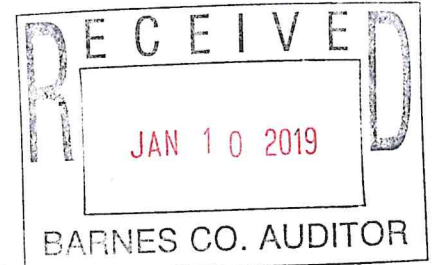


BARNES COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Minutes of Meeting
December 12, 2018
District Office / USDA Building
Valley City, ND 58072



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

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

The December meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Olson at 2:45 pm in the District Office in Valley City, ND. Minutes from the November 14th, 2018 board meeting were reviewed, and Vice Chairman Olson declared those minutes approved as emailed.

FINANCIALS:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Mill Levy letter of approval for 2019 funds
2. Reviewed the 2 thank you cards
3. Handed out and reviewed the 2019 NDASCD meeting schedule

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

Technician Report: Jason has been doing field checks for Amanda. He stated that tree plans are way down this year due to the late harvest season. OHF has reopened. Jason has been approached by 2 different committees to be a member. One for NDSU Advisory Committee and the other a committee looking at installing a paddle trail along the Sheyenne River.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Clausen Springs – received the Grant application from Mike Ell, reviewed and signed it. Reviewed the sample survey questions that Jill put together, made some changes, and we will review at the January meeting for approval.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Earth day trees, Stenson made a motion to donate 50 trees, like last year, Paulson second the motion. All in favor aye, motion carried. Jill will email Earth Team.
2. Winter Grazing workshop, Jason will check with Randy Grueneich to see if we can partner up with NDSU Extension office to do a workshop at the end of January.
3. NDASCD dues are due for 2019 in the amount of \$250. Paulson made a motion to pay our dues, Nelson second the motion. All in favor aye, motion carried. Jill will mail them a check for the dues.
4. Evaluation were done with Jill and Jason. The board decided to give each of them a \$750 raise for the year of 2019.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for January 09, 2019 8:00am.

Respectfully submitted,
S/ Jill Olson, Sec/Treas.
Approved: 01.09.19

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BARNES COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Minutes of Reorganizational Meeting
December 12, 2018
District/NRCS Offices
Valley City, ND 58072

Present:	Others:
Pete Paulson	Jill Olson, Dist. Sec/Treasurer
Diane Olson, Vice Chairman	Bob Bruns
Charlene Stenson	
Shelly Nelson	

This Reorganizational meeting was called by Vice Chairman Olson at 5:10 p.m.

Shelly Nelson made a motion to appoint Diane Olson to a one year term starting in January. Diane's 6 year term will be up at the end of the year. Stenson second the motion all in favor aye motion carried.

Charlene Stenson made a motion to appoint Pete Paulson to a one year term. Nelson second the motion, all in favor aye motion carried. Bob Bruns was elected to a 6 year term and will assume the new supervisor position starting January 1 2019.

Paulson made a motion to appoint Nelson as Chairman, Stenson second the motion all in favor aye motion carried. Olson made a motion to appoint Stenson as Vice Chairman, Paulson second the motion all in favor aye motion carried.

Nelson made a motion to appoint Jill Olson to the office of secretary/treasurer of the Barnes County SCD. Paulson seconded the motion. All in favor aye, motion carried.

The standing committee assignments on the 2019 Annual Work Plan will be reviewed by the Board at the January meeting.

Paulson made a motion, seconded by Stenson, to schedule the regular Barnes Co. SCD meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Spring, Summer, Fall meetings at 7 or 8am and Winter meetings at 4pm. All in favor aye, motion carried.

Olson made a motion, seconded by Nelson to keep Wells Fargo Bank, Valley City, as official depository for District funds. This will include the main checking account, the livestock waste checking account, and a savings account. One Certificates of Deposit is to remain at Dacotah Bank in Valley City. All in favor aye, motion carried.

The Reorganizational meeting for 2018 was concluded at 5:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Olson
Secretary/Treasurer/Clerk
Approved: 01.09.19



United States Department of Agriculture

**NRCS Activity Report to the
Barnes County Soil Conservation District Board
December 12th, 2018**

By: Amanda Brandt--District Conservationist

PROGRAMS:

EQIP:

- Taking applications for FY 2019. See the attached sheet for the current sign up initiative deadlines.
 - Seasonal High Tunnel System: We had one application in Barnes County and it has been preapproved for funding. Currently working on the contract that is due to the Area Office by January 11th, 2019.
- Checking in with contract holders on the status of their 2018 practices and modifying the contract if applicable.

CSP:

- Following up with producers on enhancements that have been completed in 2018.
- Currently reviewing CSP documents brought in by the producers and certifying their payments for 2018 & 2019.
- Visiting with producers about their scheduled enhancements for next year.

Other:

- The new County Executive Director (CED) for Barnes County is Evan Guler.
- NDASCD Annual Convention in Bismarck- mid November- I attended and then the next day all District Conservationists had a meeting.
- National Day of Mourning- Wednesday December 5th in memory of President George H.W. Bush. The flag must be displayed at half-staff for a period of 30 days from the day of his death.

Office Staff Update:

- I was offered the District Conservationist position in LaMoure County and I did accept that offer. I do not know a start date at this time, but I will keep you informed when I know more.

Workshops/Meetings:

- Thursday, December 20th, 2018- NDSU Barnes County Ag Improvement Annual Meeting at Ag Country Farm Credit Services Meeting Room- 9:30 am to 12:15 pm- Flyer in our office if you want to see the Agenda.
- Local Work Group Meeting with other counties- TBA
- Effective District Conservationist Training: Amanda- February 11th - February 14th, 2019- Albuquerque New Mexico

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2019 SIGN UP DEADLINES

Local:

Local Work Group (LWG): Applications are due by March 15th, 2019 to our office.

State Initiatives:

- **Forestry:** Application deadline has passed- **November 30th, 2018** but applications can be accepted year-round.
- **Animal Feeding Operation (AFO):** Applications due by February 15th, 2019 to our office.
- **Irrigation:** Applications due by February 15th, 2019 to our office.
- **Water/Drainage Management:** Applications due by February 15th, 2019 to our office.
- **Wildlife:** Application deadline has passed- **November 30th, 2018** but applications can be accepted year-round.

National Initiatives:

- **Organic:** Applications due by February 15th, 2019 to our office.
- **High Tunnel System:** Application deadline has passed- **November 2nd, 2018** but applications can be accepted year-round.
- **Pollinator/Honey Bee:** Application deadline has passed- **November 2nd, 2018** but applications can be accepted year-round.
- **Red River Basin Initiative:** Applications due by February 15th, 2019 to our office.
- **Sage Grouse:** Applications due by February 15th, 2019 to our office. Only eligible in Bowman, Slope and Golden Valley Counties of ND (very southwestern corner).
- **National Water Quality (NWO):** Application deadline has passed- **November 2nd, 2018** but applications can be accepted year-round.
- **Energy:** Applications due by February 15th, 2019 to our office.

Special Program Initiatives:

- **Beginning Farmer:** Application deadline has passed- **November 30th, 2018** but applications can be accepted year-round.
- **Socially Disadvantage:** Application deadline has passed- **November 30th, 2018** but applications can be accepted year-round.