

## BARNES COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

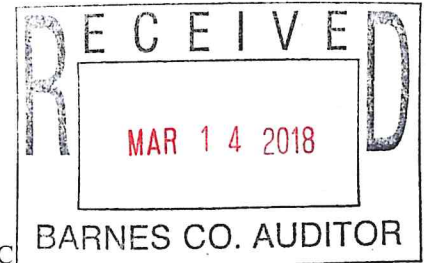
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Minutes of Meeting

February 14th, 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

The February meeting was called to order by Chairman McKay at 4:10pm at the District Office in Valley City, ND. Minutes from the January 16th, 2018 board meeting were reviewed, and Chairman McKay declared those minutes approved as emailed.

### FINANCIALS:

A list of receipts and bills paid during January 2018, were reviewed by the Board. Stenson made a motion to accept the January 2018 financial statement as presented with Paulson seconding it. All in favor aye. Motion carried.

The board discussed the existing Certificate of Deposit held at Dacotah Bank. The Certificate will be up for renewal in March. Vice Chairman Olson made a motion to roll the Certificate over for another year with the current interest rate offered on a 1 year term CD. Paulson second the motion. All in favor aye, motion carried.

### CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Reviewed KLJ letter.
2. Reviewed the Women Caring for the Land Flier/Workshop
3. Reviewed the BCBS memo about the rate increase on insurance.

### REPORTS:

**Office Report:** DC Amanda Brandt spoke about her report. See attached report.

**Technician Report:** Jason was out of the office, Jill reported that all of our producers have paid their down payments for tree plantings. 1 producer wasn't granted his variance so he cancelled his planting. Working on selling the Marshall Saw.

**319 Report:** The 319 grant for Barnes County is complete with the final report to Greg Sandness.

### OLD BUSINESS:

1. Sponsorship letters have been mailed. Of 125 plus letters we have only received 5 back. It was suggested that we personally go to some of the business and follow up with them. Jill and Jason will follow up.
2. Grazing workshop went well. 30 individuals attended. We had a survey that everyone could fill out to let us know how they liked the workshop and what they would like other workshops to educate on.

### NEW BUSINESS:

1. The Eco Ed Grant revision with the budget cuts, was sent in to Greg last week. Discussion was had with Greg about a limited budget for the districts regarding their camps. The Board discussed options and suggested Jill email the districts and get some input from them and some possible discussions at the up coming tree promotion in March.

### ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for March 12<sup>th</sup> 2018 4:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

S/ Jill Olson, Sec/Treas.

Approved: 03.12.18



United States Department of Agriculture

NRCS Activity Report to the  
Barnes County Soil Conservation District Board

Date: February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018

By: Amanda Brandt--District Conservationist

**PROGRAMS:**

**EQIP:**

- Contracting Local Work Group (LWG) pre-approval applications
  - LWG applications preapproved for funding
    - 2 applications have been preapproved
    - Area Office is pre-reviewing them tomorrow- February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018
    - Due to Area Office on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018
    - Obligating the funds on April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**CSP:**

- Meeting with producers and going over their 2017 documentations for payments.
  - 4 left- deadline for Payments is March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**CRP:**

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

**WRE:**

- Completed the Ranking workbook and other required documents for WRE applications
  - Barnes County had 9 applications
    - Waiting to hear on obligations

**Other:**

- **Barnes County 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Grazing Workshop:**
  - Went ok.
  - 24 attended (not including the office staff).
  - Victoria is putting together the final comments- will have that at the next meeting
  - Comments about the workshop?
    - Idea's for the next workshop.
- **Salinity Plot:**
  - Will be meeting with Rick soon to go over his ideas.
    - Then will need to order the seed for the 2018.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

- See Flyers for upcoming meetings around the state.

Acronyms:

**EQIP:** Environmental Quality Incentives Program

**CSP:** Conservation Stewardship Program

**WRE:** Wetland Reserve Easement

**CRP:** Conservation Reserve Program

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## Technician Report-Jan/Feb 2018

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### Trees

- 82,685 total feet for 12 Producers at 16 sites
- 16,000+ Trees on order
- Had a 10,000ft+ CRP planting cancel due to Zoning board denial of variance
- All ~~but~~ <sup>plans have</sup> ~~plans have~~ returned their down payment
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