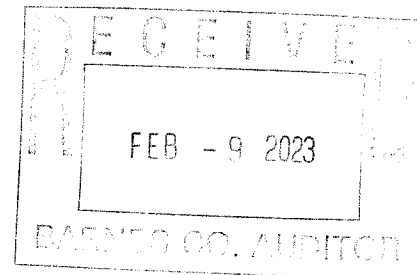


BARNES COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Minutes of Meeting
January 11th, 2023
USDA Building
Valley City, ND 58072



Board Members Present:

Charlene Stenson
Carl Pederson
Mardy Dahl
Shelly Nelson, via phone
Bob Bruns

Others:

Jason Elston, Tech
Shelby Larson, DC
Jill Olson, Clerk
Austin Lang
Kelly Kuska

The January meeting was called to order by Stenson at 3:00pm at the USDA Building, Valley City, ND. Minutes from the December 7th, 2022 board meeting and the reorganization meeting were reviewed, Stenson declared those minutes approved as presented.

Austin Lang – Pheasants Forever handed out information to the board about different cost share opportunities for producers. He also introduced Kelly Kuska – new hire for Pheasants Forever - Prescribed Fire Coordinator -- located out of Jamestown.

FINANCIALS:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Reviewed the Christmas card and thank you's.
2. Reviewed the emails about all the job openings and wage increases with benefits.
3. Reviewed the Interstate Engineering letter about the City of Dazey.

Office Report: Shelby reviewed her attached report, see report.

Technician Report: Jason reviewed his attached report, see report. Jason also reviewed the conservation grant overview and held discussion about this grant and others. It this time that grant would help benefit Barnes Co. Eco Ed, Jill will submit at request. Jason also reviewed the email regarding the Ransom Co. workshop and request of funding. The board passes on this request.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. None at this time

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 2023 Annual Work Plan – tabled until the February meeting so that the new board members have time to read through.
2. 2023 Annual Budget – The board reviewed and adjusted the budget for 2023.
3. Reviewed the letter about NDASCD dues of \$250. Stenson made a motion to pay the \$250 in dues again this year, Pederson 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 February 7th 3pm, 2023. The next meeting will be at the field office meeting room.

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

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January 2023 Tech Report

Trees/Weed Barrier:

- Have 17,450 trees on order for spring- (9,275-Big Sioux, 7,550-Towner, 625-LO)
- Currently have 99,510ft of trees planned for 2023. That is up from 55,885 last year. (43,625ft increase) 22 sites.
- I will stop taking machine plantings for 2023 when we reach 105k foot or February 15, whichever comes first.
- We had 60 rolls of weed barrier in stock after last year. I purchased another 170 rolls from NYP Corp. on 12/29/2022. The price quoted was \$93.00/roll down from \$97.00/roll last year.
- Total cost of W/B for 2023 is \$16,710. Payment terms cash in advance. To be delivered in April.

Other:

- Grant Discussion-ND Natural Resource Conservation Small Grant (OHF, Parks & Rec,).
- Ransom County Grazing Workshop-Sponsorship?
- Soil Suitability/CTSG/NRCS Specs
- I will be on vacation from Jan 18-24th



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NRCS Activity Report
Barnes County Soil Conservation District Board
January 11th, 2023
Shelby Larson, District Conservationist (DC)

Lucas has officially left the Valley City Field Office. His last day was December 30th

We have one EQIP application that we finished up and is being reviewed before ranking. This application includes: cover crops, crop rotation, nutrient management, and no-till.

Cody and I completed the 4 WRE (wetland reserve easement) applications. Hopefully we will hear back soon if any will be funded

Our state conservationist, Mary Podoll, officially retired at the end of the year. The acting state conservationist is Todd Hage!

Reggie Laframboise from the Finley Field Office has been acting CDU Leader. The job opening was posted on the 9th and will close on the 16th. This potentially means the position will be filled soon

We will be having another in person CDU meeting February 8th in Hillsboro