

# BARNES COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Minutes of Meeting

March 23, 2016

District Office / USDA Building

Valley City, ND 58072

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## Board Members Present:

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

## Others:

Jason Elston, Technician  
Lori Frank, 319  
Cody Hoggarth, Farm Bill Specialist  
Jill Olson, Sec/Treas  
Amanda Brandt, DC

The March meeting was called to order by Chairman McKay at 7:05 am at the District Office in Valley City, ND.

Minutes from the February 10, 2016 board meeting were reviewed and Chairman McKay declared those minutes approved as mailed.

## FINANCIALS:

A list of receipts and bills paid during February 2016, along with the outstanding bills due from producers were reviewed by the Board. Jill will draft a generic letter to the delinquent producers stating they will be taken to small claims court if they fail to pay their bill. Stenson made a motion to approve the financials with Bertram seconding it. All in favor aye. Motion carried.

## OLD BUSINESS:

Evaluations: Bertram motioned to give employees a \$750.00/per person raised for the year which averages out to be 2%, backed dated until the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year. Stenson 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. All in favor aye. Motion carried. Written evaluations will be gone over next month when all supervisors are present. Going forward, evaluations will be scheduled in December, with pay increases starting in January of the following year to simplify payroll.

## NEW BUSINESS:

None

## REPORTS:

**Office Report:** DC Amanda Brandt introduced Cody Hoggarth, Farm Bill Specialist. Cody works out of the Jamestown office and travels to his assigned counties to work and will be in Valley City helping out Amanda when he can. Amanda as of now is the only employee in the NRCS office working with producers. Curt Francis resigned and took a job in Dickinson. There is now 2 positions open for NRCS. Deadlines are approaching at the end of the month for programs. See attached report.

**Technician Report:** Jason is still taking last minute tree orders. There is a large increase in hand plant orders this year. We will pick up our trees April 14, 15. See attached report from Jason.

**Watershed Report:** Lori spoke about her attached report and referenced that with the large number of BMP's requested that the funds are now depleted. As far as more funding, she is looking for more input from the Board as to what direction they want to go. Otherwise she has had a busy month of March with meetings, Winter Show and Tree Promotion.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Area II meeting April 5<sup>th</sup> in Havana ND. Brad, Diane, Amanda, Lori and Jill are planning on attending.
2. Memos from Brian Johnston about the Area II meeting, bring resolutions, who is up for re-election and a copy of last years minutes.
3. Notice of Annual Meeting for NDIR Wednesday May 11 – Ramkota Inn Bismarck. Let Jill know if you want to attend.
4. Reviewed our first scholarship app. Apps. Due May 1<sup>st</sup>.
5. Memo from Scott Hochhalter – mileage reimbursement went down.
6. David Hopkins letter updating the board on their progress with soil testing and areas of interest.

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for April 13, 2016 7am.

Respectfully submitted,

S/ Jill Olson, Sec/Treas.  
Approved:

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**NRCS Activity Report  
to the  
Barnes County Soil Conservation District Board**  
Date: March 23<sup>rd</sup> 2016  
By: Amanda Brandt - District Conservationist

The field office has been busy working on the following:

- Sending out 2016 Practice reminder letters for contract holders.

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**PROGRAMS:**

- **Conservation Reserve Program (CRP):**
  - General Signup ended on Feb. 26, 2016.
    - Barnes County has 102 applications. Thinking it may be May or later till FSA hears from National Office on who was funded.
- **Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP):**
  - **Local Work Group (LWG) & State Funding pools:** Ranked 15 applications. None preapproved at this time (3/22/16).
  - Waiting on extra money from National so ND can fund more contracts.
  - **Prairie Pothole Wetland & Grassland Retention Project:**
    - 2 applications in Barnes County have been ranked. Waiting to hear if they have been funded.
  - **Honey Bee Effort:**
    - No applications in Barnes County. Second signup may occur on May 20<sup>th</sup> if funds are available.
- **Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP):**
  - Sign up deadline is March 31<sup>st</sup> 2016. Barnes County currently has 12 applications.
- **Wetland Reserve Easement (WRE):**
  - Ranked 15 applications, waiting to hear on preapprovals.

