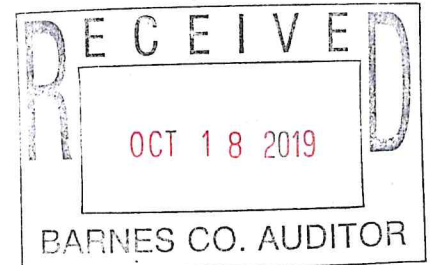


BARNES COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Minutes of Meeting
September 18, 2019
District Office / USDA Building
Valley City, ND 58072



Board Members Present:

Pete Paulson
Diane Olson
Charlene Stenson, Vice Chairman
Bob Bruns
Shelly Nelson, President

Others:

Jason Elston, Tech
Jill Olson, Sec/Treasurer
Matt Shappell – Acting DC

The September meeting was called to order by Nelson at 7:40 am in the District Office in Valley City, ND. Minutes from the August 14th, 2019 board meeting were reviewed, Nelson declared those minutes approved as emailed.

FINANCIALS:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Reviewed the letter from NDFU, request that Kirk Olson, Agent visit next meeting to discuss.
2. Reviewed the thank you note from St. Kates regarding Eco Ed.
3. Reviewed the Convention memo regarding an exhibit.

Office Report: Acting DC Matt Shappell reviewed his attached report.

Technician Report: Jason Elston reviewed his attached report.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Clausen Springs –waiting on mapping.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. St. Kates Auction. Last year we donated 3 tree certificates. Stenson made a motion to donate 5 certificates which equals 25 free trees from the district. Paulson second the motion. All in favor aye, motion carried. Jill will print and mail them out to St. Kates.

ADJOURN:

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

Respectfully submitted,
S/ Jill Olson, Sec/Treas.
Approved: 10.15.19

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**NRCS Activity Report to the
Barnes County Soil Conservation District Board
September 18th, 2019**

By: Matt Shappell—Acting District Conservationist

PROGRAMS:

EQIP:

- Certifying completed practices and making payments.
- Field visits for potential FY2020 applications.
- Likely batching date of October 18th.

CSP:

- One new contract, two applications ranked below the funding threshold.

EASEMENTS:

- Two WRE applications are moving forward for FY2020.

CONSERVATION CLIENT GATEWAY:

- Looking for volunteers.

Melissa has been working on Waterbank, WRE, EQIP payments and Cultural Resources.

Cody has been working on CRP plans, modifications and status reviews.

Mike has been working in the back room looking for certified wetland determinations.

Office Staff Update:

- Unable to fill the DC position during the previous round of hiring.
- Victoria's last day was September 6th.

Acronyms:

EQIP: Environmental Quality Incentives Program

CSP: Conservation Stewardship Program

WRE: Wetland Reserve Easement

CRP: Conservation Reserve Program

CDU: Conservation Delivery Unit

Technician Report- Aug/Sept 2019

- Trees
 - Completed and Mailed 7 OHF applications totaling 41,590ft of trees for spring of 2020
 - Completed initial tree order for both Lincoln Oaks and Towner nurseries
- Drill, park and misc.
 - Drill has slowed down with recent rain events, but am starting to get calls for it again
 - 8.21.19 Built up canoe launch with 2 loads of gravel to keep launch out of water during high releases/rain events.
 - Ordered signs for canoe launch sponsors, for the road by park and for the tree shed
 - 8.23.19 returned to Rivinius farm (Streeter) and setup Irrigation system.
 - Painted and installed a new walk-in door at tree shed
 - 9.3.19 and 9.5.19 Helped both days of Eco-Ed
 - 8.29.19 and 9.16.19 Performed 2 small tree renovations. Stenson and Hoar, both were the removal of dead row within young tree plantings.