

BARNES COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Minutes of Meeting

September 07, 2016

District Office / USDA Building

Valley City, ND 58072

SEP 14 2016

Board Members Present:

Shelly Nelson
Diane Olson, Vice Chairman
Brad McKay, Chairman
Bill Bertram

Others:

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

The September meeting was called to order by Chairman McKay at 8:15 am at the District Office in Valley City, ND. Minutes from the August 11th, 2016 board meeting were reviewed and Chairman McKay declared those minutes approved as mailed.

FINANCIALS:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. David Shea report on area storm damage
2. "Did You Know" handout
3. November annual mtg agenda

REPORTS:

Office Report: DC Amanda Brandt was out of the office but Jill reviewed her attached report with the board.

Technician Report: Jason has been busy with tree plans for the upcoming tree season. The no till drill has been getting active again. Jason has also been out to quite a few sites for trees and visits with producers.

Watershed Report: Lori was out of the office for a while this morning. Jill spoke about her attached report.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Salinity plot tour has been set for September 21st.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. None at this time.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for October 12, 2016 8:00 am.

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: September 7th, 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, making practice payments and field checks on current contracts and CRP managed haying field checks.

Staff:

- Kelsey Naze, Soil Conservationist from the LaMoure Office, has been coming to help me with programs, conservation planning, mapping, etc.
- Cody Hoggarth, Farm Bill Biologist, has been coming over more than normal to help with CRP in Barnes County.
- Ryan Foster, Area Rangeland Specialist-Mandan, was over on Tuesday and will be coming back Thursday and Friday to assist with rangeland inventories in Barnes County.

PROGRAMS:

Planning First- ND NRCS is really pushing to plan first before contracting for programs. This means for every application we have (EQIP, WRE & CSP) we are supposed to meet on site with the producer, measure the practices he/she is interested in and assess their resource concerns for their whole farm. I have been onsite almost every EQIP application as of right now. We are not to rank the applications until we have an assessment completed (*example:* if a producer comes into the office and signs an EQIP application the day before the deadline of October 21st, then we as the field office cannot physically get onsite before the deadline, therefore that producer's application may not be eligible for this year's funding).

EQIP- All Funding Pools- **SIGN UP DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 21ST 2016.**

- 18 EQIP applications at this time so far.

CSP- Sign up deadline to be announced. See the new CSP Information Sheet & What's New Summary- The Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) is changing!!

CRP- 11 status reviews have been completed and returned to FSA. Only one major issue. We went out to check Soil Electrical Conductivity (EC) on some fields to see if they would qualify for CRP practice CP18C (Salinity). All CRP's need to be signed and submitted by September 16th or they won't be funded this fiscal year. FSA's programs are all shutting down after Friday September 16th.

MEETINGS:

- Water Board Meetings- per the Compliance meeting on 8/30, I am not supposed to attend anymore (no District Conservationists are to attend). If the water board wants someone from NRCS they are to request Jennifer Heglund.
- August 30th- FSA/NRCS Compliance Meeting- Jamestown- This meeting went o.k., learned a few new things.
- Mary Podoll will be attending the October SCD board meeting (Lori has more information).

OTHER:

- Barnes County Cover Crop Field Day- Wednesday, September 21st- 9 am to 11 am and 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm. Would like at least one SCD board member present if possible @

SCD Board Meeting
September 7, 2016

OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUND:

Phase II - \$86,738.81 - has been paid out
\$113,261.19 - remaining balance
-\$ 92,479.11 - under contract
\$20,782.08 - 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, Water Comm approved
Jungles - cc	McFadgen – cover crops, pipeline, tank
Joel & Paul Finn-erosion control	Helland – s fence

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:

Eggert - windbreak McFadgen - windbreak

Not under contract yet:

9th St Project – erosion control, new Mayor ?
S. Nelson - septic
A. Dolliver – gully washout?

FIREWISE GRANT:

See attached sheet
Have 4 to do

NPS BMP REQUESTS:

No Report

SEPTEMBER:

6th & 8th – Barnes County Eco-Ed
12th & 13th – Grand Forks Eco-Ed
14th – Devils Lake Eco-Ed
19th – NDASCD Mtg
21st – Cover Crop Tours

