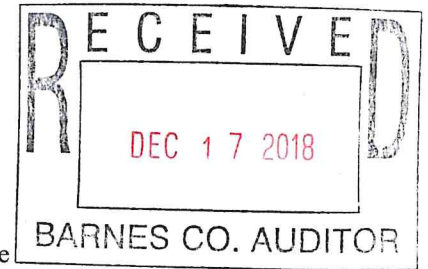


BARNES COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Minutes of Meeting
November 14, 2018
District Office / USDA Building
Valley City, ND 58072



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

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

The November meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Olson at 8:15am in the District Office in Valley City, ND. Minutes from the October 9th, 2018 board meeting were reviewed, and Vice Chairman Olson declared those minutes approved as emailed.

FINANCIALS:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Resolutions for the Convention were reviewed.
2. Reviewed the contribution closeout letter
3. Reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding letter from C2E2, signed forms and Jill will send back

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. Sheyenne Valley FFA Donation was tabled again until next meeting.
2. Area Award winners were decided, Jill will send out letters of congratulations and invite them to the Awards Supper held Dec. 12th at Sabir's.

Farmstead – Allen & Kelly Marler Farms

Wildlife – Henry Berger, Ryan Berger and spouses

Living Snow Fence – Louie Amann

Backyard Stewardship – John & Jennifer Kohler

Field Windbreak – Sheryl & Darryl Smith

3. Clausen Springs – Jason and Jill visited with the board as to their responsibilities with the Clausen Springs project since they are not 319 Coordinators. Jill handed out samples of survey questions from Greg Sandness for the board to review. We will send out the survey targeting 5 townships with landowners in the Clausen Springs watershed in January, along with information in our newsletter to see how much interest there is in improving the watershed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Winter show booth – March 5 – 10 2019. Jason and Jill will be setting this up but will need help working it a few days while they are at tree promotion.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for December 12, 2018 2:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
S/ Jill Olson, Sec/Treas.
Approved: 12.12.18



United States Department of Agriculture

NRCS Activity Report to the
Barnes County Soil Conservation District Board
November 14th, 2018

By: Amanda Brandt--District Conservationist

PROGRAMS:

EQIP:

- Taking applications for FY 2019. See the attached sheet for the current sign up initiative deadlines.
 - Currently meeting with producers on their land to go over their resource concerns.
- Been going onsite to review installed practices that have been completed and paying on those for 2018.

CSP:

- Following up with producers on enhancements that have been completed in 2018.
 - Jason and Cody both helped with field checks for CSP, so we have those all completed. Thank you to both guys!
 - Currently reviewing CSP documents brought in by the producers and certifying their payments for 2018.

Working Wetlands Program through Delta Waterfowl:

- Deadline for field checks and signatures from producers is this Friday, November 16th. As of 11/13/18 we have completed all the field checks and have received the signatures from the producers.

Other:

- Melissa will return to working in the Valley City Office on Monday, November 26th.
- VCSU Soils Lab- October 25th from 3 to 4 p.m.
 - Jordaan Larson, Soil Scientist and I had six students and one professor meet us at the office, I showed them the infiltration demo and talked about conservation cover, tillage, no-till and residue amounts. We then went over to the Medicine Wheel grasslands and Jordaan pulled soil samples for the class to look at with the soil probe on the pickup.
- A new County Executive Director (CED) was hired at FSA for Barnes County. We heard he is starting November 26th.

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Technician Report- November 2018

Tree Cooler-

- Removed old A/C evaporator and compressor on 10.15.18 and new units were installed 10.16.18
- All electrical then completed by Enterprise Electric. Electrical installation was slightly higher than original estimate. 2 evaporators to wire.
- Cooler was ran for several days and everything worked well. Might need to adjust refrigerant capacities in the spring when it warms up.
- All equipment stored for winter, well is drained and shed winterized.

Drill-

Has been out several times this fall. Currently in storage. If weather permits may come back out for dormant seedings.

OHF-

Riparian Park Canoe launch was completed last month. All payment applications submitted, and Final Grant report written and sent to Industrial Commission.

NRCS-

Performed field checks for Working Wetland compliance and CSP compliance checks.

Trees-

Currently there has been very little tree interest for 2019 plantings. Hopefully picks up after harvest slows down.