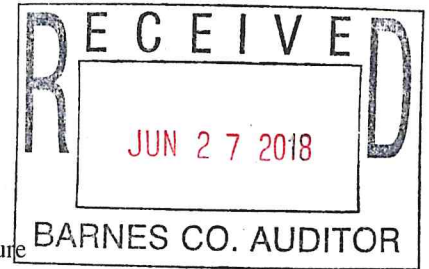


# BARNES COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Minutes of Meeting  
May 9th, 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/Treasurer  
Jason Elston, Tech

The May meeting was called to order by Chairman McKay at 8:05am at the District Office in Valley City, ND. Minutes from the April 11th, 2018 board meeting were reviewed, and Chairman McKay declared those minutes approved as emailed.

## **FINANCIALS:**

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

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

None at this time.

**Office Report:** DC Amanda Brandt spoke about her report. See attached report. The Civil Rights questions forwarded on to Stuart were clarified and since the SCD and the NRCS have a standing office agreement, the SCD is required to add the new wordage on their letterhead, newsletter and agenda. Jill will add.

**Technician Report:** Jason reported that he and Jill have gone to Bismarck – Lincoln Oakes Nursery and to Towner Nursery. All trees are here, sorted and handplant orders are ready to go. The 2 pick up days were set and post cards are to be mailed out. The Auto Steer unit is installed and set up on the tractor. We will utilize for setting true lines and will use if producers do not have GPS. We have hired Scott Paulson as the tractor drive this season, and Jesse Johnson as our part time seasonal helper.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Jill emailed Jim Collins with the questions that about the tech grant funds and test plots. No response yet.
2. Overall Conservation Winner, Barnes Co. will not have one this year. Jill will email Kathy in Bismarck.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Jill Handed out an example of a Long Range Workplan from another county. Barnes Co. has not updated theirs in quite some time, this will be a goal for the upcoming months.
- 2.

## **ADJOURN:**

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for June 13th 2018 8:00am.

Respectfully submitted,  
S/ Jill Olson, Sec/Treas.  
Approved: 06.13.18

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**NRCS Activity Report to the  
Barnes County Soil Conservation District Board**

Date: May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018

By: Amanda Brandt--District Conservationist

**PROGRAMS:**

**EQIP:**

- Taking applications for FY 2019.
  - Have a few to go onsite to check resource concerns with producers this summer.
- Melissa & I are developing two livestock pipelines for producers with contracts.

**Red River Basin Initiative (RRBI):** Sign up deadline May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018

- Certain Approved Resource concerns
- No applications received yet

**CSP:** 2018 Sign up ended on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

- We have two applications
  - Waiting on the Systems to connect to finish the ranking.

**CRP:** No new information.

**WRE:**

- No WRE Contracts funded in Barnes County for 2018.
  - Only 3 funded in the State this year.
- 12 On-site annual monitoring reviews to be completed when it dries out a little bit.

**Other:**

- **Salinity Plot:**
  - Visited with Rick Thoreson about seeding ideas on the plot.
    - Jill ordered the seed through Agassiz Seed on Monday- 5/7/18. Chris P. from Agassiz told me the seed will be delivered next week (May 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>).
  - Need to go out to the plots and take soil samples & test the samples for Electrical Conductivity (EC). Planning on late this week or next week.
- **Annual Civil Rights & Equal Opportunity Discussion with SCD Board.**
  - Bulletin EQP-230-13-12
  - Civil Rights Responsibilities for Partners Checklist- need to sign today.
  - I spoke to Stuart Blotter about the questions/concerns from the last SCD board meeting (4/13/18).
- **UTV**
  - Had it serviced in Jamestown- ready to be used.

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- New UTV usage policy- See emails & bulletins. We have all talked about the usage, training and went through the new updates at an office staff meeting in March.
- Policy out that FSA can use NRCS vehicles and GPS's. I've been in contact with David Shea about it.

Acronyms:

**EQIP:** Environmental Quality Incentives Program

**CSP:** Conservation Stewardship Program

**WRE:** Wetland Reserve Easement

**CRP:** Conservation Reserve Program

**LWG:** Local Work Group



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