

# BARNES COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Minutes of Meeting

June 15, 2016

District Office / USDA Building  
Valley City, ND 58072

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## Board Members Present:

Shelly Nelson

Diane Olson, Vice Chairman via phone

Brad McKay, Chairman

## Others:

Greg Sandness, Health Dept

Lori Frank, 319

Jill Olson, Sec/Treas

Jason Elston, Tech

The June meeting was called to order by Chairman McKay at 8:05 am at the District Office in Valley City, ND.

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

## FINANCIALS:

A list of receipts and bills paid during May 2016, along with the outstanding bills due from producers were reviewed by the Board. Nelson made a motion to approve the financials with D. Olson seconding it. All in favor aye. Motion carried.

## CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Reviewed David Hopkins email and maps.
2. Reviewed ND Water Tours map and schedule.
3. Reviewed ND DOT memo about road construction on interstate 94.
4. Reviewed Memo from Mary Podoll along with brochure.
5. Reviewed Glacier Ridge Wind Farm memo.

## REPORTS:

**Office Report:** DC Amanda Brandt was out of the office at training. Lori went over Amanda's report. See attached report submitted.

**Technician Report:** The tree cooler is off and cleaned out for the year. Jason and Jill are over half done with the weed barrier sites. 2 more good days and they will be done. On the off days, they have been moving the drill around, weeding at the pollinator park, and just attended the UTV training in Jamestown. They have planted some perennials at the pollinator park in the new raised flower bed and Jason requested fixing the park bench by replacing the wood so that it is usable again.

**Watershed Report:** Lori spoke about her attached report. The Firewise program along with the ND Forest Service are teaming up to cost share renovations and tree plantings. The newsletter will be coming out shortly with good information about OHF, tree planting for 2017, range management scholarship for August and Salinity Plot pictures and information along with our upcoming High Tunnel Tour set for July 21. Lori and Ron were out at Allan Dollivers regarding a drain issue. Since it was determined that it is a legal drain, 319 is restricted to what they can cost share and help fix. Lori will contact the producer.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Laura Thoreson, is our scholarship winner this year. She is the daughter of Rick and Barb Thoreson, Kathryn. Laura will be receiving \$500.00 towards her schooling. She will be attending NDSCS in Wahpeton majoring in Animal Science. Congratulations Laura.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Greg Sandness, Health Dept. gave a brief water quality update from the last 10 to 12 years. His report and graph showed the levels in Suspended Solids, Total Nitrogen, Total Phosphorus and E. coli. It also showed that the levels are higher at the south sampling site near highway 46. This could possibly be a focus area for the next couple years. Greg also mentioned that hopefully by next winter there will be some workshops for supervisors and staff regarding water sheds.
2. Discussion on the water board meeting and the ongoing draining complaints between Wittenbergs and Shanenko were discussed. Wittenbergs have met all NRCS specs regarding their south grass waterway project according to the 319 guidelines. The water board has requested a surface water drainage permit issued by the state water commission for Wittenbergs. Lori and Shelly will be attending the water board meeting on July 11<sup>th</sup>. Shelly also stated that the Water Board has a snagging and clearing project going on in the winter of 2016-2017. Greg said this will be something to watch. This project could impact the sediment and water quality of the river.
3. BMP team is now under the supervision of the Barnes County Soil Conservation District Board of Supervisors effective June 1, 2016. Signers on the account will be all supervisors, Lori Frank or Jill Olson. The Board was given their first request and ranking sheet for the Powers Lake Project, Nelson made a motion to approve with a second by D. Olson. All in favor aye. Motion carried. Lori will submit request.
4. High Tunnel Tour set for July 21<sup>st</sup>, 5:30 pm at Casey Williams, north of Valley City. An announcement will be sent out in the newsletter. The District will be grilling burgers and brats for supper.

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for July 13, 2016 8:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,

S/ Jill Olson, Sec/Treas.

