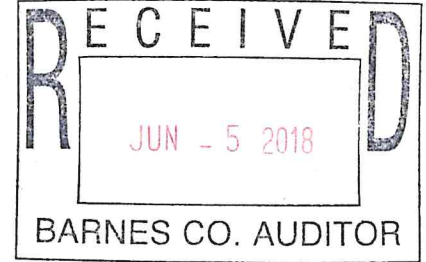


BARNES COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Minutes of Meeting
April 11th, 2018
District Office / USDA Building
Valley City, ND 58072



Board Members Present:

Pete Paulson
Diane Olson, Vice Chairman
Charlene Stenson
Brad McKay, Chairman
Shelly Nelson

Others:

Amanda Brandt, DC
Jill Olson, Sec/Treasure
Jason Elston, Tech

The April meeting was called to order by Chairman McKay at 4:10pm at the District Office in Valley City, ND. Minutes from the March 12th, 2018 board meeting were reviewed, and Chairman McKay declared those minutes approved as emailed.

FINANCIALS:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Reviewed the memo from Brian Johnston regarding the Annual Meeting in November.
2. Reviewed the memo from Brian Johnston regarding the change in Area II meetings in 2019.
3. Reviewed the handout regarding the SCD's Structural Organization Chart.
4. Reviewed the 2018 Supervisor Election Guidelines. Jill will be getting Pete some information for next meeting.
5. Discussion was had on the 2019 Contribution Agreement. The office will not be participating in 2019.
6. Reviewed the April Newsletter from Bruce Schmidt, Jill will be emailing these out to the board regularly.
7. NDIRF invitation, Jill will be sending in the Proxy.
8. Reviewed the email from Mary Berg regarding the sponsorship for a Charter bus for the Manure Expo in South Dakota August 15-16 2018.

REPORTS:

Office Report: DC Amanda Brandt spoke about her report. See attached report. She also handed out the Civil Rights Responsibilities for Partners information. Signatures are pending due to questions forwarded on to Stuart Blotter for clarification.

Technician Report: Jason reported that we have over 94,000 foot of trees planned and he is not taking any more orders for this year. He has spoken to the Nurseries. Lincoln Oakes trees are ready to pick up but Towner Nursery is no and won't be lifting trees until the week of April 23rd. Weed barrier will be delivered to the shed the week of the 23rd. Jason has had 4 applicants for the part time laborer position but is still looking for a Tractor Driver. OHF applications for 2019 tree planting season are now open until the end of July. Jason has a list of producers that he will be contacting.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Jill submitted the Grant Application for Operation Round Up. This grant is offered through Cass County Electric Cooperative Foundation for assistance in providing educational information in your county. For Barnes County, is was specified for Eco Ed Youth Education. Jill will be representing Barnes Co. in June at the Foundation board meeting.
2. The Area II meeting was held in Finley ND at the Legion. It was very well attended. Jill handed out A Soil Conservation Timeline power point so everyone could review.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The board received a request of monies pledged to the ND Envirothon. Stenson made a motion to pledge \$1,000 to the Envirothon with Paulson seconding the motions. All in favor aye, motion carried. Jill will complete the pledge form and mail with a check to Dane Busse.
2. The board reviewed the email sent by Jim Collins regarding the use of the Tech Grant funds and a possible Watershed Management Program grant to rent 20 acres of land from a producer for a demonstration learning plot. The board and the staff had some additional questions for Jim. Jill will email and report next month.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for May 9th 2018 8:00am.

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



**NRCS Activity Report to the
Barnes County Soil Conservation District Board
Date: April 11th, 2018**

By: Amanda Brandt--District Conservationist

PROGRAMS:

EQIP: Taking applications for FY 2019.

- 2 LWG contracts have been obligated for funding in Barnes County.

Red River Basin Initiative (RRBI): Sign up deadline May 18th, 2018

- Certain Approved Resource concerns
- Approved Conservation Practices- we have a list for anyone interested in the program
- Red River Basin Watershed Map- only land on that map is eligible in Barnes Co.

CSP: 2018 Sign up ended on March 2nd.

- We have three applications
 - Have worked through most of the paperwork with one producer
 - Applications need to be ranked by April 27th, 2018
- 2019-1 CSP Renewals
 - 4 contracts up for renewal.
 - Renewal sign up is this Friday 4/13/18.

CRP: No new information.

WRE:

- No WRE Contracts funded in Barnes County for 2018.
 - Only 1 was funded in Area 2 (per Area Biologist).
 - Barnes County had 9 applications
- 21 Offsite and Ownership Annual Monitoring Review worksheets have been completed ahead of the deadline (4/13/18).
 - 12 On-site annual monitoring reviews will need to be completed once we get the list and the snow melts.

Other:

- **Salinity Plot:**
 - Will be meeting with Rick soon to get a plan for 2018.
 - Will need to order the seed for the 2018.
 - Do you have any ideas of what we should try at the Salinity Plots?
 - Any species that are salt tolerant.

- Annual Civil Rights & Equal Opportunity Discussion with SCD Board.
 - Bulletin EQP-230-13-12
 - Civil Rights Responsibilities for Partners Checklist
- ND FY2017 NRCS Accomplishments brochure

- Bulletin: 440-11- DUNS/SAM- SCD needs to keep their DUNS/SAM

- North Dakota Wetland Exchange Program Flyer (2018 ver.02)

- Lidar Analysis Project Results Meeting- Yesterday 4/10/18- Jamestown
 - Shelly & Diane attended

- I will be out of the office next week, so Matt Shappell will be in the office as the Acting District Conservationist for the dates of April 16th to April 20th 2018.

Acronyms:

EQIP: Environmental Quality Incentives Program

CSP: Conservation Stewardship Program

WRE: Wetland Reserve Easement

CRP: Conservation Reserve Program

LWG: Local Work Group