

BARNES COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Minutes of Meeting

May 8th, 2024

USDA Building

Valley City, ND 58072

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Board Members Present:

Charlene Stenson

Mardy Dahl

Carl Pederson

Shelly Nelson

Others:

Jason Elston, Tech

Jill Olson, Clerk/Manager

Shelby Larson, DC

Sandy Chapin, Wetlands Admin. Assist.

BARNES CO. AUDITOR

The May meeting was called to order by Stenson at 7:05am at the USDA Building, Valley City, ND. Minutes from the April Regular meeting, April Executive meeting and the April Special meeting were reviewed. Stenson made one correction to the special meeting minutes. Stenson declared those minutes approved as presented with corrections.

Financials:

A list of receipts and bills paid during April 2024 were reviewed by the Board. Dahl made a motion to accept the April Financials as presented with Pederson seconding it. All in favor aye, motion carried. Discussion on the Ag Waste Account. This account isn't used. Stenson made a motion to close the account, Pederson seconded the motion. All in favor aye, motion carried. Jill will close the account.

Correspondence:

1. None

Technician Report:

Jason reported that the drill has been busy at 6 sites. 10 people waiting yet. Handplant pickup day is this Saturday. Next year it will be held on a Friday. Jason will have trees shipped next year if they count is 1500 or less. There are some upcoming variety changes. There were issues on NYP and the delivery of the weed barrier. Jason has a call in the NYP to discuss. 2 hires for the upcoming tree planting season starting Monday. Jason also mowed at the park this last Monday.

Office Report:

Shelby introduced Sandy. Shelby handed out her report. See attached.

Old Business:

1. Area II meeting to be scheduled July 17th at the Eagles in Valley City starting at 9:30am. In June Jill will send out a letter to the Districts in Area II for a personal invitation.

New Business:

1. Jill's job description- Dahl made a motion to change the title to Administrative Professional/Outreach Coordinator. Pederson seconded the motion. All in favor aye, motion carried. Discussion when hiring that the board would like a Resume, Cover Letter and Application. Deadline for Applications is May 31st, 2024 or until filled. This is to be a full-time position starting at \$20/hr depending on experience and based on qualifications. Post the job on facebook, UG the CD's and the Districts. List it in the Times Record, NDSU Extension, Job Service. Application on our website. Jill will take care of this. The board will meet the first week of June to go over applicants. Interviews to be set after the June 12th regular meeting.

The next regular meeting is to be June 12th 7am at the USDA building.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Olson, Clerk/Manager



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NRCS Activity Report
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Shelby Larson, District Conservationist (DC)

Waterbank signup has opened, will close on May 31st

We had both of our CSP applications get preapproved and one EQIP application get preapproved
Travis and I have been working on completing these and getting producer signatures to finalize
the applications into contracts

We had a CDU meeting in Hillsboro on April 30th. Travis, Cody, and I attended

I will be on leave May 15-22nd. Travis will be acting

Our summer intern (pathways trainee) is supposed to be here June 3rd

The next East Zone employee meeting is June 20th in Jamestown

Travis, Cody, and I have a grazing training June 27th and 28th in Grand Forks

Travis has a bunch of trainings coming up throughout the summer