

BARNES COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Minutes of Meeting
July 10, 2024
USDA Building
Valley City, ND 58072

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Board Members Present:

Charlene Stenson
Mardy Dahl
Carl Pederson
Shelly Nelson
Bob Bruns-via phone

Others:

Jason Elston, Tech
Jill Olson, Clerk/Manager
Shelby Larson, DC
Sandy Chapin, Wetlands Admin. Assist.

The July meeting was called to order by Stenson at 7:05am at the USDA Building, Valley City, ND. Minutes from the June Regular meeting. Stenson declared those minutes approved as presented.

Financials:

A list of receipts and bills paid in June 2024 were reviewed by the Board. Dahl made a motion to accept the June Financials as presented with Pederson seconding it. All in favor aye, motion carried.

Correspondence:

1. None

Technician Report:

Jason reported that tree planting season finished with 53,085ft of trees planted on 19 sites. Weed barrier was installed on all but one of those sites. Weed barrier installation was finished June 21. Seasonal employees worked until July 2 and then released for the year. 6 grass seedings around newly established shelterbelts have been finished with several left to do. John Deere no till drill continues to be busy. 2024 tree plans and OHF pay applications have all been finalized. Currently taking OHF tree planting applications for 2025 cost share. Applications will be submitted until July 31. Routine maintenance continues to be performed at Riparian Park.

Office Report:

Shelby handed out her report. See attached. Local work group rankings for EQIP were discussed and completed.

Old Business:

1. Area II meeting will be held on July 17th at the Eagles in Valley City starting at 9:30am. Opens with a 9:30 Breakfast and registration. Meeting will start at 10:00. Area meeting will end around noon with a lunch to be served.

New Business:

1. Jill Olson gave her letter of resignation to the board effective July 10, 2024. The board accepted.
2. New hire will potentially attend the July 17th Area II meeting in Valley City. New hire's start date is still dependent on them being able to procure housing.

The next regular meeting is to be August 14th at 8am at the USDA building.

Respectfully submitted,
Jason Elston, District Technician

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AGENDA

July 10th, 2024

USDA Building, Valley City ND

7:00 am

REGULAR MEETING

- A. Call to order - Welcome
- B. Minutes – June Regular Mtg
- C. Financial Report June 2024
- D. Correspondence:
 - 1. None
- E. Reports:
 - 1. Technician Report – Jason Elston
 - 2. Office Report – Shelby Larson
- F. Old Business:
 - 1. Area II Mtg – July 17th 9:30am
- G. New Business:
 - 1. Jill Olson resignation

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June/July 2024 Tech Report

❖ Trees

- Had 65,000ft planned on 21 Sites
- Planted 53,085ft on 19 Sites. Had 2 cancellations. Finished planting May 28th
- Installed weed barrier on all but 1 site. Finished weed barrier on June 21st
- Kept girls employed doing park work/misc. work until July 2

❖ Dirt/Grass Seeding

- Seeded grass around 6 tree plantings so far
- Have 1 large grass seeding remaining
- John Deere 1590 has been to 16 sites so far. Have an August CRP Aug 10-25th

❖ OHF

- Have 2024 OHF pay applications sent to producers for signatures. Must be submitted by July 26, 2024. Waiting on several producers
- Amount submitted for 2024: \$55,738.15. Should be reimbursed to SCD later this year.
- 2025 OHF tree planting applications are being accepted until July 31, 2024
- Currently have 9 applicants totaling 63,640ft.
- Many others interested in cost share. Have contacted them to try and get their tree plans finalized prior to deadline.

❖ Other

- Installed kayak launch mid-June.
- Bryn and Kat re-stained fence, bench, and picnic shelter at park
- Continue to perform park maintenance



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NRCS Activity Report
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Shelby Larson, District Conservationist (DC)

Waterbank signup closed on May 31st. We submitted 17 applications, 8 of those were "high" ranking

June 20th Cody, Ella, and I attended the East Zone all employee meeting

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

Travis and Ella have been completing Annual Monitoring field checks for our Wetland Reserve Easements (WREs)

Ella's last day is August 9th

Discuss SCD Employees starting/leaving onboarding/offboarding with NRCS computers, lincpass, keys, etc.

Complete Local Work Group Prioritization for FY 2025