

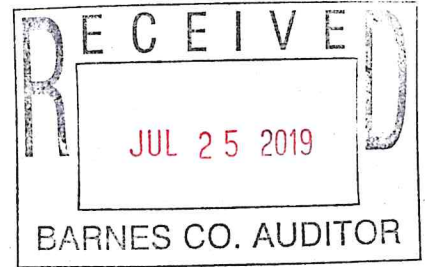
# BARNES COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Minutes of Meeting

June 19, 2019

District Office / USDA Building  
Valley City, ND 58072



**Board Members Present:**

Diane Olson  
Charlene Stenson, Vice Chairman  
Bob Bruns  
Shelly Nelson, Chairman

**Others:**

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

The June meeting was called to order by Nelson at 8:15 am in the District Office in Valley City, ND. Minutes from the May 8th, 2019 board meeting were reviewed, Nelson declared those minutes approved as emailed.

**FINANCIALS:**

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Reviewed the Tree Sale information and date.
2. Reviewed Operation Round Up request and funds granted for Eco Ed.

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

**Technician Report:** Jason reported that all the trees are planted, 1 weed barrier site left due to being wet. The surplus tree sale is set for Friday at 9am. The tree cooler is working well. The drill has been on the move in the county. He received an email from the Park and Rec Grant board stating the restroom grant has been ranked and will be reviewed by the advisory board. Jason also requested that the board think about upgrading the tractor and a possible auto steer system for the future.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Clausen Springs – updating the land use survey and mapping information with a training July 17<sup>th</sup> in Valley City at the Americinn. Jill and or Jason will be attending.
2. Mill Levy increase request was presented at the commissioner's budget meeting Thursday June 13<sup>th</sup>. Barnes Co. SCD requested an increase to 1.5 mill.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. The tech grant approval was received. Barnes Co. SCD will receive 18,000 over the next 2 years for technical assistance.

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019 8:00am.

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

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NRCS Activity Report to the  
Barnes County Soil Conservation District Board

June 12th, 2019

By: Bobbie Ostrom—Acting District Conservationist

**PROGRAMS:**

**Conservation Reserve Program:**

- Continuous CRP signup, June 3<sup>rd</sup> through August 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- One year contract extensions for CRP contracts expiring on September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019, if less than 15 years.

**Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP):**

- Three CSP applications were submitted.

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

- Two Local Work Group Grassland applications were submitted and have been preapproved.

**Water Bank Program (WBP):**

- 15 WBP applications were submitted

**Wetland Reserve Easement (WRE):**

- 10 WRE applications submitted.

**EASEMENTS:**

- Onsite Annual Monitoring deadline is August 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Office Staff Update:**

- **Cody** has been working on WRE, WBP, and CRP applications.
- **Melissa** has been working on WRE, WBP applications and onsite monitoring.
- **Mike** has been working on certified wetland determinations.
- **Victoria** continues to organize HEL and Wetland Compliance letters, update the office 195 book, along with helping scan and organize applications for WRE and WBP.

**Conservation Delivery Unit Supervisor position:**

- **Brent Gustafson** was selected for Finley, Hillsboro, Fargo and Valley City. He will be located at the Valley City Office. His start day is set for July 8<sup>th</sup>

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