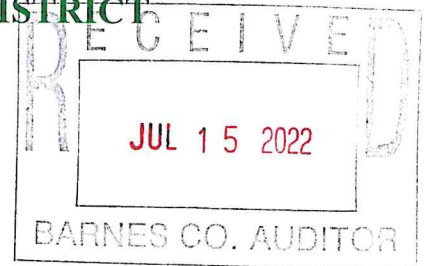


BARNES COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Minutes of Meeting
June 15th, 2022
USDA Building
Valley City, ND 58072



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

Others:
Jason Elston, Tech
Jill Olson, Clerk
Shelby Larson, DC
Brent Gustafson, CDU Supervisor
Keith Bartholomay, Director
Susan Milender, NDSU extension
Alicia Harstad, NDSU extension

The June meeting was called to order by Bruns at 8:00am at the USDA Building, Valley City, ND. Minutes from the May 10th, 2022 board meeting were reviewed, Bruns declared those minutes approved as presented.

FINANCIALS:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. None at this time.

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

Technician Report: Jason reported that June 8th they finished planting trees. June 10th he cancelled the last 3 tree planting due to being too wet. These producers will look at planting next year. We will hold their deposit over until next year. The surplus tree sale will be Thursday June 16th from 9 until 4. Jason's crew has started weed barrier. The Park is a work in progress since the flood. We have taken back most all of it after it being under water. Jason has moved the drill around the county to 6 - 8 different sites. The cooler is having issues, Bakkegard & Schell have been called.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Long Range Plan – to be signed by the board and filed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Keith Bartholomay – thanked the board for being invited. Nice to get out to the districts. Keith answered questions from the board regarding LON, the management, the poor tree stock, the sale of Oakes Property. Good discussion. Keith reminded everyone of the upcoming Convention in November, please attend.
2. NDSU Extension – Alicia and Susan handed out various pamphlets, talked about the Dazey Plot tour, Achievement Days and judging, the Community Gardens project.
3. Eco Ed – extension signed for one more year of funding.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for July 12th 9am, 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
June 15th, 2022
Shelby Larson, District Conservationist (DC)

Offices will be close Monday June 20th for the federal holiday on June 19th, Juneteenth.

Alex is on paternity leave, until June 20th. So he will return to the office Tuesday the 21st.

Shawn has been working up in the Finely field office. He will be back in our office for the week (21st-24th). Then he will return to help the Finely office until around September.

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

FSA is also having more CRP signups and renerolls. Our office will have to have the paperwork completed and returned back by July 15th.

Valley City office has a new summer intern (pathway trainee). Lucas started on May 23rd. He has been quite helpful around the office with answering phone calls and directing producers. He has been working on doing our Annual Monitorings for WRE.

NRCS now has all employees reporting back to the physical office instead of telework, unless there is some agreement lined up for specific employees.

Our CDU (Barnes, Cass, Steele, and Traill Counties) will be having in person meetings in Valley City. The dates are set for June 28 and July 26th. We will be looking at a couple different producers here and checking out salinity in the fields.