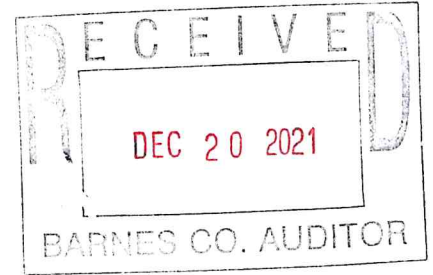


BARNES COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Minutes of Meeting
November 3rd, 2021
Dakota Plain Board Room
Valley City, ND 58072



Board Members Present:
Shelly Nelson
Diane Olson
Bob Bruns
Charlene Stenson

Others:
Shelby Larson
Jason Elston
Jill Olson, Clerk
Jim Collins, guest

The November meeting was called to order by Stenson at 7:40 am at the Dakota Plains Board Room, Valley City, ND. Minutes from the October 8th, 2021 board meeting were reviewed, Stenson declared those minutes approved as presented.

FINANCIALS:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Reviewed the Area II meeting date and agenda. Jill will line up a meeting place for that day.
2. Reviewed the State Convention date memo. Agenda to come later.
3. Reviewed the letter from Valley City on rezoning.
4. Reviewed the letter from NACD on dues.
5. Reviewed the letter drafted from and signed by many ND agricultural associations and sent to the white house regarding staffing concerns following the mandate.
6. Reviewed the email from Aaron Fields.

Office Report: The office is still closed to the public but can take appointments. Still at 50% capacity. Shelby handed out the attached report, see report.

Technician Report: Jason reported that we have received the OHF check. After the funds were applied to the producers bills, 3 producers still owe the district from their plantings. The 2022 OHF contracts are at SHIPPO. He has 70,000 plus foot of trees planned so far. Waiting on the ground temp to reach the acceptable level form dormant seedings.

OLD BUSINESS:

Grass Seeder -Jason handed out 2 different proposed grass drill bids for the board to review. The grass drill out of Lidgerwood is more expensive and they can't guarantee that it would be available this spring. The other bid was from Fargo and the grass drill is a carry over from 2020 and is available to purchase and is cheaper. After discussion, Nelson made a motion to purchase the 7ft drill out of Fargo and have it ready for 2022 tree planting season. D. Olson second the motion, all in favor aye, motion carried. Jason will purchase and pick up the drill next week. After discussion on custom seeding options, rate and grass seed, Bruns made a motion to charge \$120/hr from the time the drill leaves the shed to the time it returns to the shed and \$50/per acre on the seed cost. All paid by the producer to have custom seeding done. Stenson second the motion. All in favor aye, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jim Collins – Thanked the board for their time. Handed out a Job proposal/idea to the board. He reviewed the proposal with the board and asked for questions. After a few minutes and questions, Jim thanked the board again and exited. The board tabled this until next meeting since one of the board members was unable to attend today.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for December 15th 2:30pm, 2021. The next meeting will be at VCSU, Valley City.

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



United States Department of Agriculture

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NRCS Activity Report
Barnes County Soil Conservation District Board
November 3rd, 2021
Shelby Larson, District Conservationist (DC)

CSP documentation was due before the end of the FY(Sept 30th). 1 out 3 producers hasn't submitted their documentation yet.

Trying to finish up EQIP practices by the end of year

Working on 1 CSP Renewal for FY 22 application process

Barnes County has 4 different EQIP Applications for FY 2022, vary between cover crops, no-till, and livestock watering systems

We have 5 WRE applications

Alex and Shawn have been busy doing field work, doing grass clippings for pastures and soil testing for resource concerns

Cody has been busy with CRP in all 4 counties and now picking back up with WRE as well

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