

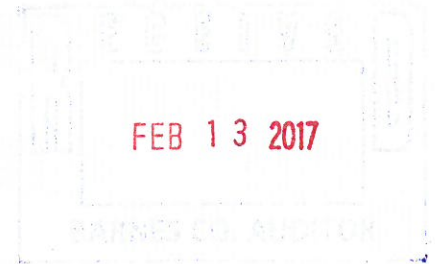
BARNES COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Minutes of Meeting

January 11, 2017

District Office / USDA Building
Valley City, ND 58072



Board Members Present:
Shelly Nelson, via phone
Diane Olson, Vice Chairman
Charlene Stenson
Brad McKay, Chairman

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

The January meeting was called to order by Chairman McKay at 4:05 pm at the District Office in Valley City, ND. Minutes from the December 20th, 2016 board meeting along with the minutes from the December 27th Special Board Meeting were reviewed and Chairman McKay declared those minutes approved as mailed.

FINANCIALS:

A list of receipts and bills paid during December 2016, along with the outstanding bills due from producers were reviewed by the Board. It was noted that Justin Vogel and Rob Olstad are still past due on their bills. Jill will be contacting those producers to determine when those 2 producers can settle up with the district. Stenson made a motion to accept the financial statement as presented with D. Olson seconding it. All in favor aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Brian Johnston memo about another session starting at the Capitol and the upcoming Legislative Day at the Capitol on Feb. 1st 2017
2. NACD Annual Meeting Postcard
3. Mary Podoll Memo thanking the districts
4. SIP reduction rate memo from Brad Olson Conservation Program Manager

REPORTS:

Office Report: DC Amanda Brandt discussed her attached report with the board.

Technician Report: Jason has been taking hand plant orders for the spring. He has been helping producers finalize their new plantings for the spring. As of now we have 26 sites to plant with 55,000 ft. of trees and has ordered 12,000 trees for those sites.

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

Water Board Report: Non at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. 2nd Annual Grazing Workshop to be held on January 12th from 9am to 3pm at the Valley City Eagles.
2. Lori's office responsibilities and grant breakdown information was requested from the board. Included in Lori's Watershed report, second page, is the summary of the grants, the dates and the amounts of money originally granted. As some of the grants wrap up, and no other 319 Sheyenne Sedimentation Reduction Grant written, the board wanted to know the status of each grant in detail.

Discussion was had with everyone attending this meeting of the next steps Lori will take to update the office staff on the grants. It was asked of her to write down step by step instructions on how to administer the BMP Grant, Eco Ed Grant and the remaining Firewise Grant.

Lori was asked at this time if she could move the 319 files to the shared drive in order to train Jill and Jason on the specific paperwork and administration of these remaining grants. She stated that she didn't feel comfortable moving them at this time since she is still responsible for them.

There was also discussion on whether or not 319 can pay out some or all of Lori's accrued Annual Leave and the portion of Sick Leave or will that be absorbed solely by the District. More clarification is required from Scott Hochhalter and Greg Sandness.

The Board asked Lori about the allocation of the remaining monies left in each grant as listed on her report. Their concern being the remaining balance in the 319 Sheyenne Sedimentation Reduction Grant and what is to be used for going forward. More clarification from Greg Sandness is needed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Non 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 February 8, 2017 4:00 pm.

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

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NRCS Activity Report to the
Barnes County Soil Conservation District Board

Date: January 11th, 2017

By: Amanda Brandt - District Conservationist

The field office has been busy ranking WRE and EQIP applications for Fiscal Year 2017 & reviewing CRP payment paperwork.

PROGRAMS:

EQIP- Local Work Group (LWG): The applications have been ranked (Due on Jan. 9th). Area Office preapproved five Barnes County applications (1/11/17). We will be begin working on the contracts and paperwork which are due by February 24th 2017.

