

BARNES COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Minutes of Meeting

February 08, 2017

District Office / USDA Building

Valley City, ND 58072

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Board Members Present:

Shelly Nelson, via phone

Diane Olson, Vice Chairman via phone

Charlene Stenson

Brad McKay, Chairman

Bill Bertram

Others:

Amanda Brandt, DC

Lori Frank, 319

Jill Olson, Sec/Treas

The February meeting was called to order by Chairman McKay at 4:05 pm at the District Office in Valley City, ND. Minutes from the January 11th, 2017 board meeting were reviewed and Chairman McKay declared those minutes approved as mailed.

FINANCIALS:

A list of receipts and bills paid during January 2016, along with the outstanding bills due from producers were reviewed by the Board. It was noted that Justin Vogel is still past due on his bill. Justin was in the office this last month and Jill asked him for a check to settle up with the district. Justin stated he will have a check soon. Discussion was had on the current budget for 2017. The Budget is estimated off the Mill Levy application. Jill will double check the budget totals and make corrections. Stenson made a motion to accept the financial statement as presented with D. Olson seconding it. All in favor aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. 2017 Soil Conservation Achievement Program letter was sent out from NDASCD – new nomination due May 2017
2. NDIRF memo – updating the district on their past year
3. NACD Boot Camp, an invitation was extended to any district employees that want to attend.
4. Red River Basin Water Quality Meeting – Valley City Americann Inn February 28 8:30-Noon
5. Amanda went over the RCPP email with the board
6. Prairie Waters 2 day Seminar to be held in Mandan Feb 15 – 16, Jill and Jason are unable to attend.
7. Agassiz Seed seminar in Mapleton on Feb. 9, Amanda and Jill will be attending.
8. KLJ Letter offering engineering and technical services including archaeologists, historians and paleontologists.

REPORTS:

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

Technician Report: Jason was out of the office today.

Watershed Report: Lori spoke about her attached report. See report. She also stated that Greg Sandness will possibly have more funds to transfer over for 319 thus helping cover more projects. More information to come.

Water Board Report: None at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. 2nd Annual Grazing Workshop was rescheduled to February 16th from 10am to 3pm at the Valley City Eagles.
2. Questions on Lori's Annual Leave and Sick leave. Jill inquired with Scott Hochhalter and the payout would follow State policy. Lori also stated that her annual leave balance and the sick leave portion owed would be payable from 319 funds.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The board received a letter from Dane Buysse, ND Envirothon Coordinator requesting a donation once again from the board. Last year the board voted to donate \$1,000. Stenson made a motion to once again donate \$1,000. Nelson second the motion. All in favor aye, motion carried. Jill will send a check.
2. All Soil Conservation Districts received a letter from Debbie Vollmuth on behalf of Earth Day Festival Planning Committee requesting a donation once again for trees. Last year the board voted on 50 trees. Lincoln-Oakes Nursery will provide the trees and bill the district. Bertram made a motion to donate 50 trees again, D. Olson second the motion. All in favor aye, motion carried. Jill will email Debbie Vollmuth to confirm.
3. EQIP- Jason and Jill submitted the Special Project Proposal that was worked on by our Local Work Group. We are waiting to hear if we were approved.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for March 13 2017 4:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
S/ Jill Olson, Sec/Treas.
Approved: 03.13.17

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SCD Board Meeting

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OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUND: Phase II

2015 Grant \$200,000.00

\$ 8,828.56- remaining - 15,935.19 - under contract -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

Greg Sandness will be looking at possible additional funds. Will know sometime in March.

319 SHEYENNE SEDIMENTATION REDUCTION:

2014 Grant \$305,205.00

\$264,672.90 –Paid out \$4032.00 -under contract \$7,106.63 - OHF shortage

Contracts:

2017 Eggert - windbreak \$29,393.47-Balance

Valley City will be mitigating a portion of the riverbank stabilization project (139 feet) that we assisted with for flood protection. Will be meeting with Eric Gilbertson (KLJ) to locate doable sites.

ECO-ED GRANT:

1 spring camp coming up \$44,102.93- Balance

FIREWISE GRANT:

\$300,000.00 - Initial Grant

\$201,884.33- Paid Out \$12,081.33 -under contract \$86,034.34 - Balance

NPS BMP TEAM:

Water Commission Funds: \$100,000.00 \$3,788.06 – Balance

319 Funds: \$321,000.00 \$321,000.00 - Balance

February

1st – Conservation at the Capitol

15 & 16 – Water 101, Bismarck

March

5th -12th –Winter Show

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

15-16th – Tree Promotion



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

Date: February 8, 2017

By: Amanda Brandt - District Conservationist

The field office has been busy ranking EQIP applications for Fiscal Year 2017, reviewing CRP payment paperwork and reviewing CSP paperwork for payments.

PROGRAMS:

EQIP- Local Work Group (LWG): Area Office is preapproving applications for funding, Barnes Counties break down is below. We are currently working on the contracts, conservation plans and other paperwork which are due by February 24th 2017.

- 8 EQIP applications originally. 2 cancelled out, so now 6 total LWG applications.
 - Cropland: 3 applications- 2 High Priority & 1 Low Priority- **2 high are preapproved for funding.**
 - Grassland: 3 applications- All 3 High Priority- **1 preapproved for funding**

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

- Beginning Farmer (BF): 5 applications, 2 cancelled, now 3 applications- Priority- None. **2 preapproved for funding.**
- AFO: 3 applications- 2 deemed Ineligible by AO and 1 ranked- waiting to hear.
- Certified Organic: 1 application- **1 preapproved for funding**

EQIP- Special Effort Funding Opportunities- 2nd batching period- Rankings are due on February 24th 2017

- Honey Bee Pollinator- 0 applications
- Red River Basin- 2 applications- **2 preapproved** (1 app was preapproved under Organic so waiting to hear which one producer wants to enroll under).

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.

WRE: Area Office has reviewed the ranking and required information for WRE applications and are sending them to State Office to be reviewed at this time.

- 10 applications ranked