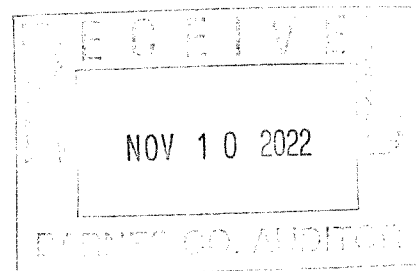


# BARNES COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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



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

Others:  
Jason Elston, Tech  
Jill Olson, Clerk  
Shelby Larson, DC  
Alicia Harstad – NDSU Extension

The meeting was called to order by Stenson at 8:15am at the USDA Building, Valley City, ND. Minutes from the September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 board meeting were reviewed, Stenson declared those minutes approved as presented.

## **FINANCIALS:**

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

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- I. Reviewed the Convention memos

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

**Technician Report:** Jason reported that he as 105,000 ft of trees planned for next spring. The OHF payment should be coming soon. 2024 tree pricing was discussed. Diane made a motion starting January 1 2023 to increase the price of trees from \$2.00 per tree to \$2.50 per tree, a bundle of trees from \$40 to \$50. Tree planting and weed barrier rates from \$1.00 per foot to \$1.50 per foot. A minimum rate \$1,000, for the year 2024. Mardy second the motion, all in favor aye, motion carried.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Reviewed the samples of a new logo from the art department at VCHS, the board would like to see more of a tree logo or leaf logo. Jill will email the school with revisions.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. St. Kates Auction request – donation for their auction once again. In the past we have donated 5 tree certificates. Stenson made a motion to do the same as last year, 5 certificates, Nelson second the motion, all in favor aye, motion carried.
2. Award Winner – Supper and meeting. November 7<sup>th</sup> meeting will be a regular meeting with evaluations to follow. December 7<sup>th</sup> meeting will be a regular meeting followed by the reorganization meeting and the supper at Sabirs.
3. Alicia gave an update on her office.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for November 7<sup>th</sup> 8:30am. 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**  
October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
Shelby Larson, District Conservationist (DC)

Lucas is still with us and working part time in the office inbetween classes. His last day is currently planned for December 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Cody has been working on expiring CRP's and onsite reviews. We have over 100 here in Barnes County.

EQIP application signup for FY 2023 deadline was September, 23<sup>rd</sup>. We have 4 applications. Alex and I will be working with these producers to finalize their plans by the Febuary ranking deadline.

Alex, Brent and I attended the NRCS all employee meetings, September 26-28.

Our new soil conservationist will be starting on October 24<sup>th</sup>.