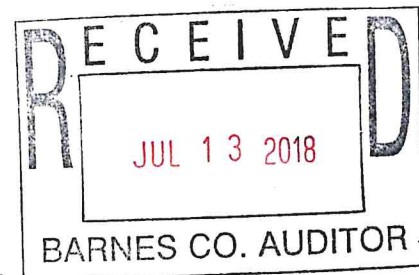


BARNES COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Minutes of Meeting
June 13th, 2018
District Office / USDA Building
Valley City, ND 58072



Board Members Present:

Diane Olson, Vice Chairman via phone
Charlene Stenson
Brad McKay, Chairman
Shelly Nelson

Others:

Amanda Brandt, DC
Jill Olson, Sec/Treasurer
Jason Elston, Tech
Dustin Krueger
Melissa McCann
Victoria Silva

The June meeting was called to order by Chairman McKay at 8:10am at the District Office in Valley City, ND. Minutes from the May 9th, 2018 board meeting were reviewed, and Chairman McKay declared those minutes approved as emailed.

FINANCIALS:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. NDASCD Packet for nominations was reviewed.
2. Operation Round Up Meeting June 21 9am at the Cass County Electric Building, Fargo – Jill will be attending.

Office Report: DC Amanda Brandt spoke about her report. See attached report. Melissa spoke about her training in Texas.

Technician Report: Jason reported that all the tree planting is done. 90-95,000 ft. There are very few trees left from the plantings and the tree sale went well. 6 sites have been completed for weed barrier. The Drill has been on the move. 10 spots so far with about 6 or so to go. Firewise paperwork has been submitted, final report will be do and will close the book on that project. Heritage fund is at a stand still.

319 Report: Dustin Krueger reported that he has taken the 319 coordinator position for Stutsman Co until 2021. Thank you to the board for offering him the chance to write the grant for Barnes Co. Victoria Silva stated that she is interested in writing the grant for the 319 position for Barnes County. The board then called a special meeting for June 20th at 8am to meet with Victoria and find a direction they want to go with the 319 grant. The board also stated that they will need to visit with Greg Sandness since Victoria is an ultima employee.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Mill Levy Request has been submitted to the County, Pete, Shelly and Jill will be attending the Commissioners meeting on June 14th at 9:30 to request a one time amount for 2019 to help cover the cost of a new cooler unit at the tree shed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Agassiz Bill for Rick Thoreson is due. The board agreed to pay the seed bill since we do not have a 319 program at this time. Stenson made the motion to approve the bill, Nelson second, all in favor aye, motion carried.
2. Outreach – salinity plot tour in later fall, Ladies Ag Night in November.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for July 11th 2018 8:00am.

Respectfully submitted,
S/ Jill Olson, Sec/Treas.
Approved: 07.11.18



**NRCS Activity Report to the
Barnes County Soil Conservation District Board
June 13th, 2018**

By: Amanda Brandt--District Conservationist & Melissa McCann- Soil Conservationist

PROGRAMS:

EQIP:

- Taking applications for FY 2019.
 - Currently meeting producers on their land to go over their resource concerns.

EQIP- Red River Basin Initiative (RRBI):

- 1 application preapproved for funding- Melissa is currently working on contracting it. Due to Area Office on July 6th.

CSP:

- Working on Field verifications for current contracts.
- Field verifying 2 CSP renewal contracts.

CRP:

- FSA is accepting **Continuous CRP Sign-up 51** offers from June 4th to August 17th, 2018.
 - Only certain practices are open for enrollment. Ask Barb for more info.
- **CRP- 1-year Contract Extension** sign up is from June 4th to August 17th, 2018.
 - CRP contract cannot exceed 15 years. National FSA office mailed letters.
- **FSA announced CRP Grassland Signup 201** for landowners to protect pastureland and rangeland, while maintaining those areas as grazing lands. Sign up until August 17th, 2018.

WRE:

- Completing On-site annual monitoring reviews, should finish those this month. - 10 left.

Water Bank Program:

- **Sign up ended on June 8th. Ranking due today (6/13/18).**
 - 10 Applications

Other:

- **Salinity Plot:**
 - Rick Thoreson seeded the Cover Crop Salinity Plot on June 1st. He has gotten plenty of rain on it. I will field check it this week, hopefully it didn't drown out.
 - Currently working on running the soils for Electrical Conductivity (EC).

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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