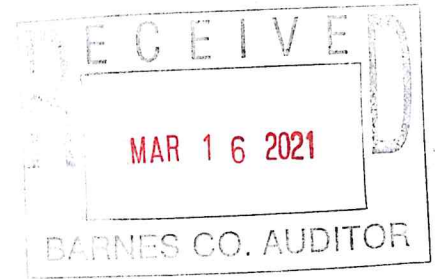


BARNES COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Minutes of Meeting
February 10th, 2021
USDA Building
Valley City, ND 58072



Board Members Present:
Charlene Stenson
Diane Olson
Pete Paulson

Others:
Brent Gustafson
Jason Elston
Jill Olson, Clerk
Alex Wittenberg

Shelly Nelson, via phone

The February meeting was called to order by Stenson at 4 pm at Valley City USDA Building, Valley City, ND. Minutes from the January 14th, 2021 board meeting were reviewed, Stenson declared those minutes approved as presented.

FINANCIALS:

A list of receipts and bills paid during January 2021, were reviewed by the Board. Olson made a motion to accept the January financial statement as presented with Paulson seconding it. All in favor aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Reviewed and discussed the Leadership Training on Feb. 3 and 4th.
2. Discussed the Winter Show Booth
3. Discussed the Virtual Tree Promotion

Office Report: The office is still closed to the Public, although we have moved to Phase 2 which is allowing appts for producers. Brent stated the DC application process is now closed. Brent introduced Alex Wittenberg, Soil Conservationist and reminded the board that Shelby Larson, Soil Con. From Jamestown is acting DC in the Valley City office until April.

Technician Report: See attached report.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Grass Drill – Jason provided a new option/service for the District. Custom seeding grass between tree rows after we plant trees and apply weedbarrier. The board discussed and will continue discussion at the next meeting. Jason will inquire with dealers around that area for price options on the grass drill.
2. Mill Levy – tabled until next meeting
3. Annual Work Plan – reviewed existing one from 2020, made necessary changes. Jill will update.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Clausen Springs Assessment Final Report and Summary – was reviewed.
2. Discussion – on asking Rep. Mike Wobbema to our board meeting. Jill will email and invite.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for March 8th 4pm, 2021. The next meeting will be at VCSU Norway room.

Respectfully submitted,
S/ Jill Olson, Sec/Treas.
Approved: 03.08.2021

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Technician Report Jan/Feb 2020

- **Trees:**

- Currently have roughly 80,000ft of trees contracted on 19 sites for Spring 2021.
- Outdoor Heritage Fund cost share will not be available for 2nd round this year.
- Have met with 10 producers by appointment and contacted 22 by phone in the last week and a half to develop tree plans. Most opted to wait for cost share and plant in 2022.
- January 15th mailed all agreements and deposit requests. I have received signed agreements and deposits from all my original tree plans except for 1 producer.
- I have not received down payment or signed agreements from Paul Stenshoel (\$2,951.63). His planting is a CRP contract that is 13,890ft long and I have 2,110 trees ordered for it. I sent him a letter, an agreement, and down payment request on January 15th, 2021. I have also tried to contact him by phone.

- **Equipment**

- I have talked with several counties about doing custom drilling. Talked with Cass County (Tony Pederson) at length about different drills they have ran and costs. He runs their 30 ft Great Plains drill all year and used to run a 15 ft Great Plains. Several years ago, they sold their 3yr old, 15-foot Great Plains drill for \$40,000. Will it be worth it for Barnes SCD to get into another drill for July to Nov?
- Drill options-Smaller grass seeder with native box for in between tree rows?

- **Miscellaneous**

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