Members Present:

Brad McKay, Chairman – via phone
Diane Olson, Vice Chairman
Bill Bertram
Charlene Stenson

Others:

Karen Olstad
Lori Frank, 319
Jason Elston
Jill Olson, Sec/Treas
Paul Stenshoel

The January meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Olson at 4:30 pm at the District Office in Valley City, ND.

Vice Chairman Olson gave Paul Stenshoel the floor. Mr. Stenshoel spoke about Hobbart Lake being a natural lake and wanted to make to board aware of the possible draining issues.

Minutes from the December 9th, 2015 board meeting were reviewed and Vice Chairman Olson declared those minutes approved as mailed.

FINANCIALS:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Reviewed Garrahy's thank you note to the board and district.
2. Reviewed the ND Envirothon newsletter and request for continued support. Stenson made a motion to continue with the standard donation of \$1,000.00, Bertram second. All in favor, aye. Motion carried.
3. Reviewed correspondence letter from NRSC to Wittenberg's.
4. Copy of the NDASCD Minutes were distributed to the supervisors for review.

REPORTS:

Office Report: DC Amanda Brandt was unable to attend but Jill Olson gave Amanda's attached report. Jill Olson also went over the Civil Rights handouts from Amanda with the SCD members and Board members. All signed the report acknowledging that they have read through and understand the Civil Rights handouts and brochures.

Technician Report: Jason will be accepting tree plans and orders until Feb. 15th. He currently has approximately 60,000 ft and 17 sites lined up for tree planting. 16,300 trees ordered from LON. Jason has performed several field checks for NRSC along with site visits and pictures of producer's portable windbreaks.

Watershed Report: Lori spoke on her attached report. She is working on meeting with the local communities about Wildfire's and how the community can help prevent wildfires. The first assessments have already been completed.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. NACD Dues for 2016 are due, Bertram made a motion to continue with the \$1000.00 donation, same as last year, Stenson second the motion. All in favor aye. Motion carried.
2. The 2015 Annual Work Plan was reviewed, changes were made for the 2016 Annual Work Plan update. Stenson made a motion to accept the 2016 Annual Work Plan as changed, Bertram second. All in favor aye. Motion carried.
3. Annual Budget for 2016 was gone over. Updated the spreadsheet for 2016 with new budget. Bertram made a motion to accept the new budget for 2016, Stenson second the motion. All in favor aye. Motion carried.
4. Evaluations of the employees. This item was tabled until 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 February 10th 2016, 4pm.

Respectfully submitted,

S/ Jill Olson, Sec/Treas.
Approved:

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United States Department of Agriculture

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

Date: January 13th, 2016

By: Amanda Brandt - District Conservationist

The field office has been busy working on the following:

- Following up with contract holders on the progress of conservation practices being installed in 2015 and making payments on those completed.
- Developing Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) conservation plans, maps, grass seeding sheets and supporting documents for Continuous CRP applications.
- Field checked all wetlands enrolled into the Working Wetlands Program prior to January 1st.
- Working with producers on their EQIP applications and ranking those applications for funding in 2016. 19 applications for Barnes County.
- Ranking the Wetland Reserve Easement (WRE) application offers. Roughly 15 applications for Barnes County.

PROGRAMS:

- **Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) General Sign up:**
 - The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will accept new offers to participate in CRP under a general signup to be held Dec. 1, 2015, through Feb. 26, 2016.
- **Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP):**
 - **Local Work Group (LWG) & State Funding pools:** Ranking is due January 22nd 2016, we are currently ranking the 19 applications we have in Barnes County.
 - **Prairie Pothole Wetland & Grassland Retention Project-** See newsletter article for more information
 - Sign up deadline is February 19th 2016

- **Honey Bee Effort-** See brochure for more information
 - Sign up deadline is February 19th 2016 & May 20th if funds are available.
- **Working Wetlands Program (Delta Waterfowl runs through Outdoor Heritage Fund)**
 - 11 applications, 7 offers made and 5 producers accepted the offers
- **Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP):**
 - Submitted five renewal contracts to Program Liaison by November 30th 2015.
- **Wetland Reserve Easement (WRE):**
 - Ranking is due January 22nd 2016, we are currently ranking the 15 applications we have in Barnes County.

OTHER:

- **Civil Rights Review-** Please see the packet of information about Civil Rights and what posters are needed in each USDA office. If you want more clarification I can provide that at a later date.

MEETINGS/FIELD DAYS:

- Attended the Civil Rights Meetings in Bismarck- January 11th - 12th
- Attending an EQIP Ranking Review meeting in Steele- January 13th
- Grazing for the Winter Workshop- Thursday January 14th 2016 at the Eagles from 9 am to 3. Should be a good workshop, please attend if you are able!
Thanks to Lori for doing all the work ☺

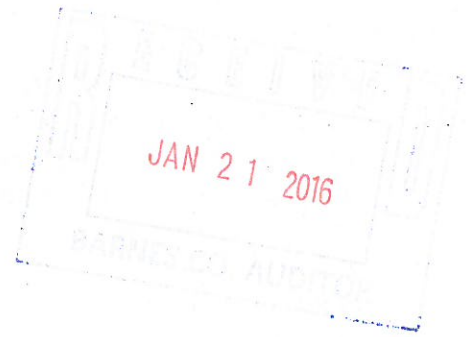
Prairie Pothole Wetland and Grassland Retention Project (PPWGRP):

The PPWGRP is supported by EQIP to provide producers in approved States with assistance to implement conservation practices specifically targeted to encourage the retention of wetlands and grasslands in the Prairie Pothole Region, improve wildlife habitat for migratory birds, improve water quality and quantity, increase grassland health, and reduce soil erosion and sediment.

Financial assistance is available in the Prairie Pothole Region of North Dakota (north and east of the Missouri River) to provide new opportunities for landowners to protect the grassland and wetland landscape of this unique region. Through this project, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will be providing enhanced financial and technical assistance that supports the conservation of the natural resources under pressure. These actions have been developed to provide landowners with economically viable alternatives to maintain their grasslands and wetlands. Available land includes: crop, range, pasture and associated agriculture lands.

All applications that have been received by **February 19, 2016**, will be evaluated for funding. Stop in or call the NRCS office for more information at 701-845-3114 ext. 3.

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Outdoor Heritage Grant:

- Phase II - \$136,452.87 remaining balance

319 Sedimentation Reduction Grant:

- \$167,165.09 remaining balance

Contracted for 2015:

OHF - (cost-share)

Bjerke – cross fence
Diegel – pipeline, tanks
Wittenberg- grassed waterway
D. Berntson – x-fence
D. Steffen – tank & pipeline
K. Marler – cover crops

319 - (cost-share)

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

Not under contract yet:

9th St Project – erosion control
McFadgen – manure mgt.
- Brian Roehrich – fencing, range planting, cover crops
Gary Albrecht – eroding spillway on CCC dam
Mike Schell – eroding spillway on CCC dam

Wildfire Grant:

Will start setting up community meetings in January/February
Grant is for \$300,000.00
\$39,792.54 remaining budget for labor, education, etc. (\$50,000)
\$149,476.23 remaining budget for BMPs (\$250,000)

ECO-Ed: updating forms & test

December:

10th – Tree Promotion teleconference
11th – NDASCD Meeting – Bismarck

January:

12th – NDCDEA Meeting in Bismarck
14th – Grazing Workshop