- **Wetland Reserve Program (WRP):**
  - Offsite & Ownership Monitoring of WRP's are due March 31<sup>st</sup>- 10 due in Barnes Co., they have been completed.
- **Water Bank Sign up (WBP):**
  - \$50/ac- Cropland, \$35/ac- Range or Pasture
  - Sign up deadline was March 18<sup>th</sup>.
  - Barnes County has 8 applications.
- **Working Wetlands Pilot Program (WWPP):**
  - Barnes: \$84.10/ac- Only cropland
  - LaMoure: \$106.50/ac
  - Stutsman: \$73.20/ac
  - Griggs: \$66.60/ac
  - Sign up deadline was March 18<sup>th</sup>.
  - Barnes County has 12 applications.

**OTHER:**

Curt Francis resigned the end of February (2/28/16). He took a different job in Dickinson.

Water Board Meeting- Monday March 14<sup>th</sup>- I didn't attend.

- All meeting minutes for the Water Board can be found on their website.

Silver Creek Meeting- Monday March 21<sup>st</sup>- I didn't attend. I did hear that a producer filed a lawsuit against the project.

Secretary Vilsack announced the Mitigation Banking Program for Wetlands, sign up deadline is March 28<sup>th</sup> 2016.

**MEETINGS/FIELD DAYS:**

- Civil Rights Meetings in Bismarck- March 28<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>. Diversity Day on March 29<sup>th</sup> in Mandan.
- See Flyers for upcoming workshops and trainings.
- Office has been trying to think of good workshops/field days we could host. If you have any ideas let us know. Some ideas so far:
  - Pollinator field day at the SCD Park.
  - Cover Crop field day at the SCD Salinity Plot or other location.
  - Grazing Workshop in the field
  - Tree Workshop?

# Technician Report-March 2016

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## Tree Report

- 26 Tree planting sites planned for later this spring
- Total of 70,060ft of machine planting scheduled
- 76 Hand plant orders as of 3/22/16
- Total trees on order 19,470 (12,195 from Lincoln-Oaks, 7,050 from Towner, 225 from Big Sioux)

Tree planting equipment will need minimum maintenance this spring due to the majority of service being done before everything was stored last fall.

We will be picking up our trees from Towner Nursery on April 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 and from Lincoln-Oaks on April 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:00

Jill and I will start flagging tree planting sites next week, weather permitting.

I will need to hire a tractor driver and also a tree planter for springs planting. Craig Klingenberg said that he would be available and would possibly be interested in coming back for the summer. AJ took a job with the Corp of Engineers, but also recommended a freshman football player who would be available to work this summer.

7 Firewise assessments to do this spring with 4 Producers from last year interested in possible shelterbelt renovation.

SCD Board Meeting  
March 23, 2016

Outdoor Heritage Grant/319:

Phase II - \$63,547.13 has been paid out  
\$136,452.87 remaining balance  
- \$160,621.75 under contract or soon to be \*

319 Grant:

2014 Grant \$305,205.00  
-155,599.82 used  
\$149,605.18 balance as of 2-29-2016

Contracted for 2016:

OHF - (cost-share)

Bjerke – cross fence  
Diegel – pipeline, tanks  
Wittenberg- grassed waterway  
D. Berntson – x-fence  
D. Steffen – tank & pipeline  
K. Marler – cover crops  
B. Roerich – fence, cover crop, hay pltg, tank  
T. Velure – x-fence

319 - (cost-share)

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

Not under contract yet:

9<sup>th</sup> St Project – erosion control  
R. Hunter – well, tank

\*T. Eggert – winter grazing system - \$41,447.55  
\*McFadgen – manure mgt. - \$175,000  
\*D. Steffen – 15 cell rotation system - \$55,362.75

