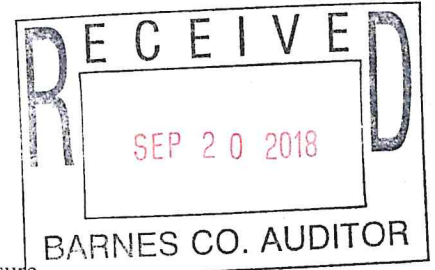


# BARNES COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Minutes of Meeting  
August 2nd, 2018  
District Office / USDA Building  
Valley City, ND 58072



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

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

The August meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Olson at 10:05am at the District Office in Valley City, ND. Minutes from the July 11th, 2018 board meeting were reviewed, and Vice Chairman Olson declared those minutes approved as emailed.

## FINANCIALS:

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

## CORRESPONDENCE:

1. November convention attendees were confirmed.
2. November election – Pete needs signatures and paperwork to the county courthouse by September
3. Vikings Donation – Jill DeVries, VCSU asked for a donation from the board to help with sponsorship. Stenson made a motion to donate \$250 to the Ag Bowl Day, Paulson second the motion, all in favor aye. Motion carried.
4. Soil Conservation & Watershed Academy Registration was confirmed, Shelly, Pete, Diane and Charlene will be attending on Aug. 9<sup>th</sup> and the 21<sup>st</sup>.
5. Reviewed Greg Sandness email regarding the Clauson Springs sampling for next year.
6. Reviewed and signed the new Eco Ed Grant funding.
7. Diane highlighted the Red River Basin Mtg that she attended with Amanda.

**Office Report:** DC Amanda Brandt handed out her attached report, see report. The date is set for the plot tour, September 20<sup>th</sup> from 10 until 2 with a lunch served. Location is Rick Thoreson's Field – 5-137-58.

**Technician Report:** Jason handed out his attached report. Jason would like permission to order the new cooler unit. Nelson made a motion to order the new unit so that it can be installed this fall yet. Paulson second the motion. All in favor aye, motion carried. The no till drill needs a lot of updating and maintenance. The estimate would be close to \$7,500. Jason would be doing the work. Nelson made a motion to proceed with the updating/maintenance, Paulson second the motion. All in favor aye, motion carried. OHF – there is money left to put in a canoe launch at the Riparian Park, Jason has been in contact with Andrea - Industrial Committee.. In order to use the money towards the launch, there has to be an amendment to our grant. Jason would present on Aug. 20<sup>th</sup> for the amendment. He would also reach out to other sponsors of the Riparian Park to donate monies towards the cost share of the canoe launch as well as purchase 2 picnic tables. The board granted permission to do the amendment and continue with the project. Stenson made a motion to purchase the tables, Paulson second the motion. All in favor aye, motion carried.

## OLD BUSINESS:

1. Portable Irrigation System – no new news
2. No till drill updates – see Jason's report
3. Park picnic tables – see above motion

## NEW BUSINESS:

1. Award Winners – the board is reviewing tree plans from 8 years ago or more for nice plantings. Today they are traveling North West of town to view some.

## ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for Sept. 14, 2018 8:00am.

Respectfully submitted,  
S/ Jill Olson, Sec/Treas.  
Approved: 09.17.18



United States Department of Agriculture

NRCS Activity Report to the  
Barnes County Soil Conservation District Board  
August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018

By: Amanda Brandt--District Conservationist

**PROGRAMS:**

**EQIP:**

- Taking applications for FY 2019.
  - Currently meeting with producers on their land to go over their resource concerns.
- Going on site to certify practices have been completed.

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

- 1 application preapproved for funding- The applicant decided to cancel on Monday.

**CSP:**

- 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 because CAET's are due in early September.

**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:**

- Annual Monitoring Worksheets (On-site reviews) were due August 1<sup>st</sup>. All have been completed.
- Working on Compatible Use Authorization (CUA) forms for contract holders who want to clip and hay their easements in 2018 (only fields that weren't clipped last year for emergency drought are eligible to be clipped this year).

**Water Bank Program:**

- 1 application that ranked high enough to obtain more information.
  - That application has been approved for funding if producer wants to continue.

**Other:**

- **Salinity Plot:**
- Need to run the Electrical Conductivity (EC) for the soil samples we took this spring, now that they are dry.
- **Going to get out onsite again this week and check on cover crop species. Was out there a few weeks ago and things were looking o.k.**
  - **Working on a Salinity Plot Field Tour- it is Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. See the draft flyer.**
- **NRCS Re-structuring**

**Workshops/Meetings:**

- Melissa is attending the National Soil and Water Conservation Society meeting in Albuquerque New Mexico this week.
- Diane & I attended the Red River Basin State Water commissioners meeting in Valley City last week.

Acronyms:

**EQIP:** Environmental Quality Incentives Program

**CSP:** Conservation Stewardship Program

**WRE:** Wetland Reserve Easement

**CRP:** Conservation Reserve Program

**LWG:** Local Work Group

# Technician Report- July 2018

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## Tree Cooler-

- Justin Mueller(Bakkegard) revised his cooler appraisal- current appraisal is \$500 more than appraisal from last October. Justin took \$200 off original estimate.
  - See attached sheet

## Drill-

- Took 2 shanks apart and assessed wear items and got estimates.
  - See Attached sheet.
- Continue to route drill to producers as needed.

## OHF-

- \$6,522.46 remaining balance
- Contacted Andrea from industrial committee on using funds for canoe/kayak launch at Riparian Park
- Need to do an amendment at OHF Advisory Board meeting August 20<sup>th</sup> in Bismarck? Does the board want me to pursue?
- Contacted Corp of Eng. and Water Board. They do not require any permit to put in launch. As long as river edge and channel are not manipulated.

## OHF Trees-

- Contacted 16 producers that expressed interest in cost share on tree plantings
- Only 1 went forward with filling out tree plan and application