

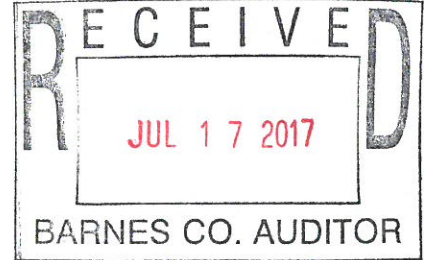
BARNES COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Minutes of Meeting

June 14, 2017

District Office / USDA Building
Valley City, ND 58072



Board Members Present:
Pete Paulson
Diane Olson, Vice Chairman
Charlene Stenson
Brad McKay, Chairman
Shelly Nelson

Others:
Dustin Krueger, 319 Tech Jmst
Jason Elston, Tech
Jill Olson, Sec/Treas
Matt Shappell, Acting DC
Cody Hoggarth, Farm Bill Specialist

The June meeting was called to order by Chairman McKay at 7:05 am at the District Office in Valley City, ND. Minutes from the April, 2017 board meeting were reviewed and Chairman McKay declared those minutes approved as mailed.

FINANCIALS:

A list of receipts and bills paid during May 2017, were reviewed by the Board. Paulson made a motion to accept the May 2017 financial statement as presented with Vice Chairman D. Olson seconding it. All in favor aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Email from Scott Hochhalter stating Barnes Co. was approved for 18,500 for the biennium Tech Grant.

REPORTS:

Office Report: Acting DC Matt Shappell went over his attached report. He also reported that we had 7 apps for our special project and all were preapproved.

Technician Report: Jason reported that tree planting is done with 15,000 ft. of weed barrier application left. Hand Plant surplus sale went well. Still working on phasing the sale out and encouraging producers to order off the form over the winter. He also stated that we planted 50 trees at the park and possibly more once weed barrier is done. As for the fire wise grant, Jason spoke with Tom Claves and the specs that he would like on the grant continuation and how much would be left over.

Watershed Report: Dustin Krueger reported that he will be working on the new grant when time allows. He has been busy with the Jamestown office, drill and tree planting.

Water Board Report: None at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Cass Co. SCD has been in contact with Jill and Jason about Eric – Cass 319 Coordinator coming over. After weed barrier, Jason will have Eric come over to review Barnes Co SCD 319 contracts.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Cody Hoggarth, Farm Bill Specialist spoke about the policy updates in his department and wanted to make the board aware of the current approved working hours. The board all agreed that a letter of concern be written to Cody's current supervisor and to Brian Johnston regarding the hour restrictions and the work load here at Barnes County. Jill will draft a letter and Chairman McKay will sign.
2. Jason wanted to address a possible minimum footage and fee for 2018 tree planting next year. Discussion was had that the SCD is not in the landscaping business and that we were designed for field plantings. After discussion, Stenson made a motion to approve the suggested minimum 1000 ft. planting equivalent to \$850.00. Nelson second the motion. All in favor aye. Motion carried.
3. Bonita Roswick – emailed the SCD asking for support and sponsoring her at the continuing education workshop for "Discover your Watershed." Bonita works for Prairie Waters Education and Research Center. She also helps Barnes Co. SCD at the Annual Eco Ed camp. Stenson made a motion to approve the \$200.00 request, Vice Chairman D. Olson 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 July 12th 2017 8:00am.

Respectfully submitted,
S/ Jill Olson, Sec/Treas.
Approved: 07.12.17

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NRCS Activity Report to the
Barnes County Soil Conservation District Board

Date: June 14th, 2017

By: Matt Shappell - Acting District Conservationist

PROGRAMS:

EQIP- Local Work Group (LWG): We have been working on the contracts and conservation plans for 2017 contracts.

- Grassland: Working on contracting one at this time- legality issues holding it up.

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

- Certified Organic: 1 application-
 - 1 preapproved for funding- submitted to Area Office for review

EQIP- Special Project:

- Seven applications have been preapproved
- Submit to Area office for review: July 21st 2017- Program Staff will review.

CSP- Possible additional 275,000 ac. for ND

- 5 applications ranked. 2 Beginning Farmer/Rancher.
- 2 on the list for possible preapprovals

CRP- Several offers accepted

- Cody has been developing plans for FSA

WRE: 10 WRE applications are at the state office being reviewed for funding.

- No WRE applications in Barnes County were preapproved for funding at this time.
- On-site annual monitoring will be conducted by Craig Middleton and Stuart Blotter

Other:

- Client Gateway - 2 not showing up in system. One more needed by Sept.
- Demo plot seed is here; need to get the drill to Rick's
- Cass Co. 319 - Eric Dahl is available

Office Staff:

- Cody Hoggarth- Farm Bill Specialist, continues to assist with program workload.

Acronyms:

EQIP: Environmental Quality Incentives Program

CSP: Conservation Stewardship Program

WRE: Wetland Reserve Easement

CRP: Conservation Reserve Program

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