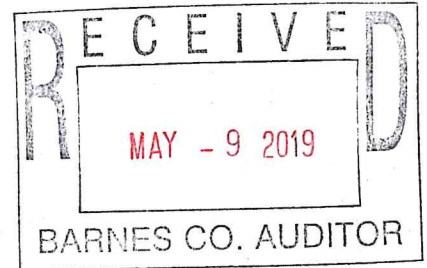


# BARNES COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Minutes of Meeting  
April 10, 2019  
District Office / USDA Building  
Valley City, ND 58072



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

Others:  
Jason Elston, Tech  
Jill Olson, Sec/Treasure  
Matt Shappell, Acting DC

The April meeting was called to order by Nelson at 4:00 pm in the District Office in Valley City, ND. Minutes from the March 13th, 2019 board meeting were reviewed, and Nelson declared those minutes approved as emailed.

## FINANCIALS:

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

## CORRESPONDENCE:

1. NDIRF Letter was reviewed
2. NDASCD memo was reviewed
3. Surface Mining report was reviewed
4. Raffle Ticket fund raiser information was reviewed

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

**Technician Report:** Jason reviewed his attached report, see report.

## OLD BUSINESS:

1. Clausen Springs – public question and answer meeting at Prairie Waters March 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm had 2 attendees. Received the signed contract between the SCD and VCSU.
2. 2019 Overall Conservation Winner discussion was had. A few names were discussed. Jill and Jason will collect information for next meeting.

## NEW BUSINESS:

1. None at this time.

## ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for May 8<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**

April 10th, 2019

By: Matt Shappell—Acting District Conservationist

**PROGRAMS:**

**EQIP:**

- Ranked two RRBI applications, and they were both preapproved.
- Ranked two LWG Grassland applications.
- High Tunnel contract obligated.

**CSP:**

- No CSP renewals this year, option to extend one year

**EASEMENTS:**

- Offsite Annual Monitoring has begun and will be finished by April 19, Cody H. has been calling landowners.

**CONSERVATION CLIENT GATEWAY:**

- Looking for volunteers.

**Melissa** has been working on potential FY 2019 EQIP contracts and Civil Rights.

**Victoria** has been organizing HEL and Wetland Compliance binders.

**Cody** has been working on WRP/WRE monitoring and Compatible Use Authorizations.

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

**Office Staff Update:**

- CDU Supervisor positions were advertised and closed. Barnes in a CDU with Cass, Steele and Trall.
- Hopeful we'll be able to hire a DC during the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter hires.
- Amanda DuBourt (Carrington) has taken over the wetland compliance for Barnes Co.
- We added another Heartland contract employee to the office. Mike Biewer will be assisting the Compliance staff.
- Bobbie Ostrom will be Acting DC beginning April 21 until further notice.

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Acronyms:

**EQIP:** Environmental Quality Incentives Program

**CSP:** Conservation Stewardship Program

**WRE:** Wetland Reserve Easement

**CRP:** Conservation Reserve Program

**LWG:** Local Work Group

**WRP:** Wetland Reserve Program

**RRBI:** Red River Basin Initiative

**CDU:** Conservation Delivery Unit