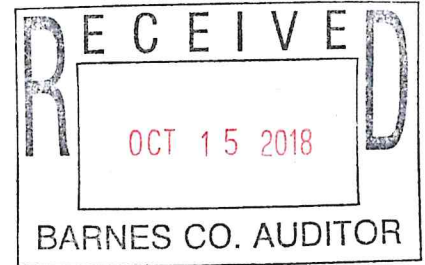


BARNES COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Minutes of Meeting
September 17, 2018
District Office / USDA Building
Valley City, ND 58072



Board Members Present:
Pete Paulson
Diane Olson, Vice Chairman
Brad McKay, Chairman
Shelly Nelson

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

The September meeting was called to order by Chairman McKay at 8:10am at the District Office in Valley City, ND. Minutes from the August 2nd, 2018 board meeting were reviewed, and Chairman McKay declared those minutes approved as emailed.

FINANCIALS:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Reviewed the Thank You note from NACD
2. Reviewed the memo from NDSCD about a display booth
3. Reviewed the letter from Alliance Pipeline
4. Reviewed the email from NACD Annual Meeting dates
5. Reviewed the survey item from Bruce Schmidt

Office Report: DC Amanda Brandt handed out her attached report, see report.

Technician Report: Jason handed out his attached report, see report.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Greg Sandness email – would like to set up a meeting with Andre Delorme, himself and the board to review the next phase of the Clauson Springs. Looking at the next board meeting at 11am.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. St. Catherine's School has requested a donation for their Annual Auction. Last year we donated tree certificates. We will do the same this year. Jill will print and mail them to St. Catherine's.
2. Sheyenne Valley FFA Donation – asking for a donation for their chapter. This item was tabled until 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 October 9, 2018 9:30am.

Respectfully submitted,
S/ Jill Olson, Sec/Treas.
Approved: 10.09.18

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**NRCS Activity Report to the
Barnes County Soil Conservation District Board
September 17th, 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.
- I have been very busy going on site to certify practices have been completed.

CSP:

- Following up with producers on enhancements that have been completed in 2018 so far.
- 2 CSP renewal contracts, both decided to cancel their renewal applications due to uncertain crop prices and a 5-year commitment.

CRP:

- 4 CRP's accepted for CRP contracts (2 re-enrollments & 2 new).

WRE:

- Working on Compatible Use Authorization (CUA) forms for contract holders who want to clip and hay their easements in 2018. Also have a few requests to graze their WRE fields next spring.

Water Bank Program:

- 1 contract funded in Barnes County, producer should be receiving their 2018 payment soon.

Other:

- **Salinity Plot:**
 - **Field Tour- Thursday September 20th from 10 am to 1 pm. Would love everyone to attend if possible! See Flyer for more information.**
 - **Thank you to the SCD Board for supplying the dinner for the upcoming field tour.**
- **NRCS Re-structuring**
- **Melissa was offered the opportunity to be the Acting District Conservationist for the Center Field Office (Oliver County) from September 4th to December 1st, 2018.**

Technician Report- August 2018

Tree Cooler- To be installed September

Drill- Rebuilt platforms (Installed new "greaseless" depth gauge shafts, gauge wheels, press wheel bushings, seed boot bushings, seed tabs, openers and chains)

OHF-

- \$6,522.46 remaining balance in OHF
- August 27th Went to Bismarck to do an amendment presentation to the OHF Advisory Board. Was given authorization to use remaining balance on canoe launch.
- CR Excavating Est.-\$9,805.00 Remaining balance \$3,285.54
- Contacted all Riparian park sponsors for match contributions. Only Barnes wildlife contributing \$500? Game and Fish was contacted, and they are contributing up to \$2,500.
- Scott Cummins to do launch week of Sept 17th
- OHF contracting, reimbursements need to be done in September. Grant Final report to be done in October 2018.

Park-Installed permanent picnic tables. Common sense manufacturing steel, powder coated tables

Continue to pickup/deliver drill

Attended Eco Ed 9.4.18 and 9.6.18

Will be performing NRCS field checks this month for Amanda.