

# BARNES COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Minutes of Meeting

July 13, 2016

District Office / USDA Building

Valley City, ND 58072

JUL 15 2016

**Board Members Present:**

Shelly Nelson  
Diane Olson, Vice Chairman  
Charlene Stenson

**Others:**

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

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

Minutes from the June 15, 2016 board meeting were reviewed and Vice Chairman Olson declared those minutes approved as mailed.

**FINANCIALS:**

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Reviewed David Hopkins email and maps. Discussed progress and cold calling producers for land permission.
2. Reviewed Roger Christenson memo about adhering to Nursery agreement.
3. Reviewed Brian Johnston memos. Barnes Co. SCD will have a booth to display in the upcoming Nov. convention.

**REPORTS:**

**Office Report:** DC Amanda Brandt went over her attached report.

**Technician Report:** Jason went over his attached report summarizing the month of June and July.

**Watershed Report:** Lori spoke about her attached report.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. None at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. BMP team had one new request. The board reviewed and Nelson made a motion with Stenson seconding it to approve the request. All in favor aye. Motion Carried.
2. The BMP team needs funding to start the checking account. The Barnes Co. SCD will make that initial startup by cashing in their \$22,757.30 CD at Dacotah Bank. The proceeds of \$22,000.00 will be deposited into the new BMP checking account until the project is disbanded and at that time the District will be refunded the \$22,000.00. Nelson made a motion to cash in the CD, Stenson second motion. All in favor aye, motion carried. Jill Olson and Shelly Nelson will go to the safe deposit box, retrieve the CD and cash it in for a cashiers check payable to Barnes Co. SCD. The remaining balance of the CD will be deposited into the Barnes Co. SCD main checking account.

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for August 11, 2016 8:00 am.

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

# Technician Report-June/July 2016

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## Tree Totals:

- 26 Tree sites planted in 2016
- Total of 67,355ft of machine planting
- Total of 65,465ft of weed barrier installed
- 82 Hand plant orders totaling 7,408 trees
- Total trees ordered 19,950 (12,500 from Lincoln-Oaks, 7,200 from Towner, 250 from Big Sioux)
- Only 1 cancellation-2,250ft also had to throw roughly 300 trees after surplus sale.

Finished installing weed barrier on June 21, 2016 after fighting rain on and off for a couple weeks.

All planting/weed barrier equipment removed, cleaned and put away.

Have many tree plans in the works for spring 2017 with multiple large CRP, Firewise, OHF and Forest Service cost shares which already equal our 2016 totals.

Spent a lot of time in the last weeks meeting with producers and lining up 2017 tree plans.

Did several on-site visits with producers including on 6/29/16 soil sampling with Fred Aziz at Tom Jewett site.

No till Drill has been to 21 sites so far and continues to be busy weather permitting.

## REPAIRS-

- Replaced multiple worn bearings and gauge wheel tires on drill
- Rear topper door on order(Broken by rock on gravel)
- Had A/C condenser replaced at Puklich(Punctured by rock on gravel)



United States Department of Agriculture

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

Date: July 13<sup>th</sup> 2016

By: Amanda Brandt - District Conservationist

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

**Staff:**

One applicant for Curt's old job as a Soil Conservationist, he declined the job offer. We are back at square one for that job, it will have to re-open at some point.

Have eight applicants that have applied for the Soil Conservationist job (Alex's old job). I have submitted the list of our top 5 picks to Stuart and Brent.

June 30<sup>th</sup>: Went onsite to Dwight Steffen's rangeland to develop a prescribed grazing plan with Lori. Went really well and learned some new things!

**OTHER:**

- Water Board Meeting- Monday July 11<sup>th</sup>, Lori and I attended.
- All personnel, Area 2 meeting June 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> in Jamestown- I attended.
- NRCS & SCD Contribution Agreement Proposal- Jill Howard & Stuart are working together on this right now.
- Rick seeded the Salinity plots to another forage mix, so we are hoping to get another cutting off of it this fall. Possible field day early fall?? Ideas, etc....
- Thursday July 21<sup>st</sup> High Tunnel field day at Casey & Carla Williams at 5:30- See flyer for more information.
- Pollinator plot at SCD Park- apparently bull thistle is very bad, we will work on mowing a few more times before freeze up. This is what is expected on any native & pollinator seeding's for the first three years, plus it has been wet this year so the weeds are thick in the whole county.

See flyers for upcoming field days and tours around the area.

