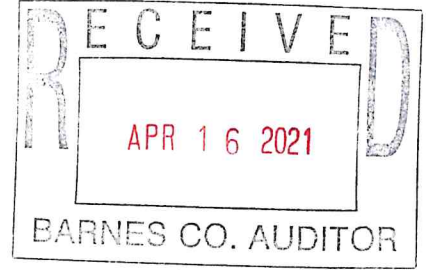


BARNES COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Minutes of Meeting
March 8th, 2021
VCSU Student Center
Valley City, ND 58072



Board Members Present:
Charlene Stenson
Diane Olson
Bob Bruns

Others:
Shelby Larson
Jason Elston
Jill Olson, Clerk

Shelly Nelson, via phone

The March meeting was called to order by Stenson at 4:10 pm at Valley City State University, Norway Room, Valley City, ND. Minutes from the February 14th, 2021 board meeting were reviewed, Stenson declared those minutes approved as presented and adjusted.

FINANCIALS:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Winter Show Booth March 10-14th
2. Virtual Tree Promotion March 10-11
3. Office memo regarding staffing
4. KLJ memo on new construction in the city

Office Report: See attached report. Limited staff throughout the building with no producers allowed in.

Technician Report: See attached report.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Grass Drill – Jason provided more information on the pricing of a grass drill. Discussion on possible offering it as a service to producers who plant trees. Jason will check into a used drill and price. This will help the decision as to what we submit for mill levy request.
2. Mill Levy – tabled until next meeting

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Tree donation for Earth Day – Bruns made a motion to donate 25 trees for Earth Day, Stenson second the motion, all in favor aye, motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,
S/ Jill Olson, Sec/Treas.
Approved: 4-14-21

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Technician Report Feb 2021

- **Trees:**
 - Currently have roughly 80,000ft of trees contracted on 19 sites for Spring 2021.
 - Will not contract anymore machine plantings for 2021. Nurseries are selling out on a large amount of stock. Will still accept handplant orders if I am able to fill them.
 - Will need to hire a tractor driver and 2 tree planting employees.
- **Equipment**
 - Drill options-Smaller grass seeder with native box for in between tree rows?
 - Got several quotes on Great Plains 7ft seeder. Best quote was \$12,100 for NTS 2607 from Northside Equipment in Lidgerwood, ND. Several thousand less than closest other quote.
- **Miscellaneous**
 - Water Trail MOU? Continue with my involvement in Water Trail?
 - Winter Show Mar 10th-14th
 - Will be working primarily from tree shed after Winter Show



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NRCS Activity Report Barnes County Soil Conservation District Board

March 8th, 2021

Shelby Larson, Acting District Conservationist (DC)

I am currently the acting DC for the Valley City office. I am normally based out of the Jamestown Field Office. I will roughly be here until the end of April. I'm in the office typically 3 days a week. I am working mainly on getting the EQIP applications finished up and sent in.

Barnes County has 4 EQIP Applications. 2 are going forward with, one is pending eligibility yet, and the last one is going to wait till next years batching.

We have 1 person interested in applying for CSP, sent out the application.

Barnes County has 1 person interested in renewing their CSP Contract.

Cody is working on 6 different WRE's and roughly 4-10 Waterbank applications depending on who wants to continue with applying.

NRCS has a new employee who is going to be based out of the Valley City Field Office. Alex Wittenberg is now the agronomist for the Maple River CDU (Valley City, Finley, Fargo, and Hillsboro offices).

Covid Update: No board meetings in the office. Masks are require by all employees to wear full time when in the office. The NRCS/SCD is allowed to have 2 employees in the building and FSA is allowed to have 2 employees in the building at a time. Others are encourage to work at home. The offices are to set up rotations. The doors are closed to producers. However, we are allowed to do field work and have Box/OneSpan to utilize.