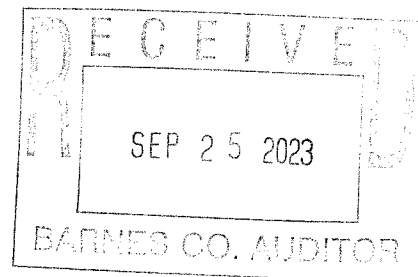


# BARNES COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Minutes of Meeting  
August 9th, 2023  
NRCS field office – board room  
Valley City, ND 58072



**Board Members Present:**

Charlene Stenson  
Carl Pederson  
Mardy Dahl  
Shelly Nelson  
Bob Bruns

**Others:**

Jason Elston  
Jill Olson, Clerk

Shelby Larson

The August meeting was called to order by Stenson at 7:10am at the NRCS field office building – board room of Valley City, ND. Minutes from the June 2023 board meeting were reviewed, Stenson declared those minutes approved as presented.

**FINANCIALS:**

Reviewed the June financials. Dahl made a motion to accept the June financials. Pederson second the motion. All in favor aye. motion carried. Reviewed the July financials. Bruns made a motion to accept the July financials. Pederson second the motion. All in favor aye. motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Reviewed and discussed the Hi Line Garden letter. Declined at this time.
2. Reviewed the Leadership Training memo – Jill will be in contact with Jodi Delozier
3. Employee Checklist – emailed from Jodi Delozier
4. Reviewed the letter from KLJ

**Technician Report:** Jason reviewed his attached report. See report.

**Tree Report** – Reviewed the income and expenses from the 2023 season

**Office Report:** Shelby reviewed her attached reports. See reports.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Logo – looked at the new examples from Jamestown. Discussion on new jackets, give aways, door prizes. Jill will email the link out to the board members.
2. Area II meeting – Charlene, Jason, Jill and Shelby highlighted the meeting for the board. Charlene and Jill talked about the tour of Oakes Property.
3. Mill Levy – Jill and Bob attended the commission meeting. Jill presented the mill levy request and why we need to be at 1.5 mill.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Eco Ed – Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. Jill is in the process of writing a new 3 year grant for Eco Ed 2024 – 2027  
Due Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>. Jill will be also visiting other Eco Ed camps the first 2 weeks of September.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for September 13<sup>th</sup> 2023 at 7am, board room.

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

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# July/Aug 2023 Tech Report

## Trees/Weed Barrier:

- May 17<sup>th</sup> First Day of tree planting.
- June 5<sup>th</sup> Finished Tree Planting. 2 Cancellations and several short sites.
- 86,050ft planted in 2023. Weed barrier installed on all.
- Finished weed barrier installation June 27<sup>th</sup>. Seasonal crew finished.
- Certified and completed all tree plans. Filled out all pay appts for OHF reimbursement and mailed to producers to sign and return on June 28th. All submitted on July 14th.
- OHF cost applications are currently being accepted until August 18. I have called 25 interested producers and so far have completed 12 tree plans totaling roughly 60,000ft.

## Grass:

- June 30<sup>th</sup> started custom grass seeding around tree sites. Completed 7 sites.
- Have 5 sites left to do. Will dormant seed those later this fall. Producer opted to keep sites tilled until I seed grass.
- Routed 1590 grass drill to 15 sites so far (450 acres)
- Have multiple producers waiting for upcoming CRP grass seeding window Aug 10-25.

## Other:

- June 6,2023-Ordered a load of gravel to Riparian Park to repair canoe launch. Installed portable kayak launch.
- July 6,2023-picked up 2 pallets of bentonite in Mandan.
- July 28-attended Area 2 SCD meeting in Ellendale.



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

July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Shelby Larson, District Conservationist (DC)

Out of our 9 Waterbank applications, 5 ranked high. 2 of which applications are (lightly) accepted and will be approved for funding.

Travis and I will be attending a high tunnel meeting at NDSU July 25<sup>th</sup>

Travis will also be attending many different trainings as they are available

Interpreting indicators of rangeland health, August 28-31

Conservation Planning, September 25-29

Natalie, the pathways student (summer intern), spent the week of June 26<sup>th</sup>. She will be back again the week of July 24<sup>th</sup>. She spent her first week in Valley mostly in the field helping complete the Annual Monitoring's for our WRE's (Wetland Reserve Easements)

Cody is mostly caught up on CRP's for LaMoure and Dickey County. He will start focusing on Stutsman and Barnes Counties now

Stuart's old job, Assistant State Conservationist for the East Zone, closed awhile ago and interviews were conducted before July. We are expecting to hear soon if they have filled the position

EQIP have a round of funding available, sign-up deadline is September 23<sup>rd</sup>