SCD Board Meeting  
July 15, 2016

OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUND:

Phase II - \$86,738.81 - has been paid out  
\$113,261.19 - remaining balance  
-\$ 88,654.11 - under contract  
\$24,607.08 - balance

Contracts:

Berntson – x fence	Eggert – cc, fence, pipeline, tanks, well
Diegel – pipeline, tanks	B. Roerich – fence, cover crop
K. Marler – cover crops	D. Steffen – x- fence, spring dev, tanks, pipeline
T. Velure – x-fence	Wittenberg- grassed waterway – watering on Water Comm.
Jungles - cc	

319 SHEYENNE SEDIMENTATION REDUCTION:

2014 Grant \$305,205.00  
\$201,449.79 -used as of 6/30/2016    \$19,697.18 -under contract    \$84,058.03 -balance

Contracts:

Elston – septic	*Severson - septic
Eggert - windbreak	K. Borg - septic

Not under contract yet:

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

Project is offered 10 scholarships to attend the Range Management School – see newsletter

Will be seeding salinity sites! (Berntson & Pabst)

*Water Bid*

FIREWISE GRANT:

Total Expenditures - \$129,164.25	Total In-Kind - \$128,642.67	6-16 Balance - \$170,835.75
Under Contract - \$25,101.25	Un-Obligated Funds - \$145,734.50	

Have been doing assessments with NDFS. (3- Muellers, Jorissen, Velure, 2- Riedmans, Brown, Carpenter, Helland, Williams, Gubrud, Clauson)

Have about 8 left to do

**STATE-WIDE ECO-ED:**

Slope/Hettinger tour – paperwork sent in

**NPS BMP REQUESTS:**

Park River Watershed – Aaron Wimpfheimer

How to handle K2S payments????

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**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

**AUGUST:**

? - NDCDEA Meeting

**JULY:**

11<sup>th</sup> – Water Board Mtg  
20<sup>th</sup> – Area IV Mtg - Jamestown  
21<sup>st</sup> – Awards Celebration- Bismarck  
21<sup>st</sup> – High Tunnel Tour  
5:30 Casey Williams  
27<sup>th</sup> – Miranda Meehan, Sheyenne

NORTH DAKOTA FOREST SERVICE  
WILDFIRE PROTECTION PROJECT

	Salary	Travel	Supplies	Tele/Post	BMPs	Misc	Total Exp.	Total In-Kind
2013	3rd Q 1443.84				5,263.02		6,706.86	6,338.28
	4th Q 829.44				6,153.55		6,982.99	1,230.85
2014	1st Q 480.90						480.90	1,096.92
	2nd Q				15,622.59		15,622.59	619.90
	3rd Q 1,593.00	272.72			8,215.24		10,080.96	2,707.63
	4th Q 785.76	66.08		13.67	9,446.00	288.75	10,600.26	39,090.59
2015	1st Q 685.10		14.99				700.09	637.53
	2nd Q 973.72			49.00	1,829.00		2,851.72	2,586.16
	3rd Q 1,491.75	195.50			47,736.37	268.00	49,691.62	49,423.62
	4th Q 740.25		14.99		6,258.00		7,040.24	7,117.89
2016	1st Q 1,268.40	32.94			8,000.00	121.68	9,423.02	9,031.27
	2nd Q 469.37				8,540.63		9,010.00	8,762.03
	3rd Q							
	4th Q							
	\$10,761.53	\$567.24	\$29.98	\$62.67	\$117,064.40	\$678.43	\$129,164.25	\$128,642.67

Personnel/Labor:  
Budgeted: \$50,000.00  
Remaining: \$37,900.15

BMP's:  
Budgeted: \$250,000.00  
Remaining: \$132,935.60

*possibly 3 more in the near future*  
*85,101.85 contracted*



# Expenditure Summary For SEDIMENTATION REDUCTION

Period Of 6/1/2014 To 6/30/2016

A. Personnel	\$81,182.45	3,382.60
B. Fringe Benefits	\$31,918.45	1,339.95
C. Travel, Food & Lodging	\$4,719.22	196.64
D. Supplies	\$12.67	
E. Rent/Utilities	\$2,160.00	90.00
F. Communications (Telephone/Postage)	\$2,341.64	97.57
G. Equipment	\$8,629.00	
H. Consultant/Contractual	\$0.00	
I. BMP	\$100,095.31	
J. Other (Specify)	\$10,429.17	
K. Administration (limited to 10%)	\$0.00	
L. In-Kind Match	\$94,261.74	

**Total Expenditures: \$335,749.65**

## Local Match/319 Expenditures

Total Section 319 Expenditures: \$201,449.79

In-Kind Match Used: \$94,261.74

Cash Match: \$40,038.12

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