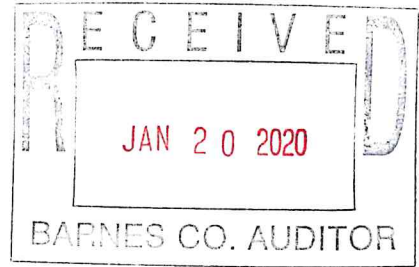


BARNES COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Minutes of Reorganizational Meeting
December 21, 2020
VCSU Norway Room
Valley City, ND 58072



Present:

- Pete Paulson
- Diane Olson
- Charlene Stenson
- Shelly Nelson
- Bob Bruns

Others:

Jill Olson, clerk

This Reorganizational meeting was called by Chairman Stenson at 5 p.m.

Stenson made a motion to appoint Diane Olson to a one year term starting in January. Bruns second the motion all in favor aye motion carried.

Stenson made a motion to appoint Pete Paulson to a one year term. Bruns second the motion, all in favor aye motion carried.

Diane Olson made a motion to appoint Stenson as Chairman, Bruns second the motion all in favor aye motion carried.

Olson made a motion to appoint Bruns as Vice Chairman, Stenson second the motion all in favor aye motion carried.

Shelly Nelson made a motion to appoint Jill Olson to the office of secretary/treasurer of the Barnes County SCD. Stenson seconded the motion. All in favor aye, motion carried.

Bruns made a motion, seconded by Olson, to schedule the regular Barnes Co. SCD meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Spring, Summer, Fall meetings at 7 or 8am and Winter meetings at 4pm. All in favor aye, motion carried.

Bruns made a motion, seconded by Olson to keep Wells Fargo Bank, Valley City, as official depository for District funds until a decision is made on the accounts at Dacotah Bank This will include the main checking account, the livestock waste checking account, and a savings account. One Certificates of Deposit is to remain at Dacotah Bank in Valley City. All in favor aye, motion carried.

Bruns made a motion to continue the standing committee assignments. Paulson second the motion, all in favor aye, motion carried.

The Reorganizational meeting for 2020 was concluded at 5:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Olson
Secretary/Treasurer/Clerk
Approved:

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Valley City State University – Norway Room

Valley City, ND 58072

Board Members Present:

Charlene Stenson
Diane Olson
Pete Paulson
Bob Bruns
Shelly Nelson

Others:

Jason Elston, Tech
Jacob Dummer
Jill Olson, Clerk
Greg Sandness
Andre Delorme

The December meeting was called to order by Stenson at 1 pm at Valley City State University Norway Room, Valley City, ND. Minutes from the November 09, 2020 board meeting were reviewed, Stenson declared those minutes approved as presented.

FINANCIALS:

A list of receipts and bills paid during November 2020, were reviewed by the Board. Bruns made a motion to accept the November 2020 financial statement as presented with Olson seconding it. All in favor aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Reviewed the Christmas card and letter from ND Envirothon
2. Reviewed the Mill Levy summary for 2020

Office Report: The office is still closed to the Public. Only 3 staff can be in there at one time. Staff are rotating days. No DC yet. Reggie from Cooperstown comes down when he can to help with the DC workload.

Technician Report: See attached report.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Evaluations – the board met with Jill and Jason individually and finished their annual evaluations.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Andre Delorme gave the board a summary of the Clausen Springs water sampling data from the last 2 years. Greg Sandness discussed with the board on the next steps – to see if a 319 Watershed Grant is needed to preserve the watershed. At this point there is no real producer interest to pursue the grant. There was discussion and agreement to take a year off from the sampling and reach out to producers again to see once again about interest in conservation.
2. Banking information – Jill received account information from Dacotah Bank on what they have to offer. We will look into switching banks after the first of the year.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for January 14th 4pm, 2021. The next meeting will be at the VCSU Norway Room for social distancing.

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

Approved:

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Technician Report Dec 2020

- **Trees:**
 - Currently have roughly 70,000ft contracted for Spring 2021.
 - Awaiting 2nd round of OHF-continue to receive calls for cost share.
 - Currently have 13 people who want cost share for this spring that are on my OHF waiting list
 - After talking to Rhonda Kelsh (OHF) 2nd round will probably be for spring 2022.

- **Equipment**
 - Both planter and weed barrier machine have been converted to category 2 “Quick Hitch”
 - Planter had to be drastically converted in order to fit on hitch. Was full of welder burns and grinding scars. I sandblasted whole machine and powder coated it. Also, all bearings were replaced and subsoiler shank replaced. See photo
 - Chevy Silverado 3500 was taken to Gateway and exhaust manifold was repaired in addition to other needed repairs.
 - All equipment is serviced and ready for spring planting.

- **Miscellaneous**
 - Shed and equipment winterized and stored
 - Currently Jill and I have been alternating days in the office due to NRCS restrictions.