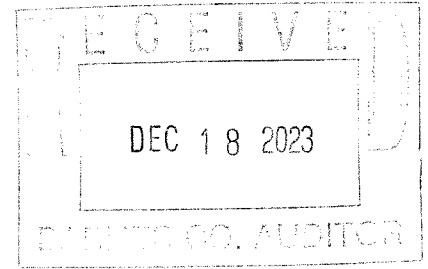


# BARNES COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Minutes of Meeting  
September 13th, 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 September meeting was called to order by Stenson at 7:00am at the NRCS field office building – board room of Valley City, ND. Minutes from the August 2023 board meeting were reviewed, Stenson declared those minutes approved as presented.

## **FINANCIALS:**

Reviewed the August financials. Bruns made a motion to accept the August financials. Nelson second the motion. All in favor aye, motion carried.

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Reviewed the memo on the State Convention which will be held on Nov. 13-15 in Bismarck.
2. Reviewed the memo on Supervisor training each month – micro training sessions.

**Technician Report:** Jason reported that the drill has been on the move nonstop since April. The dormant seeding window is coming up. He has 70,000 ft of trees applied for in the OHF grant. Jason has an initial order of 10,000 trees ordered from Big Sioux Nursery. No trees will be ordered from LON this year due to constant issues with trees, shingle tow will be it. Custom seeding is an idea for the SCD. Discussion was tabled with more discussion to come. Jason will be seeding some dormant grass seedings the week of Oct 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Office Report:** Shelby reviewed her attached reports. See reports. There is also a public meeting Oct 11<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 7pm at the High School Activities building pertaining to Baldhill Dam and Lake Ashtabula. The office and supervisors were invited.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Eco Ed – the last 2 weeks have been busy with Eco Ed around the state. Barnes had their camp on Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. Jill has been visiting other counties camps as well. Discussion on other team building activities and options if we decide to cut our camp down to school hours.
2. Logo Clothing – tried on samples of coats for sizes. Jill will put in an initial order with the new logo printed or embroidered on the coats and t-shirts. Jill will also check another source for more options for ordering beanies, hats and other things.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Envirothon – we received a letter from Envirothon asking for sponsorship for the Regional Competition. Bruns made a motion to sponsor the silver level of \$375. Pederson seconded the motion. All in favor aye, motion carried. Jill will make out a check.

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

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

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**NRCS Activity Report**  
**Barnes County Soil Conservation District Board**  
September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
Shelby Larson, District Conservationist (DC)

The CDU DCs will be meeting September 14<sup>th</sup> in Finley to discuss changes to the EQIP program and any other questions or concerns we may have.

Travis will be attending many different trainings as they are available  
New Employee Training, September 18-19  
Conservation Planning, September 25-29

Our CDU is having an all-staff meeting October 4<sup>th</sup> in Valley City

WRE training in Devil's Lake October 11-12, Travis, Cody, and I will be attending.

I have my last meeting on the Civil Rights Committee September 26-27 in Bismarck at the State Office.

Stuart's old job, Assistant State Conservationist for the East Zone, has been filled by Cari Roepke, originally from MN. She has officially started her position with the location of Jamestown.

EQIP sign-up deadline is September 22<sup>nd</sup>

We've had a lot of interest compared to the last couple years. Just not much follow through

The office has been very busy meeting the CRP deadline last Friday the 8<sup>th</sup>. There was well over 100 continuous/reenroll CRPs.

Bryan Delaney started in our office on August 21<sup>st</sup>. This was a surprise. But he is a pathways trainee, a lot like a student intern. He is currently enrolled and taking classes at VCSU. His schedule is typically Monday-Thursday 8-12.



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EQIP batching (signup) ended on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. We ended up with 4 applications.

The CDU (Barnes, Steele, Traill, and Cass Counties) all met in person October 4<sup>th</sup> for a programs and general update training.

Travis has been attending trainings and is going to another one in Devil's Lake today for WRE

Bryan has been busy helping Travis with WRE and Waterbank field inspections.

Cody is just starting to field check expiring CRPs. Barnes County has over 70.

Bobbie our CDU Leader moved offices from Finley Field Office to Fargo Field Office  
She is still planning to attend a meeting by the end of the year

Baldhill Dam and Lake Ashtabula water control meeting  
Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>- public 6-7:30pm HAC Lobby  
Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>- online link <https://usace1.webex.com/meet/katie.m.opsahl>