

BARNES COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Minutes of Meeting
November 8th, 2023
NRCS field office – board room
Valley City, ND 58072

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Board Members Present:
Charlene Stenson via phone
Bob Bruns
Mardy Dahl
Shelly Nelson

Others:
Jason Elston
Jill Olson, Clerk
Bobbi CDU NRC
Shelby Larson
Bethany - NRCS

BARNES CO. AUDITOR

The October meeting was called to order by Bruns at 8:00am at the NRCS field office building – board room of Valley City, ND. Minutes from the September 2023 board meeting were reviewed, Bruns declared those minutes approved as presented.

FINANCIALS:

Reviewed the September financials. Dahl made a motion to accept the September financials. Nelson second the motion. All in favor aye, motion carried. Reviewed the October financials. Nelson made a motion to approve the October financials, Dahl seconded the motion, all in favor aye, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Reviewed the Agenda and Resolutions for 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. We will train on Nov. 20th.
3. Reviewed the thank you cards.
4. Reviewed the letter about the proposed wind towers.

Technician Report: Jason reported that he finished custom grass seedings. The 10ft drill has been busy with dormant seedings. Everything has been put away at the shed although the drill is still accessible. OHF contracts for next year have been sent out with a return date on or before Dec. 1st. The park has been cleaned up, the launch is out of the water and secured for the winter.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Clothing order is in and everything looks great! Please pick up your jackets on the way out.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. NACD- annual membership, Nelson made a motion to renew at the same rate as years before of \$1,000, Stenson seconded the motion, all in favor aye, motion carried.
2. Award winners – 2 nominations. Mike and Jackie Olstad for Backyard Stewardship, Noel Murray for Farmstead Windbreak. After review and discussion, Dahl made a motion to approve both nominations, Nelson seconded the motion, all in favor aye, motion carried. Jill will contact the winners. Awards supper to be held in January, date to be determined later.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for November 20th 10am, board room.

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

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NRCS Activity Report
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Shelby Larson, District Conservationist (DC)

Public Hearing for Pat Hurley surface drain 6221. West half 19-137-60 (Rosebud township). November 13 at 9:30 at the water board meeting at the highway department on 12th st NW.

- See notice of public hearing for more information

WRE signup deadline is approaching, November 13th

EQIP IRA signup is November 17th

Dan Hovland, our new State Conservationist, has created a new committee in the ND NRCS called the Field Office Employee Council (ND FEC). This committee's purpose is to bring the field offices viewpoints and ideas directly to the state conservationist's attention.

- Matt Shappell and I from the Maple River CDU were selected on the committee of 14
- First meeting was held October 11th

Bryan and Travis have been in field a lot finishing up WRE and Waterbank onsite reviews.

A lot of CRP action in the office with new plantings and expiring contracts

All DC's are to attend the SCD Convention for all three days, November 13-15

Bryan's last day is approaching,

Possible lapse in government funding and farm bill coming up again on November 17th

- Prepare for shut down