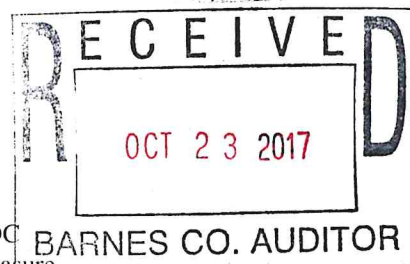


BARNES COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Minutes of Meeting
September 13th, 2017
District Office / USDA Building
Valley City, ND 58072



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

Others:
Amanda Brandt, DC
Jill Olson, Sec/Treasurer
Dustin Krueger
Jason Elston, Tech
Victoria Sylva

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

FINANCIALS:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Reviewed the NACD email regarding Feb. Conference in Nashville
2. Reviewed the Auction Item reminder for the Nov. Conference
3. Reviewed the NDSU Extension Service job opening memo
4. Reviewed the Saline Soils and Weedy Plants workshop flier – Jason and Jill will be attending
5. Reviewed the letter for NDDOT regarding Gov. Vehicles

REPORTS:

Office Report: DC Amanda Brandt gave a verbal report. She has been busy doing field checks on CRP emergency haying, checking Wetlands, making payments to producers and has attending several meetings. She also has 2 renewals for CSP and is in the process of contracting 2 other CSP's. She introduced Victoria Sylva who is our Ultima employee. Victoria is also shared with the Jamestown NRCS office.

Technician Report: Jason handed out his attached report. See report.

Watershed Report: Dustin Krueger will be writing the new 319 grant on the suggestions from Greg Sandness. There is still work to be done on the Sheyenne from the Dam to highway 46, and possible work to be done with Clausen Springs. The first draft will be due Oct. 1 2017.

Eco Ed Report: Jill reported that Eco Ed was held last week with a great turn out. She also stated that the first draft of the Eco Ed grant was sent into Greg Sandness for review.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Mailing Lists – compiled from board. Jill will update changes
2. Eco Ed camps are being held these next 2 weeks by area counties and reports will be coming in for Jill.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Winter Show Booth – Jill and Jason proposed giving the booth some new and improved updates. They have a few new ideas that they shared with the board and asked permission to spend a few dollars on the new enhancements.
2. The board met with Jill about her job and the extra duties she has taken on since May. The board granted Jill a \$1.00 per hour pay increase backdated until May 1st for the extra duties that were assigned. They also requested a job description for the clerk position and a list of all duties Jill performs for the district above the required ones.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for October 11th 2017 8:00am.

Respectfully submitted,

S/ Jill Olson, Sec/Treas.

Approved: 10.18.17

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Technician Report-September 2017

- FireWise
 - Finished remaining (12) FireWise Assessments
 - \$90,081.97-Remaining balance as of 7/18/17
 - We have 6 renovations-2 completed,4 in process
 - So far 50% cost share on those renos total-\$42,202.75 still have \$47,879.22 not allocated.
 - Tom Claeys (Forest Service)-will advise he has up to \$40k available for other projects
 - That leaves us with \$7,879 to spend on remaining tree plans for spring 2018 (\$15,758 total)
- 319/Outdoor Heritage Fund
 - Eric has come over several times to try and figure out loris processes and complete pay apps for producers
 - Several producers opted out of their contracts
 - All contracts are complete as of 9/6/17
 - In the process of completed all funding requests and getting producers reimbursed.
 - Eric Dahl is also working on writing a new grant but our intentions are to have final reports on both 319/OHF completed before
- Attend Plannin/Zoning Board Meeting?