BARNES COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Minutes of Meeting April 26th, 2023 USDA Building Valley City, ND 58072

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Board Members Present: Charlene Stenson via phone Carl Pederson Mardy Dahl Shelly Nelson Bob Bruns Others: Jason Elston, Tech Jill Olson, Clerk VCSU students

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

FINANCIALS:

None to review at this time. Will review Aprils and Mays financials at the June meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. None

<u>Technician Report:</u> Jason reported that all his contracts are in and all deposit are in. The week of May 8th he will be picking up all the trees from the different nurseries.

<u>Office Report:</u> Shelby reviewed her attached report. We went over the 2024 EQIP prioritization ranking sheets on cropland and grassland. We also came up with the required questions.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. VCSU presented our new logo and all that we can do with it. Thank you to the students and professor. The logo is great.
- 2. Scholarships Review all of them at the June meeting
- 3. Achievement winners none for 2023 Jill will let LON know.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. New Logo - new jackets - Jill will bring a clothing book to the June meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for June 14th 2023 at 7am. The next meeting will be at either the park or the tree shed.

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

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NRCS Activity Report Barnes County Soil Conservation District Board

April 26th, 2023 Shelby Larson, District Conservationist (DC)

Barnes County's EQIP application was approved for funding and obligation. Application includes: cover crops, no-till, and nutrient management

We currently have 1 CSP application-ranking is due May 5th

March 27th, Bobbie Ostrom started as the Maple River CDU Leader (Brent's old job)

Jill, Alex, Travis, Cody, and I attended the Soil Health Talk in Mapleton on March 28th

March 30th, I met with the other DC's in the CDU (Curt- Hillsboro, Reggie- Finley, and Josh- Fargo), along with our new CDU Leader Bobbie, and Paul DuBourt the acting assistant state con for the east (Stuart's old job)

This meeting was to get an understanding of where we are now, things we'd like to see, ideas that may help us improve in the future, etc

Alex, Travis, and Cody attended the CDU meeting in Fargo on April 13th

I have been gone on Jury Duty from April 10-24th, Matt Shappell from Fargo was acting DC

Review NRCS ND Bulletin No. 300-23-12: Locally Led Conservation Process and Local Work Groups