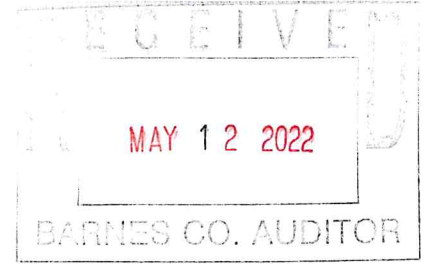


# BARNES COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Minutes of Meeting  
April 12th, 2022  
USDA Building  
Valley City, ND 58072



Board Members Present:  
Charlene Stenson  
Diane Olson  
Bob Bruns  
Shelly Nelson, via phone  
Pete Paulson

Others:  
Jason Elston, Tech  
Jill Olson, Clerk  
Mardy Dahl  
Shelby Larson, DC

The April meeting was called to order by Stenson at 11:45am at the USDA Building, Valley City, ND. Minutes from the March 9th, 2022 board meeting were reviewed, Stenson declared those minutes approved as presented.

## FINANCIALS:

A list of receipts and bills paid during March 2022, were reviewed by the Board. Paulson made a motion to accept the March financial statement as presented, Bruns seconding it. All in favor aye. Motion carried.

## CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Reviewed the Soil Health Workshop flier.
2. Reviewed the NDIRF letter.
3. Reviewed the NDASCD letter on the 2022 Achievement Program.

Office Report: Reviewed Shelby's attached report, see report.

Technician Report: See attached report. Jason stated that he hasn't found any seasonal help yet and asked for the boards approval to up the wages to \$16 per hour and to advertise in the paper and on the radio. Paulson made a motion to increase the wages and advertise, Stenson second the motion. All in favor aye, motion carried.

## OLD BUSINESS:

1. Long Range Plan – reviewed and revised. Jill will implement changes and bring to the next board meeting for review.
2. Charlene reported that she reached out to the States Attorney via phone and email and had no luck on anyone from that office returning her calls and email. Discussed inviting Keith Bartholomay to join us by phone next meeting to visit about the operation of LON and our concerns. Jill will email Keith.

## NEW BUSINESS:

1. Reviewed the email from Beth Hill in regards to donating trees for the Earth Day Festival. Every year we donate 50 trees. Stenson made a motion to once again donate the 50 trees, Olson second the motion, all in favor aye, motion carried.
2. Reviewed the memo from Aaron Field on the District Supervisor Election this year, which Shelly Nelson's board position is up for election. More discussion next meeting.
3. Pete Paulson stated that he would like to resign his position as a District Supervisor. Olson made a motion to accept Paulson resignation, Stenson second the motion, all in favor aye, motion carried. Thank you, Pete Paulson for your years of service. Bruns made a motion to appoint Mardy Dahl to full fill the remaining term of Paulson Supervisor Position, Olson second the motion, all in favor aye, motion carried. Welcome Mardy Dahl.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for May 10th 7am, 2022. The next meeting will be at the field office meeting room.

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

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**NRCS Activity Report**  
**Barnes County Soil Conservation District Board**

April 12th, 2022

Shelby Larson, District Conservationist (DC)

Alex is on paternity leave, until June 20th

Shawn has been working with FSA to complete cost share practices for CRP, all grass plantings

PPWQWP is going to have another funding round. Currently our office has several(8) different contracts through this funding

Cody has been working on CRP's for the four counties and helping LaMoure with EQIP

FSA is also having more CRP signups, including a grasslands CRP

Valley City office will be getting a summer intern employee (Pathways Trainee). Start date is May 23<sup>rd</sup>. His name is Lucas Edgerly.

NRCS is expecting supervisors to return to physical workplace April 18<sup>th</sup> and nonsupervisory employees May 2<sup>nd</sup>

Doors are officially open to the public and our producers. This has been great for our traffic flow and famers have started stopping in again!

# Technician Report April 2022

- **Trees:**
  - Currently have 18 tree sites to plant in the spring of 2022. Totalling roughly 70,000 foot of trees and weed barrier.
  - I will stop all tree handplant orders as of April 15, 2022.
  - Will then finalize all orders from all 3 nurseries and arrange tree pickups end of April, first part of May. Snowstorm may delay pickups in Towner.
  - Delivery of weed barrier (NYP-150 rolls) scheduled for week of April 18-22
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- **Equipment:**
  - All equipment serviced and repaired. Currently modifying tree planter to use JD gauge wheels as packer wheels.
  - I haven't turned on cooler or sprinkler system
- **Seasonal Help:**
  - Little to no interest in seasonal help at this point.
  - 1 application from a high school student-Can't start until end of May
  - We may be planting 1<sup>st</sup> week of May. We need to have everything planted by the first week of June (per NRCS specs).
  - Should I advertise on the radio? Suggestions?
- **Grass Seeder:**
  - I have 6 sites committed to seeding grass around their 2022 tree planting with 2 more possible.
  - I had 450 pounds of Native and Non-Native grass delivered from Agassiz.
  - 2 other producers who previously planted trees want me to inter-seed into existing grass/weed stand. I will need to go on site this summer and advise. Will probably not work due to poor seed/soil contact.