

BARNES COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Minutes of Meeting
February 19, 2020
USDA Building
Valley City, ND 58072

Board Members Present:

Diane Olson
Pete Paulson
Bob Bruns

Others:

Jason Elston, Tech
Brent Skjoleen, Acting DC
Jill Olson, Clerk

The February meeting was called to order by Bruns at 1:00pm at the USDA Building in Valley City, ND. Minutes from the January 15th, 2020 board meeting were reviewed, Bruns declared those minutes approved as presented.

FINANCIALS:

A list of receipts and bills paid during January 2020, were reviewed by the Board. Paulson made a motion to accept the January 2020 financial statement as presented with Olson seconding it. All in favor aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Olson, Paulson and Bruns reviewed the Leadership training held Tuesday at the Americinn.
2. Reviewed the NACD thank you
3. Reviewed the Area II meeting minutes from the November Convention

Office Report: Brent Skjoleen, Acting DC informed the board that the new DC for Barnes County is Ranita Lloyd-Pope. She will be starting March 2nd. CRP sign ups are going on. CSP – paid but no new sign ups as of yet. New deadline for EQIP is March 28th.

Technician Report: Jason discussed his attached report.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Clausen Springs – waiting on the new contract with VCSU and the new grant to sign.
2. 2020 Annual Work Plan was updated and agreed upon.
3. 2021 Mill Levy request tabled until next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Charlene is up for re-election in November.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for March 17th, 2020 3:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
S/ Jill Olson, Sec/Treas.
Approved 03.17.2020

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Technician Report Jan/Feb 2020

- **Parks and Recs Grant:** Initial Environmental Clearance Review has been performed and now waiting on Grant Award Agreement between NDPRD and grantee (SCD). Money will be allocated, and we should be able to install restroom facilities this summer.
- **Clausen Springs Dam Watershed 319 grant:** Have developed a rough draft. Continue to chip away at it, but have several items that I will need to wait on in order to continue
 - Will receive Andre's water quality assessment and narrative later this summer (July?) that will dictate the direction of SCD's 319 proposal. Protection or Restoration? Results may be skewed again this summer due to excessive water.
 - Will attend PTMApp (Prioritize, Target and Measure) training in Jamestown on Feb 27th. This training will help me develop a budget by targeting priority areas and calculating the BMP's that will be most cost effective and efficient.
 - Need to finish field checks before I speculate on problems throughout watershed. If during field checks, we see a lot of erosion that could have been prevented with BMP's it will be easier to present a narrative and budget based on actual field data.
 - Will meet one on one with local producers to address their concerns.
- **Trees:**
 - 12 sites currently planned
 - 58,705ft planned
 - 13,260 trees on order from LON, Towner and Big Sioux nurseries