Approved:

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SCD Board Meeting  
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Outdoor Heritage Grant/319:

Phase II - \$63,547.13 - has been paid out  
\$136,452.87 - remaining balance  
-\$109,774.62 - under contract  
\$26,678.25 - balance

Working in combination with NDFS –  
J. Mueller, G. Mueller, C. Williams  
R. Velure, K. Reidman, B. Mueller, B. Emery

319 Grant:

2014 Grant \$305,205.00

\$187,813.77 -used as of 4/30/2016    \$20,268.63 -under contract    \$97,122.60 -balance

Contracted for 2016: OHF- (cost-share)

Berntson – x fence  
\*Bjerke – x fence  
Diegel – pipeline, tanks  
Eggert – cc, fence, pipeline, tanks, well  
Jungles - cc  
K. Marler – cover crops  
B. Roerich – fence, cover crop, hay pltg, tank  
\*D. Steffen – x- fence, spring dev, tanks, pipeline \*tank & pipeline  
T. Velure – x-fence  
Wittenberg- grassed waterway – G. Sandness was out to site  
\*Emery – pasture pltg

319 - (cost-share)

Elston - septic  
Severson - septic  
Eggert - windbreak

Not under contract yet:

9<sup>th</sup> St Project – erosion control    S. Nelson - septic  
R. Hunter – well, tank    \*McFadgen – manure mgt. - \$175,000  
A. Dolliver – gully washout?

Project is offering 10 scholarships to attend the Range Management School – see flyer

Will be seeding salinity sites soon! (Kathryn, Berntson & Pabst)

Wildfire Grant: will be sending reimbursement request end of the month

Total Expenditures - \$120,154.25    Total In-Kind - \$119,880.64    6-16 Balance - \$179,845.75  
Under Contract - \$14,915.00    Un-Obligated Funds - \$164,930.75

Will be heading out to start assessments as schedule allows.

JUNE:

3<sup>rd</sup> – Range Tour  
13<sup>th</sup> – Water Board Mtg  
16<sup>th</sup> – UTV Training  
21<sup>st</sup> – Area Range Specialist – Mueller site  
22-23<sup>rd</sup> – All Personnel Mtg – Jamestown  
27-29<sup>th</sup> – Range/Pasture Training – Jamestown  
30<sup>th</sup> – Area Range Specialist – Steffen site

JULY:

20<sup>th</sup> – Area IV Mtg - Jamestown  
21<sup>st</sup> – High Tunnel Tour  
5:30 Casey Williams



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

Date: June 15<sup>th</sup> 2016

By: Amanda Brandt - District Conservationist- (Not present)

The field office has been busy answering daily questions (phone calls) & walk-ins, submitting wetland determination requests, potential wetland violation field checks, trainings/meetings, making practice payments and field checks on current contracts, WRP onsite monitoring and starting to work on prescribed grazing plans.

**PROGRAMS:**

- **Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP):**
  - **Local Work Group (LWG) & State Funding pools:** Ranked 15 applications, two were preapproved on 4/8/16, neither wanted to continue.
  - **Prairie Pothole Wetland & Grassland Retention Project:**
    - 2 applications in Barnes County were ranked. None funded in Barnes Co.
- **Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP):**
  - Barnes County had 10 applications. None preapproved for funding at this time.
- **Wetland Reserve Easement (WRE):**
  - Ranked 15 applications. One offer was made on 418 acres, they have accepted the offer so it will be surveyed next and then I will work on contracting.
- **Water Bank Sign up (WBP):**
  - Barnes County had 7 applications. None accepted at this time in Barnes Co.
- **Working Wetlands Pilot Program (WWPP):**
  - Barnes County had 12 applications. 1 application has been approved for funding and contracted so far.

OTHER:

- Water Board Meeting- Monday June 13<sup>th</sup>, I didn't attend but Lori was asked to attend.
- I am at the Soil Summit Meetings in Medora Monday through Wednesday June 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>).
- All personnel, Area 2 meeting June 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> in Jamestown.
- Stock water training June 27, 28 & 29<sup>th</sup> in Jamestown.
- NRCS & SCD Contribution Agreement Proposal- was emailed to Stuart and the State office. Haven't heard anything yet.
- Salinity plots look really good. See the newsletter for a small article. Planning on having a field day early fall.
- Thursday July 21<sup>st</sup> High Tunnel field day at Casey & Carla Williams. Plan on attending, it will be in the early evening-thinking 5:30.