

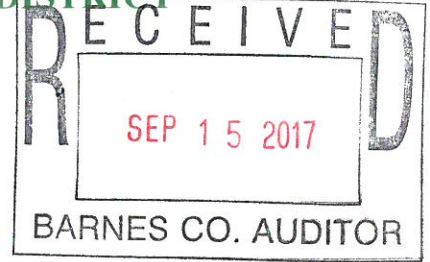
BARNES COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Minutes of Meeting

August 8th, 2017

District Office / USDA Building
Valley City, ND 58072



Others:

Amanda Brandt, DC

Jill Olson, Sec/Treasurer

Board Members Present:

Pete Paulson

Diane Olson, Vice Chairman

Charlene Stenson

Brad McKay, Chairman

Shelly Nelson

The August meeting was called to order by Chairman McKay at 8:15 am at the District Office in Valley City, ND. Minutes from the July, 2017 board meeting were reviewed and Chairman McKay declared those minutes approved as mailed.

FINANCIALS:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Reviewed the Envirothon Thank You from Dane
2. Reviewed the Nutrient Management Day Flier
3. Amanda went over the Cover Crop & Livestock Grant – Tanner Gue, Biologist, Ducks Unlimited
4. Reviewed the NDIRF Memo
5. Amanda went over the Barnes County CEB Minutes
6. Had discussion on the Display invite from NDASCD – it was decided that Barnes Co. will have a display at convention

REPORTS:

Office Report: DC Amanda Brandt went over her attached report. See report.

Technician Report: Jason was unable to attend. Jill shared with the board that there was a producer from Stutsman Co. that called and asked if Barnes Co. would plant their trees/weedbarrier instead of Stutsman SCD, Jason had told that producers that we do not plant in other counties. There have been a couple of producers call about their trees and survival. With this exceptionally dry year, some loss is to be expected.

Watershed Report: Dustin Krueger sent over an email. We had originally discussed looking at the Maple River Tributaries, but after further conversation with Greg Sandness, it was suggested that there was more work to be done on the Sheyenne Watershed. Discussion was had as to what areas of interest or concern to address. Jill will email those over to Dustin.

Water Board Report: None at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Newsletter – a new version was sent out. By doing a new format it lowered the printing cost by \$200. We have had some response to the information update section of the newsletter. Still working on going through the mailing lists for updates.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Eco-Ed for Barnes Co. is schedules for Sept. 5th and 7th at Wesley Acres.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for September 13th 2017 8:00am.

Respectfully submitted,

S/ Jill Olson, Sec/Treas.

Approved: 9.13.17

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NRCS Activity Report to the
Barnes County Soil Conservation District Board

Date: August 8th 2017

By: Amanda Brandt--District Conservationist

PROGRAMS:

EQIP- Special Project:

- Seven applications have been preapproved
 - Have one left to obligate for funding.

CSP- Possible additional 275,000 ac. for ND

- 2 preapproved for contracting. Due this Friday August 11th.
- Working on sending out letters for documentation required by producers for 2017 payment.

CRP- 35 offers accepted by FSA

- Cody has been developing plans for FSA, I reviewed them all, 7 CRP tree contracts.
- 200- Emergency CRP haying plans completed
- 30- CRP Mid-Management & managed haying plans completed

WRE: 10 WRE applications in Barnes County submitted to State Office

- No WRE applications in Barnes County were preapproved for funding at this time.

Other:

- Client Gateway - 2 producers have signed up and waiting on 2 more. I am required by the State Conservationist to have 4 by October 1st 2017.

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