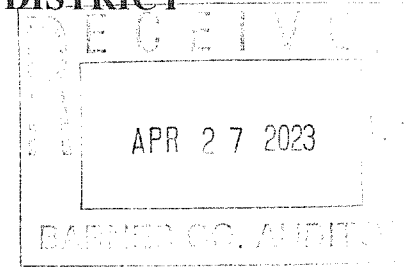


BARNES COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Minutes of Meeting
March 15th, 2023
USDA Building
Valley City, ND 58072



Board Members Present:

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

Others:

Jason Elston, Tech
Jill Olson, Clerk
Emilee Lachenmeier, DEQ
Meridith Miller- DEQ

The March meeting was called to order by Stenson at 9:00am at the USDA Building, Valley City, ND. Minutes from the February 2023 board meeting were reviewed, Stenson declared those minutes approved as presented.

FINANCIALS:

A list of receipts and bills paid during February 2023, were reviewed by the Board. Bruns made a motion to accept the February financial statement as presented with Pederson seconding it. All in favor aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Reviewed the Area II meeting proposed for this summer
2. Reviewed the documents for the annual award winner.

Technician Report: Jason reviewed his attached report.

Office Report: Shelby was out sick.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Scholarship – tabled until next meeting
2. Earth day tree donation – Pederson made a motion to donate 50 trees like we have done in the past. Nelson second the motion, all in favor aye, motion carried.
3. DEQ 319 information from Emilee – how and what to write a grant on, the grant approval process, the process of hiring a 319 coordinator. 60/40 cost share information. Questions and answers.
4. Mill Levy – Jill will be working on the mill levy request. Discussion was had on upping our mill from 1.5 to 2.0 to plan for a possible new hire for a 319 coordinator. Jill will also be contacting the county auditor to verify the amount of funds 1.5 mill is supposed to be. It seems that every year we are shorted funds.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for April 12th 2023 at 9am. The next meeting will be at the field office meeting room.

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

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March 2023 Tech Report

Trees/Weed Barrier:

- Have 18,280 trees on order. 21 machine planting sites totaling 96,000ft.
- Paul Metcalf, Bryn Didier, and Parker Amann all coming back this year.
- I am in the process of getting all machine planting down payment requests and agreements sent out.
- 811- Starting this year NRCS/USDA will be requiring all tree planting to have a ND One-Call ticket number for tree plans to be certified. OHF will not fund any contracts without it. I will be sending a letter with the agreements stating we will not plant trees until the producer has provided us with that number.
- Weed barrier to be delivered in April.
- Boxes for handplants (Watertown Box) will be scheduled to be picked up with our Big Sioux order end of April/beginning of May.
- Reordered Plantskydd deer repellent and Watersorb Polymer for this springs tree planting.

Other:

- Feb 14th- Attended Corn/Soybean Expo at the Fargo Dome. Cody had a booth with the Dakota Legacy Initiative.
- March 7th and 8th Attended District Annual Meeting in Mandan. March 9th (Thursday) was cancelled due to weather. Meeting was very condensed to try and fit it into 1 ½ days.
- March 9th to March 12th worked Winter Show booth.
- Plan to attend Cass Counties Soil Health Workshop in Mapleton on March 28th.