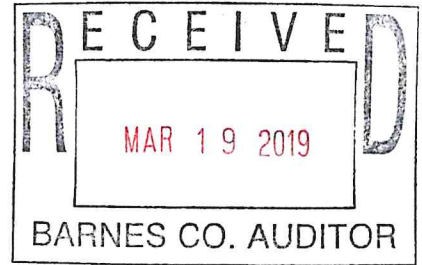


BARNES COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Minutes of Meeting
February 13, 2019
District Office / USDA Building
Valley City, ND 58072



Board Members Present:
Pete Paulson
Diane Olson
Charlene Stenson, Vice Chairman
Bob Bruns

Others:
Matt Shappell
Jill Olson, Sec/Treasurer
Jason Elston, Tech

The February meeting was called to order by Olson at 4:10pm in the District Office in Valley City, ND. Minutes from the January 9th, 2019 board meeting were reviewed, and Olson declared those corrected minutes approved as emailed.

FINANCIALS:

A list of receipts and bills paid during January 2019, were reviewed by the Board. Paulson made a motion to accept the January 2019 financial statement as presented with Bruns seconding it. All in favor aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

Office Report: Acting DC Matt Shappell handed out his attached report, see report. He also reviewed the Civil Rights Memo and checklist. All supervisors present signed. Matt also stated that Paul Flahave is now working out of the Fargo field office and has taken the HEL compliance position.

Technician Report: Jason handed out his attached report. See report. After further discussion about the Irrigation System, Stenson made a motion to aggressively sell the Irrigation System, Paulson second the motion. All in favor aye, motion carried. Discussion was had on the Marshall Saw and Grapple Bucket for the skid steer. Paulson made a motion to sell both since the district doesn't have a use for them anymore, Stenson second the motion, all in favor aye. Motion carried. Jason reviewed the request to place a rest room at the Riparian Park. There is a grant out there that we could apply for to help with the cost of putting one out at the park. A rest room would be a great addition to the park along with the new canoe launch. Stenson made a motion to pursue the grant and the continue with the appropriate steps, Bruns second the motion, all in favor aye. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Clausen Springs – reviewed the surveys received so far. Bob and Jill met with Andre from VCSU about revising the budget to a lot for some of the SCD expenses related to this study. Andre will get the new revisions back to Jill. We need to set a date for the first public meeting on the Clausen Springs study. We are looking at the end of March, possibly the 26th, 7pm at Prairie Waters. Jill will contact Andre and Greg Sandness to see if this date will work. If so, Jill will post notices in the Litchville Bulletin, the Times Record and on our Facebook page.
2. The Annual Work Plan was gone through. Changes were made. Jill will revise and print a new copy for 2019.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Tree Promotion is March 5-7 which Jill and Jason will be attending. This is also the same time as the Winter Show. Diane, Charlene, Pete and Bob will be taking turns working at the booth while Jill and Jason are away.
2. Supervisor Accreditation Binders – 4 modules up and running for review and no date set to have these completed.
3. 2019 Overall Conservation Award winners are due by May 14th.
4. Discussion on clothing or boot allowance for district employees. Jill will poll the rest of the districts to see if any have this option.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2019 4:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,
S/ Jill Olson, Sec/Treas.
Approved: 03.13.19



**NRCS Activity Report to the
Barnes County Soil Conservation District Board**

February 13th, 2019

By: Matt Shappell—Acting District Conservationist

PROGRAMS:

EQIP:

- Taking applications for FY 2019.
- Ranked two Beginning Farmer applications, but they were not preapproved.
- Red River Basin Initiative and LWG funding pools are still available.
- Currently we have two Grassland and two Cropland applications for LWG.

CSP:

- Currently have three CSP contracts to review documentation on.

Melissa has been working on developing 2019 prescribed grazing plans for all contract holders who have prescribed grazing scheduled for 2019. She has also been processing contract payments and developing conservation plans, along with all supporting documents for potential FY2019 EQIP contracts.

Victoria has been processing contract payments, answering HEL information questions, assisting with contract modifications and taking care of NRCS mailings. She recently mailed out FY2019 practice reminder letters.

Cody has been working on CRP contract modifications for contracts that require management in 2019. He is also developing conservation plans, along with all supporting documents for potential FY2019 EQIP contracts.

Office Staff Update:

- No word on when the DC position will be opened.
- NRCS will remain open if we have another partial government shutdown.

Workshops/Meetings:

- LWG Subgroup Meeting
 - February 20 - Jamestown Field Office
- Farming and Ranching for the Bottom Line
 - February 26-27 - Bismarck State College

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Technician Report- Jan/Feb 2019

- **Trees:**
 - Currently have 17 planting sites
 - 59,705ft of planned trees. About average for this time of year. Have planned over 51,000ft in January.
 - Ordered 62,500 more ft of weed barrier from NYP.
- **Equipment:**
 - Decision on irrigation system?
 - 60% of sale price needs to be 319 compatible implement or practice. **Cannot** be used for tractor.
 - Marshall Saw?
- **Riparian Park:**
 - A primary mapped spot on Sheyenne Paddle Trail
 - Can apply for 80/20 Grant for restroom facilities through ND Parks/Rec "Recreation Trails Program".
 - Estimated cost of restroom installation \$20,000
 - Would need to cash match \$4,000.
- **Paddle Trail Committee:**
 - Have attended 2 meetings so far. Currently working on mapping. May incorporate some other sites in grant proposal if we move forward with grant.