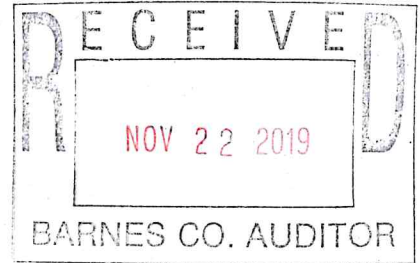


BARNES COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Minutes of Meeting
October 15, 2019
Sabir's Restaurant
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/Treasure
Matt Shappell – Acting DC

The October meeting was called to order by Nelson at 11:40 am in Sabir's restaurant in Valley City, ND. Minutes from the September 18th, 2019 board meeting were reviewed, Nelson declared those minutes approved as emailed.

FINANCIALS:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Reviewed the letter from NDFU again, Bob Bruns and Jill Olson shared with the board what information they found out from their ND Farmers Union County Convention. Bob made a motion to vote yes on the ballot for the reorganization, Diane Olson second the motion all in favor aye, motion carried.
2. Reviewed the second level of Leadership training email from Bruce Schmidt. The training will be held in February at the Americinn. All supervisors are encouraged to attend even if they haven't attended level 1 training.
3. Reviewed the Convention agenda.

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

Technician Report: Jason Elston reported that he has been busy with repairs at the shed, winterizing equipment and putting things away. The new park signs and shed signs are in and he and Jill hung those. The park is under a lot of water from the river but is cleaned up and mowed for the year. He has 52,000 feet of trees planned so far for next year. He attended the Oct. 9th Advisor Committee meeting. He and Jill will be meeting with Greg Sandness tomorrow on the Clausen Springs Assessment mapping. Jason will also be attending the Paddle Trail Committee meeting at Fort Ransom on October 17th.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Clausen Springs –waiting on mapping with Greg tomorrow.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Award supper to be held at Sabir's December 11th at 5:30pm social, 6pm supper. Jill will send out letters to our county winners.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for November 13th, 2019 8:00am.

Respectfully submitted,
S/ Jill Olson, Sec/Treas.
Approved: 11.20.19

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

October 15th, 2019

By: Matt Shappell — Acting District Conservationist

PROGRAMS:

EQIP:

- Change to funding pools for both EQIP and CSP to West River, East River and Red River.
- Certifying completed practices, making payments and processing modifications.
- Field visits for potential FY2020 applications.
- Batching date is on hold until Manual/Rules have been updated.

CSP:

- A letter was sent out to contract holders reminding them we need documentation.
- CSP-GCI batching date is October 25, 2019.

CONSERVATION CLIENT GATEWAY:

- Looking for volunteers.

Melissa has been working on EQIP payments and WWPP contract reviews.

Cody has been working on WRP Compatible Use Authorizations.

Mike has been updating a database for certified wetland determinations.

Office Staff Update:

- My last day of Acting DC is scheduled for November 1st.
- Brent is on leave for two weeks. Reggie Laframboise (Finley FO) is Acting.
- Mary Podoll will be returning sometime in November.

Acronyms:

EQIP: Environmental Quality Incentives Program

CSP: Conservation Stewardship Program

WRP: Wetlands Reserve Program

WWPP: Working Wetlands Pilot Program

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