

# BARNES COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Minutes of Meeting

May 8, 2019

District Office / USDA Building  
Valley City, ND 58072

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

Others:  
Jason Elston, Tech  
Jill Olson, Sec/Treasure  
Bobbie Ostrom, Acting DC

The May meeting was called to order by Nelson at 8:10 am in the District Office in Valley City, ND. Minutes from the April 10th, 2019 board meeting were reviewed, one correction on attendance, and Nelson declared those minutes approved as emailed.

## FINANCIALS:

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

## CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Reviewed the Interstate Engineering letter.
2. Reviewed Jim Collin's email, would like more info from Jim, Jill will email.

**Office Report:** Acting DC Bobbie Ostrom reviewed her attached report, see report.

**Technician Report:** Jason reported that all the trees are in. Handplant orders are filled and we set the 2 pickup dates for May 11<sup>th</sup> and May 18<sup>th</sup> from 9 till noon. The tree crew is set, will start flagging at the end of this week with hopes to start planting Monday. The drill has been out once, there is a running list in the office. No word on the grant for the restroom at the park yet. Will be adding 3 trees at the park, working on a small no till garden along with adding some plants to the existing flowerbed.

## OLD BUSINESS:

1. Clausen Springs – still waiting on the land use survey from Greg Sandness.
2. 2019 Overall Conservation Winner discussion was had. Stenson made a motion to award the Steffen Family Farm including: Clarence, Dwight and Shawn as this year's overall winner. Olson second the motion, all in favor aye motion carried. Jill will get the information to NDASCD and contact the Steffen Family.

## NEW BUSINESS:

1. Pump, reel and hose. We do have this item listed for sale but are willing to rent it our to producers until it is sold. The board revisited the fees involved with the rental of this equipment. Bruns made a motion to increase our setup/tear down fee to \$800 and the day use fee to \$300. Paulson 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 June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 8:00am.

Respectfully submitted,  
S/ Jill Olson, Sec/Treas.  
Approved: 06.19.19

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**NRCS Activity Report to the  
Barnes County Soil Conservation District Board  
May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

By: Bobbie Ostrom—Acting District Conservationist

**PROGRAMS:**

**Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP):**

- Two Red River Basin Initiative applications were completed. One continued
- Two Local Work Group Grassland applications were submitted and were not approved at this time.

**Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP):**

- Three CSP applications were submitted. May 10<sup>th</sup> deadline.

**Wetland Reserve Easement (WRE):**

- 10 WRE applications will be submitted, May 10<sup>th</sup> deadline.

**Water Bank Program (WBP):**

- Application deadline is May 22, 2019.

**EASEMENTS:**

- Onsite Annual Monitoring will begin this summer.

**CONSERVATION CLIENT GATEWAY:**

- Continue looking for producers to sign up.

**Melissa** has been working on WRE and CSP applications.

**Victoria** continues to organize HEL and Wetland Compliance letters and create a 195 book.

**Cody** has been working on WRE applications.

**Mike** has been working on certified wetland determinations.

**Office Staff Update:**

- Conservation Delivery Unit Supervisor positions were advertised and closed. Barnes in a CDU with Cass, Steele and Trall.