

# BARNES COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Minutes of Meeting

October 12, 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

Cody Hoggarth Farm Bill Specialist

Jill Olson, Sec/Treas

Jason Elston, Tech

The October meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman D. Olson at 8:20 am at the District Office in Valley City, ND. Minutes from the September 7th, 2016 board meeting were reviewed and Vice Chairman D. Olson declared those minutes approved as mailed.

## FINANCIALS:

A list of receipts and bills paid during September 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. November Annual Mtg agenda was distributed and registrations were finalized for all who are attending.
2. 2017-2019 Tech grant application was discussed, Jill will be submitting the new application when completed by Dec. 23, 2016
3. 2016 Tree Report was reviewed. At this time the hand plant tree charge and the tree planting/weed barrier charge were discussed. After discussion as to what other districts are charging, Nelson made a motion to increase the hand plant tree fee from \$1.50 to \$2.00 per tree and to set one rate for the trees and weed barrier installation to \$55.00 per hundred ft. (\$.55 per ft.) on all projects for weed barrier and \$30.00 per hundred feet (\$.30 per ft.) on all plantings. Stenson second the motion. All in favor aye. Motion carried.

## REPORTS:

**Office Report:** DC Amanda Brandt discussed her attached report with the board. Cody Hoggarth, Farm Bill Specialist has been helping out more in the office along with Matt Shappell, Soil Conservationist from the Fargo office. Matt will be in the VC office 2 to 3 times a week.

**Technician Report:** Jason has been busy with tree plans for the upcoming tree season. He has been routing the drill around for later fall plantings for producers and has been water sampling for Lori. Jason has everything cleaned up at the shed and will drain the well soon since the temps have been dropping. He mowed at the park for the last time this year and rebuilt the bench.

**Watershed Report:** Lori was out of the office but Amanda and Jill went over her attached report. The board members are concerned about the declining balances in funds and the possibility of another grant to be written for 319 funds. More discussion will be had at the next board meeting with Lori.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Salinity plot tour on September 21<sup>st</sup> was well attended with a lot of good questions and answers from the producers and speakers. Looking at setting up a winter grazing workshop again like last year at the Eagles club. The office staff will be working out those details later.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. NACD dues are due once again. Nelson made a motion to pay \$1000 in dues for the upcoming year which was the same as last year. Stenson second the motion. All in favor, aye. Motion carried.
2. Amanda reviewed the ranking criteria questions due for next week with the board. She also stated that one of the board members should be attending with her, if not, an appointed representative from the office should attend. That is to be decided later this week. Nelson made a motion to keep the existing questions to present at the upcoming meeting. Stenson second the motion. All in favor aye, motion carried.

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for November 9, 2016 8:00 am.

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

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

Date: October 12<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, making practice payments and field checks on EQIP-PPW&GRP contracts and CRP managed haying field checks.

**Staff:**

- Matt Shappell, Soil Conservationist from the Fargo Office, has started to come to help me with program sign-up, paperwork for applications, NHEL/HEL plans and onsite field checks for contracts.
- Cody Hoggarth, Farm Bill Biologist, has been coming over to help with CRP eligibly and plans. He can also help with EQIP when we need him too but I haven't needed him yet.
- Area Office staff has been over helping when requested as well.

**PROGRAMS:**

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

- 17 EQIP applications on file at this time.

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

**CRP- Cody has been out checking Soil Electrical Conductivity (EC) on fields to see if they would qualify for CRP practice CP18C (Salinity).**

**WRE: Sign up deadline is November 18<sup>th</sup> 2016.** Currently sending out letters to existing applications on file.

**MEETINGS:**

- See handout's for upcoming meetings around the area.

**OTHER:**

- Barnes County Cover Crop Field Day- was Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>- 9 am to 11. I thought it went O.K., a few people showed up and good questions were asked. Thoughts?
- Stuart was over on October 3<sup>rd</sup> to complete my performance review. That went well.
- "NRCS Brings Wetland Mitigation to Forefront" fact sheet- see handout for more information.

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OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUND: Phase II

2015 Grant \$200,000.00  
\$112,510.35 - Paid out (\$34,808.05 to be paid out in October)  
\$ 87,489.65- remaining balance  
-\$ 72,163.27 - under contract  
\$17,762.38 - balance

Contracts:

Berntson – x fence	*Eggert – <u>cc</u> , fence, pipeline, tanks, <u>well</u>
*Diegel – pipeline, tanks, <u>cc</u>	B. Roerich – fence, cover crop
K. Marler – <u>cover crops</u>	*D. Steffen – <u>x- fence</u> , spring dev, <u>tanks, pipeline</u>
T. Velure – <u>x-fence</u>	Wittenberg- grassed waterway, Water Comm approved
Jungles - cc	McFadgen – <u>cover crops</u> , pipeline, tank
Joel Finn- <u>erosion control</u>	Helland – x fence
*B. Anderson – <u>cover crops</u>	*D. Anderson – <u>cover crops</u>

319 SHEYENNE SEDIMENTATION REDUCTION:

2014 Grant \$305,205.00  
\$227,989.48 –Paid out                      \$9072.00 -under contract                      \$68,143.52 -Balance

Contracts:

Eggert - windbreak                      McFadgen - windbreak

Not under contract yet:    9<sup>th</sup> St Project – erosion control, new Mayor?                      S. Nelson - septic

ECO-ED GRANT:

13 counties have reported, \$32,988.17 will be paid in mid October  
\$8,586.73 for Barnes Co camps    \$760.70 for Coordinator Salary

FIREWISE GRANT:

\$300,000.00 - Initial Grant  
\$159,651.15 - Paid Out                      \$42,755.72 - Under Contract                      \$97,593.13 - Balance

Not under contract yet: B. Gubrud, City of Leal, J. White

NPS BMP REQUESTS:

No Report

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  
19<sup>th</sup> – NDASCD Mtg  
21<sup>st</sup> – Cover Crop Tours

OCTOBER:

13<sup>th</sup> – Range Mgt workshop - Bismarck

NOVEMBER:

15-17<sup>th</sup> – Facilitator Training - Bismarck  
20-22<sup>nd</sup> – NDASCD Convention