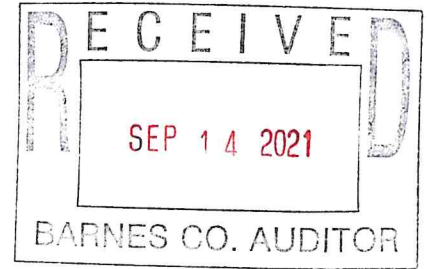


BARNES COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Minutes of Meeting
August 11th, 2021
BCSCD Riparian Park
Valley City, ND 58072



Board Members Present:

Charlene Stenson
Diane Olson
Bob Bruns
Pete Paulson

Others:

Jason Elston
Jill Olson, Clerk

The August meeting was called to order by Stenson at 7:30am at the BCSCD Riparian Park Valley City, ND. Minutes from the June 9th, 2021 board meeting were reviewed, Stenson declared those minutes approved as presented.

FINANCIALS:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Reviewed the memo from Brian Johnston.

Office Report: The office is still closed to the public but can take appointments. Still at 50% capacity. The DC job has been filled. Shelby Larson will start August 16th. Shawn Holcolm accepted the Soil Conservationist position. He will move from FSA to NRCS on August 16th as well.

Technician Report: Jason handed out his report and reviewed it with the board. See attached.

OLD BUSINESS:

None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion was had by all about the Lincoln Oakes Nursery and the poor quality stock year after year that we have been getting. There was also discussion on using the Big Sioux Nursery for more of our tree orders since their stock has been excellent. Paulson made a motion to use Big Sioux Nursery as a primary source for tree inventory, Stenson second the motion. All in favor aye, motion carried.

Jason recommended to the board that a hand plant order off \$100 or more should be paid for at the time of ordering. This will ensure that producers pick up their order timely and not cancel the order after the order is here. Absorbing \$400 worth of trees that a producer ordered but did not want later is unacceptable and difficult to resell. Paulson made a motion to accept the recommendation, 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 September 8th 7:30am, 2021. The next meeting will be at the tree shed or the riparian park depending on the weather.

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

Approved:

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Technician Report June/July 2021

- **Trees:**
 - Finished all tree planting and weed barrier installation prior to July 4th
 - Received 3000 dead lilac from Lincoln Oaks. Bill knew that the whole tote was moldy and dry but washed them and gave them to us anyway. Bill purchased 2000 lilac from a nursery in Nebraska and brought them to me.
 - Had to replant multiple sites and come back afterward and apply weed barrier. Also called many people who ordered lilac handplants and replaced them.
 - I would like to start ordering the bulk of my order from Big Sioux Nursery.
 - I would like to have any handplant orders over \$100 have to prepay. I had multiple people who didn't pick up large orders or tried to back out of them this year.
 - After exhausting all routes to sell trees we threw away 390 trees.
- **OHF Cost Share**
 - Completed all tree plans and mailed invoices to all producers who planted this year.
 - Finished and submitted all pay applications for 2021 OHF tree plantings.
 - 2022 OHF tree planting applications are due August 23, 2021. Have been contacting producers and developing tree plans to submit with applications.
- **Equipment**
 - Drill has slowed down towards end of July but had remained busy up until that point.
 - Listed ABU trailer on July 9th and sold it on July 29th for \$3,100 to Joseph Hoffert from Mandan.
 - Installed a sump pump basin and sewage pump in the tree cooler to help eliminate excessive standing water.
- **Other**
 - Was contacted by Jay Johnson-Chief Operating Officer-Healthy Food Ingredients. They are interested in doing tree plantings to try to offset their carbon footprint. Was wondering if there would be any interest from producers and what our thoughts were on how to implement it. I told him to model it after CRP and that I would ask around if there was any interest. Also told him that we could run an ad in the newsletter to gauge interest also.
 - LaFarge contacted me to see if we are interested in the insulated building next to ours. 40x50, insulated, new electrical, gas available, well water.