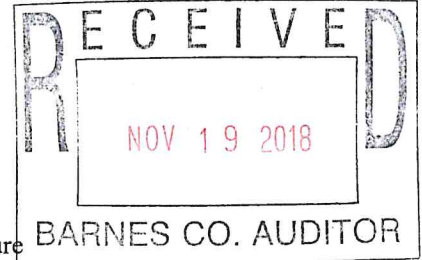


BARNES COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

www.barnes.nd.nacdnet.org

Minutes of Meeting
October 09, 2018
District Office / USDA Building
Valley City, ND 58072



Board Members Present:
Pete Paulson
Diane Olson, Vice Chairman
Brad McKay, Chairman
Charlene Stenson

Others:
Amanda Brandt
Jill Olson, Sec/Treasurer
Jason Elston, Tech
Bob Bruns
Greg Sandness
Andre Delorme

The October meeting was called to order by Chairman McKay at 9:40am in the District Office in Valley City, ND. Minutes from the September 17th, 2018 board meeting were reviewed, and Chairman McKay declared those minutes approved as emailed.

FINANCIALS:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Confirmed registration for convention with supervisors/handed out agenda
2. Reviewed Re-Organization meeting schedule for Oct 16th 4-6pm Americinn
3. Reviewed spring schedule for Leadership Academy
4. Reviewed Alliance Pipeline letter

Office Report: DC Amanda Brandt handed out her attached report, see report. Amanda also communicated with the board that there are personality conflicts within the office. We are working through them but wanted to make the board aware.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Greg Sandness and Andre Delorme met with the board about the Clauson Springs Assessment starting the spring of 2019. They reviewed all of the objectives, budget and requirements from the Barnes Co SCD. Greg and Andre will be corresponding with Jill over the next few months to get everything lined up.
2. Sheyenne Valley FFA Donation was tabled again until next meeting.
3. Area Award winners was tabled until next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Pitch Fork and Hoe Gathering was discussed. The SCD will pass on this invitation.
2. Cultural Resources Bulletin was discussed by Amanda.
3. Ladies Ag Night was discussed. It was determined that we would try and hold one after the first of the year.
4. NACD – dues, Vice Chairman Olson made a motion that we send \$1,000 for dues once again this year, Stenson second the motion. All in favor aye, motion carried.

ADJOURN:

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

Respectfully submitted,
S/ Jill Olson, Sec/Treas.
Approved: 11.14.18



United States Department of Agriculture

NRCS Activity Report to the
Barnes County Soil Conservation District Board
October 9th, 2018

By: Amanda Brandt--District Conservationist

PROGRAMS:

EQIP: 4,040.3 ac. to field check.

- Taking applications for FY 2019.
 - Currently meeting with producers on their land to go over their resource concerns.
 - I have two more producers to meet out at their place to go over their resource concerns and FY2019 applications.
- Been going onsite to review installed practices and engineering that has been completed. Last week I checked out cover crops, pipeline, tanks, water well and a pump.

CSP: 22,661.2 ac. to field check.

- Following up with producers on enhancements that have been completed in 2018 so far.
 - It has been a struggle since farmers haven't been able to harvest the crops for the most part.
 - I have been onsite half of the CSP contracts to check the cover crops planted. I plan on going in the field this week to look at more cover crops planted in 2018.

CRP: Cody Hoggarth and I have been reviewing CRP grass seeding paperwork & have to field check them yet this fall.

WRE: Nothing new.

Working Wetlands Program through Delta Waterfowl: 239 ac. to field check wetlands by November 16th.

Water Bank Program:

- Barnes County received funding for one ten-year contract.

Engineering Spot Check- 2018- October 23rd

- Area Office staff is coming to Valley City to review 5% of the engineering practices that were completed in 2018 in Barnes County.

Other:

- New colored Office printer
- **Salinity Workshop:**

- **Thank you to the SCD Board for supplying the dinner for the workshop and for all Jason & Jill's work. I think it turned out well!**
- North Dakota Bulletin No. 420-19-1- Cultural Resources Assistance for Partners hand out
- Workload Analysis Email from Mary Podoll, dated Friday October 5th.
- Melissa still Acting District Conservationist for the Center Field Office (Oliver County) until November 9th, 2018 (but will return to Valley City Office on November 26th).

Workshops/Meetings:

- ND NRCS Restructure Meeting Schedule- See meeting schedule hand out.
 - **Tuesday, October 16th from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.**
 - SCD Board Members, SCD Employees, Partners and NRCS employees are all supposed to attend.
- VCSU Soils Lab- October 25th from 3 to 5 p.m.
 - Going to meet at the Soil Pit down at the Kathryn Salinity Plot to talk about soils. Jordaan Larson, Soil Scientist is coming to assist.

Acronyms:

EQIP: Environmental Quality Incentives Program

CSP: Conservation Stewardship Program

WRE: Wetland Reserve Easement

CRP: Conservation Reserve Program

LWG: Local Work Group

Technician Report- September/October 2018

Tree Cooler- To be installed October

Drill- Routed drill to several place in early September. Drill now sitting to to rain. Anticipating drill will be sitting until dormant seedings. (5 consectutive days of ground temp 40deg or lower)

OHF-

- Canoe Launch installed week of September 17th.
- Sent pay appt to Industrial commission and received a check for \$5,883.00 on ~~September~~^{October} 3rd.
- Received \$500 donation from Barnes Bo. Wildlife Federation, and also a check from Game and Fish in the amount of \$2000.00 Both going to cost match on canoe launch.
- Only thing remaining is getting canoe launch sign to be installed by the road/driveway and another sign crediting our donating sponsors closer to launch within the park.
- Final report for OHF was finished and sent to Industrial committee on 10/4/18.

Other-

- All of Lori Franks grants (OHF, 319, Firewise and BMP) are completed!
- Assisited with, and attended Barnes Co Salinity Persentation
- Have been replacing WRE easement signs for NRCS
- Will be performing field checks for NRCS once weather permits and crops start coming off.