

BARNES COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Minutes of Meeting
January 16th, 2018
District Office / USDA Building
Valley City, ND 58072

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

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

The January meeting was called to order by Chairman McKay at 4:10pm at the District Office in Valley City, ND. Minutes from the December 18th, 2017 board meeting were reviewed, and Vice Chairman Olson noted a correction on the reorganization minutes date. Jill will make correction, and Chairman McKay declared those minutes approved as mailed.

FINANCIALS:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. The board reviewed the 2 letters sent from Brian Johnston – NDASCD.
2. Discussion was had about the current newsletter and the next newsletter regarding adding a nomination section for area producers to nominate someone for the 2018 Achievement Winner.
3. Reviewed the memo sent out from NDASCD regarding the upcoming nominations for achievement winners.

REPORTS:

Office Report: DC Amanda Brandt spoke about her report. She reminded everyone about the upcoming deadlines and the grazing workshop on Feb. 8th, 2018 at the VFW. See attached report.

Technician Report: Jason handed out his report. Eric will be coming over Wednesday to help Jason finish up the 319 reports. Down payments are starting to come in. Weed Barrier has been ordered and paid for. See attached report.

319 Report: Dustin Krueger spoke about the 319 grant. A letter was also sent to the board regarding the grant. Unfortunately, the grant was not funded this year. Dustin will be writing/revamping the 319 grant and possibly writing another one to piggy back the current one this fall.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Shed Cooler Unit. After Jill visited with the county auditor, discussion was had about increasing our Mill request for 2019 to include the expense of replacing the cooler unit. Instead of asking for 1 Mill, we will request a certain dollar amount for the year of 2019. Pete Paulson, board member, will be representing the district along with the staff to present this request to the city commissioners at a future meeting.
2. Grazing Workshop – Fliers are printed, an announcement will be on News Dakota, also in the current events of the Times Record. Jill included it in the newsletter that went out last week and created a Facebook Page for Barnes County SCD and attached the Grazing Workshop Flier along with other information about the district.
3. 2018 Annual Work Plan was revised and reprinted. The board members signed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Barnes County SCD will be seeking out local sponsorship to help with the costs of the newsletters, workshops, Eco Ed T-shirts, and Ladies Ag Night. Letters will go at the end of January.
2. Budget – 2018 budget was set for the new year.
3. Eco Ed Grant – Jill reported that the grant was approved with one revision. Due to budget cuts, the Eco Ed grant budget was cut. Jill will redo the budget tables to reflect the change and resubmit by Feb. 16th, 2018.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for February 14th 2018 4:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,
S/ Jill Olson, Sec/Treas.
Approved: 02.14.18

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NRCS Activity Report to the
Barnes County Soil Conservation District Board
Date: January 10th 2018
By: Amanda Brandt--District Conservationist

PROGRAMS:

EQIP:

- Following up on completed practices that were scheduled for 2017 and making payments.
- Finishing up Ranking and conservation planning on Local Work Group (LWG) and Beginning Farmer (BF) Applications.
 - **LWG due this Friday-January 12th 2018- 2 applications**
 - **BF due January 26th 2018- 1 application**

CSP:

- Meeting with producers and going over their 2017 documentations for payments.
 - 8 left- deadline for Payments is March 15th 2018

CRP:

- Reviewing payment paperwork for grass seeding's completed in 2017.
 - Will have to field check them all next spring & summer.

WRE:

- Completing the Ranking workbook and other required documents for WRE applications
 - Barnes County has 11 applications
 - Completion packages are due to Area Office for Review by **January 19th 2018**

Barnes County 3rd Annual Grazing Workshop:

- February 8th 2018; 9:30 am to 2:30 pm- Valley City VFW. See Flyer for more information. Please spread the word!

Upcoming Meetings:

- NRCS Awards Ceremony- Bismarck- January 24th & 25th 2018- Melissa both days, Amanda only the 24th.
- See Flyers for other upcoming meetings.
- Barnes County 3rd Annual Grazing Workshop

Technician Report- Dec 2017/Jan 2018

- FireWise
 - Remaining Balance as of January 10th, 2018-\$49,963.10
 - FireWise spring tree planting estimates. \$1,500-\$2,500
 - Annual report completed. Final due June 30th, 2018.
- 319 Grant
 - First 319 final draft submitted on December 12th, 2017.
 - Final draft with revisions due January 19th, 2018.
- OHF Grant
 - Annual report done. Grant on hold until spring.
- Trees
 - 2018 Tree footage totals so far-90,585ft at 14 sites
 - 17,290 Trees on order.
- Other
 - Ordered 175 additional rolls of Weed Barrier.
 - Sent Tree Planting Agreements and Down Payment Requests to producers on January 5th, 2018 with a deadline of February 15th, 2018. Total of down payments is \$38,498.63.