Wildfire Grant: see attached contract list

Met with Kathryn & Litchville City Councils & Oriska mayor  
7 assessments to do this spring  
Setting up additional city council meetings

February:

18<sup>th</sup> – DISC Training  
24<sup>th</sup> - Area V Meeting, Killdeer  
25<sup>th</sup> – 319/Corp of Eng. Meeting

March:

2<sup>nd</sup> – Area I Meeting, Nelson Co.  
5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> – Winter Show  
7<sup>th</sup> – Kathryn & Litchville City Council Meetings  
9<sup>th</sup> – NDASCD Meeting  
15<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> – Tree Promotion Meeting  
29<sup>th</sup> – Water Festival, Prairie Waters  
30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> – 319 Coordinators Meeting

APRIL:

5<sup>th</sup> – Area II Meeting, Forman

# OUTDOOR HERTIGE FUNDS

Producer	Practices	\$ under Contract	Balance
14-15	David Berntson		\$136,452.87
14-09	Trevor Bjerke	\$807.84	\$135,645.03
14-06	Derek Jungles	\$7,290.00	\$128,355.03
16-25	Brian Roehrich	\$7,920.00	\$120,435.03
14-18	Dwight Steffen	\$18,709.05	\$101,725.98
15-24	Wittenberg	\$2,370.00	\$99,355.98
15-41	Todd Velure	\$6,300.00	\$93,055.98
	Tim Eggert*	\$5,017.95	\$88,038.03
	Dwight Steffen*	\$24,868.53	\$63,169.50
15-40	Paul Diegel	\$33,217.65	\$29,951.85
	Rory Hunter*	\$6,300.00	\$23,651.85
15-42	Kelly Marler	\$6,000.00	\$17,651.85
	McFadgen*	\$3,273.60	\$14,378.25
		\$175,000.00	-\$160,621.75

\$297,074.62

# Expenditure Summary For *SEDIMENTATION REDUCTION*

Period Of 6/1/2014 To 2/29/2016

A. Personnel	\$66,277.47
B. Fringe Benefits	\$26,181.21
C. Travel, Food & Lodging	\$4,196.93
D. Supplies	\$12.67
E. Rent/Utilities	\$2,160.00
F. Communications (Telephone/Postage)	\$2,141.64
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G. Equipment	\$8,629.00
H. Consultant/Contractual	\$0.00
I. BMP	\$61,820.87
J. Other (Specify)	\$8,908.37
K. Administration (limited to 10%)	\$0.00
L. In-Kind Match	\$79,004.87

**Total Expenditures: \$259,333.03**

<b>Local Match/319 Expenditures</b>	
Total Section 319 Expenditures:	\$155,599.82
In-Kind Match Used:	\$79,004.87
Cash Match:	\$24,728.34
Total Expenditures:	\$259,333.03

305,305.00 Grant  
 - 155,599.82 used  
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## FIREWISE CONTRACTS

	<u>Trees</u>			<u>WB</u>		
Abrahamson, Paul	2250 ft	0.25	\$562.50	2250 ft	0.5	\$1,125.00
Cook, John	3525 ft	0.25	\$881.25	3525 ft	0.5	\$1,762.50
Elston, Judy	12000 ft	0.25	\$3,000.00	12000 ft	0.5	\$6,000.00
Jorissen, Cole	2000 ft	0.25	\$500.00	2000 ft	0.5	\$1,000.00
Lindseth, Jerry	2600 ft	0.25	\$650.00	2600 ft	0.5	\$1,300.00
Richman, Dave	4800 ft	0.25	\$1,200.00	4800 ft	0.5	\$2,400.00

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\$6,793.75

\$13,587.50

Deadfall & Tree Removal

Lewis, Greg			\$7,000.00
Leyendecker, Cal			\$16,000.00

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\$23,000.00

TOTALS \$43,381.25