

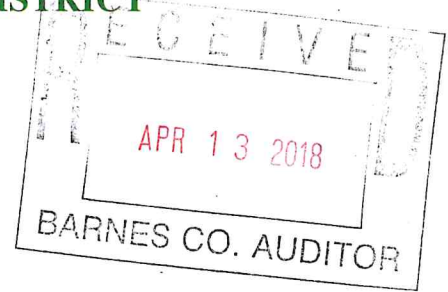
BARNES COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Minutes of Meeting

March 12th, 2018

District Office / USDA Building
Valley City, ND 58072



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

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

The March meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Olson at 4:10pm at the District Office in Valley City, ND. Minutes from the February 14th, 2018 board meeting were reviewed, and Vice Chairman Olson declared those minutes approved as emailed.

FINANCIALS:

A list of receipts and bills paid during February 2018, were reviewed by the Board. Stenson made a motion to accept the February 2018 financial statement as presented with Paulson seconding it. All in favor aye. Motion carried. Discussion was had on the Ag Waste Account that had a \$3.00 service charge. Jill has been in contact with Wells Fargo on this. Also, this account has no use for the district at this time, discussion took place on options for this account and consideration in closing it. Stenson made a motion, Paulson second to close the account, all in favor aye, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Reviewed the Mary Podoll memo on the Contribution Agreement.
2. Reviewed the Spring Planting Power Packs Flier from KOVC.
3. Reviewed the Area II Meeting Agenda and Invite. Jill will RSVP Nancy in Finley.
4. Reviewed the Certificate of Deposit Notice – which was discussed last month.

REPORTS:

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

Technician Report: Jason reported that there has been no activity for the OHF Grant nor the Firewise Grant at this time. He attended the Cass County Workshop last week with Amanda and Jill. Jason and Jill took turns working at the Wintershow booth for the District. Jason and Jill will be out at Tree Promotion this week. Jason has 87,000 feet of trees planned for 2018 with 17 producers, 19,000 trees ordered and 75 Hand Plant orders so far. Jason put out a sign for help wanted in regards to weed barrier application.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Jill has been following up with the sponsorship letters and has received so far \$2,275.00 in funds. She will continue to contact local businesses with follow up letters.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Earth Day Festival is next month, and the board received a letter to donate trees once again for this event. Stenson made a motion to donate 50 trees. Paulson second the motion. All in favor aye, motion carried.
2. The board received 1 Scholarship Application from Hunter Burchill. Burchill currently attends Valley City High School and plans to attend NDSU in the fall majoring in Agriculture System Management.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for April 11th 2018 4:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,
S/ Jill Olson, Sec/Treas.
Approved: 4-11-18

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United States Department of Agriculture

NRCS Activity Report to the
Barnes County Soil Conservation District Board

Date: March 12th, 2018

By: Amanda Brandt--District Conservationist

PROGRAMS:

EQIP:

- Submitted the 2 LWG pre-approved applications to the Area Office for review on March 2nd (deadline). Contracting Local Work Group (LWG) pre-approval applications
 - Obligating the funds on April 6th, 2018

CSP:

- Meeting with producers and going over their 2017 documentations for payments.
 - 4 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:

- Waiting to hear if we got any WRE applications obligated
 - Barnes County had 9 applications
- Received the Offsite and Ownership Annual Monitoring Review worksheet and list.
 - 21 of those to complete
 - 12 On-site annual monitoring reviews to complete after snow melts.

Other:

- **Salinity Plot:**
 - Will be meeting with Rick soon to go over his ideas.
 - Then will need to order the seed for the 2018.

Acronyms:

EQIP: Environmental Quality Incentives Program

CSP: Conservation Stewardship Program

WRE: Wetland Reserve Easement

CRP: Conservation Reserve Program

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