

# BARNES COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Minutes of Meeting

August 11, 2016

District Office / USDA Building

Valley City, ND 58072

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## 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 August meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Olson at 8:10 am at the District Office in Valley City, ND. Minutes from the July 13th, 2016 board meeting were reviewed and Vice Chairman Olson made note that the wording on approving the financials be corrected and state: a motion to approved financial statement as presented. Jill will correct.

## FINANCIALS:

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

## CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Brian Johnston memos on the upcoming Nov. meeting.
2. Tectra Tech Letter – informational - new sites to review

## REPORTS:

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

**Technician Report:** Jason has broadcasted the Pabst salinity plot, performed repairs on the pickup, the topper and the drill. He has serviced all the renovation equipment and will start on a coppice job and then a potential tree removal next week. Last site on weed barrier was completed on Aug. 1. Jason has attended 2 field days, has been keeping up with maintenance at the pollinator park, has water sampled twice and keeps routing the no till drill as needed. Jason asked the board to advise on a request from an producer who lives out of Barnes Co wanting to rent the pump and reel. The board advised him to follow policy and decline the producer.

**Watershed Report:** Lori spoke about her attached report. She also has 3 BMP's to be reviewed. The board decided to approve 2 out of 3 of them.

## OLD BUSINESS:

1. The new BMP team account was created at Dacotah Bank. Supervisors need to sign signature cards.
2. Annual meeting in Nov. – need to reserve rooms. Jill will call today to book extra rooms and confirm others.
3. Annual meeting awards nominations are due. Barnes Co will be submitting 1 nomination.
4. High Tunnel Tour out at Casey and Carla Williams was a great success with 35-40 people attending. Had great discussions and suggestions from the group along with a grilled out supper afterwards put on by the SCD.

## NEW BUSINESS:

1. NRCS/SCD Agreement has been submitted. 2 year agreement.
2. Salinity Plot tour in September. Dates to be Determined.

## ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for September 7, 2016 8:00 am.

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



United States Department of Agriculture

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

Date: August 11<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 & NHEL/HEL requests, potential wetland violation field checks, making practice payments and field checks on current contracts, CRP status reviews & managed haying modifications and contracting one EQIP.

### Staff:

- Job was offered to someone and they declined so we are back at square one for both Soil Conservationist jobs. They will re-open in the near future.
- Kelsey Naze, Soil Conservationist from the LaMoure Office, has started coming to our office to help me with programs, conservation planning, mapping, etc.

### PROGRAMS:

**EQIP-** All Funding Pools- SIGN UP DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 21<sup>ST</sup> 2016.

- New for this sign up: Applicants may submit applications in all applicable funding pools for the same project. A separate application is required for each funding pool being submitted. When one application is preapproved for one funding pool, the participant must cancel all remaining applications for that same project at that time. For example, if you qualify as a Beginning Farmer, you could apply under the Beginning Farmer funding pool and the Local Work Group funding pool to better your chances of getting a contract.

**CSP-** Sign up deadline to be announced.

### MEETINGS:

- Water Board Meeting- Monday August 8th, Lori and I attended.
- I attended the National Soil & Water Conservation Society (SWCS) meeting in Kentucky the end of July. Very good main speakers and good breakout sessions.
- August 30<sup>th</sup>- FSA/NRCS Compliance Meeting- Jamestown
- September 1<sup>st</sup>- District Conservationist (DC) Meeting- Jamestown

**OTHER:**

- NRCS & SCD Contribution Agreement Proposal- deadline to sign is today. Lori/Jill sent it to Jill Howard at the NRCS state office. Jill has it printed out.
- Salinity plots- the second forage mix was seeded early July. It is looking really good as far as the species coming up (timely rains) for only being planted one month ago. 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. Very good turnout (roughly 35 people) for our 1<sup>st</sup> tour! Tom Jones, Casey & Liam Williams all did a great job. A lot of questions were asked and the meal went over well. Big thank you to Jill, Jason & Charlene for your help!!
- Pollinator plot at SCD Park- Jason mowed that off a while ago (since the last meeting) to cut the thistle. We will keep an eye on it and maybe mow it one more time in the late fall.

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

SCD Board Meeting  
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**OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUND:**

Phase II - \$86,738.81 - has been paid out  
\$113,261.19 - remaining balance  
-\$ 89,158.11 - under contract  
\$24,103.08 - 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 – waiting on Water Brd
Jungles - cc	T.McFadgen – cover crops
Joel & Paul Finn-erosion control	

**319 SHEYENNE SEDIMENTATION REDUCTION:**

2014 Grant \$305,205.00  
\$212,072.19 -used as of 7/31/2016    \$14,562.00 -under contract    \$78,570.81 -balance

Contracts:

Elston – septic	Eggert - windbreak	* K. Borg - septic
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Not under contract yet:

9 <sup>th</sup> St Project – erosion control, new Mayor ?	S. Nelson - septic
R. Hunter – well, tank	A. Dolliver – gully washout?

Project has offered 10 scholarships to attend the Range Management School – see newsletter  
No takers yet....

**FIREWISE GRANT:**

Total Expenditures - \$129,164.25	Total In-Kind - \$128,642.67	6-16 Balance - \$170,835.75
Under Contract - \$41,545.27	Un-Obligated Funds - \$129,290.48	

Completed assessments on M. Buttke, D. Boom, W. Becker, J. Tompkins, G. Crawford  
Renovations completed on Carpenter, Clauson, R. Jorissen and J. Mueller  
Have 4 to do

## NPS BMP REQUESTS:

Ransom County – Leon Pffingsten, streambank restoration

Richland County – Earl Myhre, streambank restoration

Stutsman County -

July invoice from K2S was for \$23,094.56

Paid them \$21,000.00 & will send the rest when we receive reimbursement check

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### 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

27<sup>th</sup> – Miranda Meehan, Sheyenne

### AUGUST:

2<sup>nd</sup> – assisted with OHF tree plan reviews

10<sup>th</sup> – NDFS site visits (Buttke, Becker, Tompkins, Boom)

17<sup>th</sup> - NDCDEA Meeting

22-26<sup>th</sup> – vacation ☺

### SEPTEMBER:

6<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> – Barnes County Eco-Ed

12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> – Grand Forks Eco-Ed

14<sup>th</sup> – Devils Lake Eco-Ed