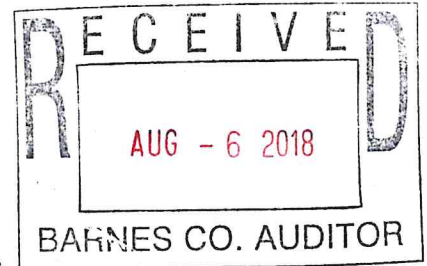


# BARNES COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Minutes of Meeting  
July 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:  
Greg Sandness  
Jill Olson, Sec/Treasure  
Jason Elston, Tech  
Dustin Krueger

The July meeting was called to order by Chairman McKay at 8:05am at the District Office in Valley City, ND. Minutes from the June 13th, 2018 board meeting were reviewed, and Chairman McKay declared those minutes approved as emailed.

## FINANCIALS:

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

## CORRESPONDENCE:

1. NDASCD memo was reviewed.
2. Operation Round Up funds for Eco Ed, Barnes Co received \$1,000 donation.

**Office Report:** DC Amanda Brandt was attending a workshop, Jill spoke about her attached report.

**Technician Report:** Jason handed out his attached report. See Report. Jason also proposed updating the park benches at the Riparian park. Jason and Jill will price out metal and concrete bench options and report back to the board.

**319 Report:** Greg Sandness met with the board about the 319 Grant. Many things were discussed about which way Barnes Co. wants to go. Greg stated that there are 604B funds to help with financing a 2-year assessment on Clauson Springs to start the process of collecting data for a grant. Nelson made a motion to start with a 2-year assessment of Clauson Springs starting next spring. Paulson second the motion all in favor aye, motion carried. Greg and the board will approach Andre Delorme, VCSU, to see if he and his students would be willing to help with the assessment. After the data has been collected, Barnes Co will then look at writing a grant in 2020 or 2021.

## OLD BUSINESS:

1. 319 EPA Grant – see above.

## NEW BUSINESS:

1. Portable Irrigation System – Jill received a call from Jason Wirtz – ND Dept. of Ag about a producer out west wanting to purchase a Portable Irrigation System. Mr. Wirtz wanted to know if Barnes Co. SCD was interested in selling our system. Jason Elston put together a list of inventory and prices for the board. Discussion was had with the board along with Greg Sandness since the system was originally purchased with 319 funds. If Barnes Co. decided to sell the system, 60% of the funds would then have to be used to purchase another 319-compatible conservation tool, example: no till drill. The board advised Jason Elston to contact Mr. Wirtz about the possible sale of the Irrigation System and report back next meeting.

## ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 10:00am.

Respectfully submitted,  
S/ Jill Olson, Sec/Treas.  
Approved: Aug 2, 2018

# Technician Report-June/July 2018

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## Trees

- 88,795 total feet of trees plated
- 86,495 feet of weed barrier installed
- All final tree plans have been completed and bills sent out.
- Still keeping Jesse Johnson on working at park and doing various projects. Will be letting him go for the season soon.
- OHF tree applications are opened and due before July 20, 2018

## Drill

- Has been routed to 16 different producers and continues to be busy
- May need some significant work after the season. Disk openers are worn, gauge wheels bearings are getting loose and depth adjustment bushings are seizing.

Irrigation Reel/Pump-See inventory and Cost sheet

Firewise grant final report completed on June 26, 2018

Park - Permanent benches? Since wooden ones are falling apart.

- \$600-700 each

Tree Cooler-



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NRCS Activity Report to the  
Barnes County Soil Conservation District Board  
July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018

By: Amanda Brandt--District Conservationist- **Absent**

**PROGRAMS:**

**EQIP:**

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

**EQIP- Red River Basin Initiative (RRBI):**

- 1 application preapproved for funding- We submitted the contract to the Area Office by the deadline of Friday, July 6<sup>th</sup>.

**CSP:**

- Sent out the CSP audit reminder letter to one producer selected in Barnes Co.
- Following up with producers on enhancements that are to be completing in 2018.
- Done field verifying 2 CSP renewal contracts, need to start working on the next steps.

**CRP:**

- FSA is accepting **Continuous CRP Sign-up 51** offers from June 4<sup>th</sup> to August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018.
  - Ask Barb for more info.
- **CRP- 1-year Contract Extension** sign up is from June 4<sup>th</sup> to August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018.
  - CRP contract cannot exceed 15 years.
- **FSA announced CRP Grassland Signup 201** for landowners to protect pastureland and rangeland, while maintaining those areas as grazing lands. Sign up until August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

**WRE:**

- Completing On-site annual monitoring reviews, should finish those soon- Due end of July.
- Working on Compatible Use Authorization (CUA) forms for contract holders who want to clip and hay their easements.

**Water Bank Program:**

- **Sign up ended on June 8<sup>th</sup>. Ranking was due 6/13/18.**
  - 10 Applications
  - 1 application that ranked high enough to obtain more information (potentially funded).

**Other:**

- **Salinity Plot:**
- Need to run the Electrical Conductivity (EC) for the soil samples we took this spring, now that they are dry.
- Went onsite two weeks ago and I could see some species coming up, hoping to have a workshop out there in the near future.
  - **Ideas? What do you want to see or hear about?**

**Workshops/Meetings:**

- I am attending a Profits on the Prairie Workshop in LaMoure County today.
- Melissa is attending the ND Civil Rights meetings in Bismarck.
- A lot of good upcoming field workshops (See flyer for one in Stutsman's County)

Acronyms:

**EQIP:** Environmental Quality Incentives Program

**CSP:** Conservation Stewardship Program

**WRE:** Wetland Reserve Easement

**CRP:** Conservation Reserve Program

**LWG:** Local Work Group