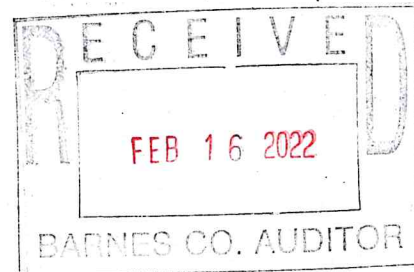


BARNES COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Minutes of Meeting
January 12th, 2022
USDA Building
Valley City, ND 58072



Board Members Present:

Charlene Stenson
Diane Olson
Pete Paulson
Bob Bruns
Shelly Nelson, via phone

Others:

Jason Elston, Tech
Shelby Larson, DC
Jill Olson, Clerk

The January meeting was called to order by Stenson at 4:30pm at the USDA Building, Valley City, ND. Minutes from the December 15th, 2021 board meeting and the reorganization meeting were reviewed, Stenson declared those minutes approved as adjusted.

FINANCIALS:

A list of receipts and bills paid during December 2021, were reviewed by the Board. Bruns made a motion to accept the December financial statement as presented with Olson seconding it. All in favor aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Reviewed the Envirothon Thank You.
2. Reviewed the email from Scott Elstad – Aquatic Habitat Supervisor, regarding the Sheyenne River restorations

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

Technician Report: Jason reviewed his attached report, see report. We also reviewed the list of lilacs that each county has been shorted. Jason will follow up with Stetson on the lilac shortage.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Reviewed the Annual Work Plan for 2022. Made additions and corrections.
2. Long Range Work Plan, Jill will email a copy of one from another county for review. We will review Barnes Co's next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 2022 Annual Budget – The board reviewed and adjusted the budget for 2022.
2. 2023 Mill Levy. The board review the mill levy request for 2023.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for February 9th 4pm, 2022. The next meeting will be at the field office meeting room.

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

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Technician Report January 2022

- **Trees:**
 - All 2022 OHF contracts are signed and sent off
 - Currently have 16 tree sites to plant in the spring of 2022. Totaling over 67,000ft of shelterbelts.
 - There has been a lot of trouble with other districts ordering from Lincoln Oaks. Prior to these issues I cancelled most of my tree from LO and ordered from Big Sioux per our meeting discussion.
 - Current tree orders-
 - Big Sioux-6,300 trees (45%)
 - Towner-6,100 trees (44%)
 - Lincoln Oaks-1,475 trees (11%)
- **OHF Grant Proposal:**
 - Cass initially got a 2yr county OHF grant that went extremely well. Ran out in 2020
 - They reapplied in 2021 and Industrial Commission declined it.
 - Eric Dahl said it was a great success and after OHF declined the 2nd round Cass County SCD chose to totally fund their own grant.
- **Equipment:**
- **Grass Seeder:**
 - Sent estimates to 4 producers for grass seeding around their trees next year.
 - Have 2 sites committed to grass plantings



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NRCS Activity Report Barnes County Soil Conservation District Board

January 12th, 2022

Shelby Larson, District Conservationist (DC)

Barnes County has 2 different EQIP Applications for FY 2022. Cover crops, no-till, and livestock watering systems.

We have 4 WRE applications that were submitted.

Cody, Alex and Shawn are working to complete CRP expiring reviews and send out the review forms (over 100). This process is about completed and we are starting to receive some of the forms back for FSA.

Barnes County NRCS was supposed to receive a summer intern (Pathways Student), the student decided not to proceed. So we will not be getting a summer intern.

Barnes County NRCS has an opening for a new employee. This position would specialize more in the business tools (computer programs we use).

The NRCS as a nation is now going to post a completely new position. This is an Outreach position with 1 in each state potentially. ND will also be continuing with this.