

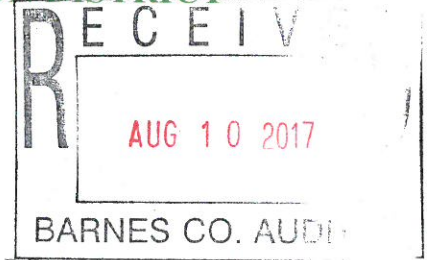
## BARNES COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Minutes of Meeting

July 12, 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:  
Amanda Brandt, DC  
Jason Elston, Tech  
Jill Olson, Sec/Treas  
Melissa McCann, Soil Con,

The July meeting was called to order by Chairman McKay at 8:05 am at the District Office in Valley City, ND. Minutes from the June, 2017 board meeting were reviewed and Chairman McKay declared those minutes approved as mailed.

### FINANCIALS:

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

### CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Reviewed All memos sent out from NDASCD.
2. Reviewed the updated Meeting Schedule for NDASCD

### REPORTS:

**Office Report:** DC Amanda Brandt, back from maternity leave introduced the new Soil Conservationist, Melissa McCann. Melissa gave a brief introduction. Welcome Melissa. Amanda stated she has 1 CRP grassland inventory to do, deadline on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Waterbank Apps were ranked – they were due today. Acting DC Matt Schappell contracted all of the special project apps which are now to be reviewed by the Area Office. This was a great success for Barnes County. It showed that we had a need and we exhausted all the funds that we had requested. Matt Schappell did a great job acting as DC while Amanda was gone. We thank Matt for all his help. On July 16<sup>th</sup>, emergency CRP haying option will open up. Producers have already been calling to see what they can hay. WRP is open for haying as well, with proper paperwork.

**Technician Report:** Jason handed out the attached report. Barnes Co. will be implementing an agreement in writing between producers and the district regarding tree planting and requirements. This new agreement is put in place due to poor site prep and producers failure to apply for variances before tree planting.

**Watershed Report:** See Jason's report.

**Water Board Report:** None at this time.

### OLD BUSINESS:

1. Newsletter – Jill handed out some examples of the new revised newsletter. She also handed out the newsletter mailing list along with the surplus sale producers list. Jill asked the board to review these lists and make any additions or corrections for next meeting.

### 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 August 8<sup>th</sup> 2017 8:00am.

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

Approved: 08.08.17

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# Technician Report-June/July 2017

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## Tree Report

- Completed Planting/Weed Barrier on 31 sites
- 65,410ft of trees planted. All sites had weed barrier installed.
- Started planting 5/3/17 finished 5/24/17
- Started weed barrier 5/26/17 finished 6/22/17

Tree planting agreement for Board review.

## Park Work

- Planted 50 trees using coconut mats on areas that were prepped with roundup then tilled.
- Planted 200 excess lilacs and 200 excess dogwoods into the sod on the North and West edge of park.

## 319-Sedimentation Grant

- 6/29 Eric Dahl-Cass 319 Coordinator came to our office to review all our contracts.
- I called all producers with contracts to check status. 1 contract-(Helland's x-fence-\$3321) decided to cancel. Bernson and Steffens are either finished or very close. Velure&Roehrich have not started but after revising their contracts they will be starting immediately. Marler requesting CC for after Aug 30<sup>th</sup>.
- 7/5 went onsite to measure and take pictures of both Steffens and Berntson's projects.
- Eric will come back possibly next week to submit pay apps.

## Firewise

- 9 assessments to complete-Most interested in some sort of renovation
- Have gotten caught up on all CPO's and Pay applications for both our tree plantings and new assessments and renovation
- 1 total removal (\$22K) already completed this spring
- Will get a budget to Tom Claeys later this summer after everyone gets their renovation estimates in to me