

BARNES COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

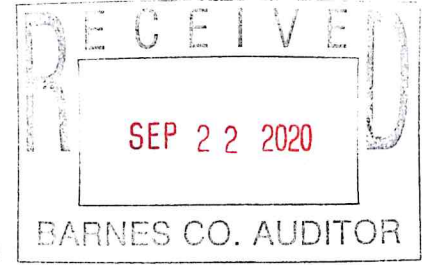
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Special Meeting Minutes

August 24th, 2020

Tree Shed

Valley City, ND 58072



Board Members Present:

Charlene Stenson, Chairman

Diane Olson

Pete Paulson

Bob Bruns, Vice Chairman

Shelly Nelson

Others:

Jason Elston, Technician

Jill Olson, Clerk

The Special Meeting held August 24th was called to order by Stenson at the Tree Shed Building in Valley City, ND.

The board reviewed and signed the letter that Greg Sandness requested from Jason. The letter stated that we had 319 funds from the sale of the pump and reel and we are reinvesting those funds into a tractor with auto steer that we can use for multiple purposes including planting trees, custom seeding, and weed barrier installation to name a few.

The next item for discussion was the 2019 5075E John Deere Tractor and Auto Steer. Jason traveled to Tyler MN to look at and drive this tractor. This tractor has all of the options that the SCD would need to plant trees, install weed barrier and custom seed. The tractor would have GPS installed in it to help with the tree planting and custom seeding. The SCD would then sell their existing tractor.

Shelly Nelson made a motion to purchase the 2019 5075E John Deere Tractor and Auto Steer with the \$24,000 319 funds and to finance the remaining balance with Dacotah Bank with an annual payment for 5 years with Charlene Stenson, Chairman and Bob Bruns, Vice Chairman signing for the loan request. Bob Bruns second this motion. All in favor aye, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

S/ Jill Olson, Sec/Treas.

Approved: 09.16.2020

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NRCS Activity Report to the
Barnes County Soil Conservation District Board

By: Rani Lloyd—District Conservationist

PROGRAMS:

EQIP:

- Prairie Pothole Water Quality & Wildlife Program
 - All applications were preapproved.

WRE/WRP:

- Still working through the 2 preapprovals.
- Completing Annual Monitoring Worksheets.
- Have been working on getting Compatible Use Agreements for haying.

Waterbank:

- We had eight high priority applications. We are still waiting to hear if any are accepted.
- Completed annual status reviews.

CRP

- Cody is working on completing re-enrollments and generals.
- Have been modifying contracts for non-emergency haying.
- Also working on spot checks.

Civil Rights Responsibilities for Partners Checklist

- Need Charlene's signature.

Office Update:

- We are holding in Phase 2 of re-opening
- Grace's last day was July 31st.
- I am transferring to Ashley FO. August 14th is my last day in Valley City.
 - The position has been opened and closes on Monday. Brent hopes to have a person in 6-8 weeks. Matt Shappell will be acting.

Technician Report July/August 2020

- **Trees:**
 - All 2020 OHF pay applications have been sent for reimbursement.
 - 2021 OHF planting applications were due on August 3, 2020. Met with many producers and ended up with 10 contracts for spring 2021.
 - Already have 12 sites for 2021 totaling 57,390ft.
- **Parks and Recs Grant:**
 - Signed Missoula Concrete contract for Riparian Park restroom. Should still be delivered/installed in September.
- **Clausen Springs Dam Watershed 319 grant:**
 - Talked with Greg about continuation of grant application due to lack of interest.
 - We decided to put grant on hold until we have more information on Spring Creek problems. Current state of agriculture causing a lack of interest among producers.
 - Greg suggested if we want more info on the status of Spring Creek, we can do a "Development Phase Proposal"-see additional page
- **Tractor/GPS**
 - Got a quote on 5075E John Deere from Shaun at Valley Plains.
 - 75hp tractor with cab could be utilized for seeding in the late summer/early fall seeding windows if we choose to.
 - \$32,500 For 2wd Cab Tractor
 - Would cost additional \$5,592.00 for front wheel assist (\$38,092) Needed?
 - Case IH Farmall 75c cost is nearly identical-
 - Received estimate on ATU (Auto Track Universal) system from Valley Plains also. Waiting on salesperson to try one on 50 Series tractor to see how they operate at .5mph.
 - Accurate to .3mph, +/- 6inch deviation
 - \$11,000 For complete installed system
 - \$2,000 For ATU
 - \$4,000 For 6000 Series Globe
 - \$4,500 For Screen 4240
 - \$500? Harness