- 8 EQIP applications
 - Cropland: 4 applications- High Priority- **All preapproved for funding**; 1 Low Priority
 - Grassland: 3 applications- All 3 High Priority- **1 preapproved for funding**

EQIP- Beginning Farmer, Certified Organic & Animal Feeding Operation (AFO) applications

- Rankings are due January 20th 2017
 - Beginning Farmer (BF): 6 applications- Priority- None
 - AFO: 3 applications- Low Priority
 - Certified Organic: 1 application- Priority- None

EQIP- Special Effort Funding Opportunities- Rankings are due on January 20th 2017

- Honey Bee Pollinator
- Greater Sage Grouse
- Red River Basin- 2 applications

CSP- Sign up deadline is February 3rd 2017

- 12 people interested, 3 applications at this time.

CRP- Cody Hoggarth has been coming over to work on eligibility and writing conservation plans for Continuous CRP's for 2018. 11 completed so far in 2017.

WRE: Ranking deadline & submission to Area Office for review is January 20th. Matt ranked the applications and I reviewed all of the rankings. Waiting to receive some paperwork from producers before sending to Area Office for review.

- 18 applications ranked

MEETINGS:

- 2nd Annual Grazing Workshop- January 12th (TOMORROW)- Eagles- 9 – 2:30
- NDGLC Winter Conference- January 18th
- Wyndemere Soil Health Workshop- Cover Crop Solutions- February 22nd
- 2017 Grand Forks Soil Health Workshop- February 23rd

NEW:

- Have hired one Soil Conservationist – Don't have an Estimated Date of Arrival yet

SCD Board Meeting
January 11th, 2017

OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUND: Phase II

2015 Grant \$200,000.00

\$191,116.74- Paid out (\$9,225.00 will be paid out in January)

\$ 8,828.56- remaining balance

- 15,935.19 - under contract

(shortfall will be paid out with 319 funds)

-7,106.63- Balance

Contracts:

2017 Berntson – x fence

K. Marler – Cover Crop

K. Helland – x fence

B. Roehrich – x fence

D. Steffen – fence

T. Velure – x fence

(Total cost-share \$15,935.19)

319 SHEYENNE SEDIMENTATION REDUCTION:

2014 Grant \$305,205.00

\$259,883.13 –Paid out

\$4032.00 -under contract

\$7,106.63 - OHF shortage

\$34,183.24-Balance

Contracts:

2017 Eggert - windbreak

qill
ECO-ED GRANT:

Wells County - \$1,194.73

\$44,102.93- Balance

Jason
FIREWISE GRANT:

\$300,000.00 - Initial Grant

\$170,195.71- Paid Out \$31,661.62 -to be paid \$12,081.33 -under contract \$86,061.34 - Balance

Not under contract yet: City of Leal, Kurt Reidman

Jason
NPS BMP TEAM:

Water Commission Funds: \$100,000.00

\$4,528.86 – Balance

319 Funds: \$321,000.00

\$321,000.00 - Balance

Jan.

12th – Grazing Workshop

February

1st – Conservation at the Capitol

15 & 16 – Water 101, Bismarck

March

5th -12th –Winter Show

10th – SE Central Regional Science & Engineering Fair - Jamestown

319 Sedimentation Reduction Grant 6-1-2014 to 10-31-2018 \$305,205.00

Final report due 10-31-2018
Funds will be expended prior to that date

Outdoor Heritage Fund 9-16-2016 to 11-30-2017 \$200,000.00

Final report due when funds are expended
Most likely early spring as balance is only \$8,828.56

319 State-Wide Eco-Ed 9-16-2016 to 11-30-2017 \$126,310.00

Final report due 11-30-2017
Will have funds remaining

Firewise 8-15-2013 to 9-30-2017 \$300,000.00

Final report due 9-20-2017
Can end sooner if we want to turn funds back to Forest Service

NPS BMP Team 6-6-2016 to 11-30-2020 \$321,000.00

Final report due 11-30-2020
Have been utilizing Water Commission Funds (\$100,000.00)

Quarterly Newsletter
January, April, July, October

Web-Site

Workshops/tours
Salinity Plot
Grazing Workshop
Tree

Water Festival
Annual event at Prairie Waters

Winter Show

4th Grade Sessions
Annual wetland presentation