

BARNES COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

www.barnes.nd.nacdnet.org

RECEIVED

Minutes of Meeting
September 11, 2024
USDA Building
Valley City, ND 58072

OCT 18 2024

BARNES CO. AUDITOR

Board Members Present:

Charlene Stenson
Mardy Dahl - phone
Shelly Nelson
Bob Bruns

Others:

Jason Elston, Tech
Jessica Jones, Administrative Professional
Sandy Chapin, Wetlands Admin. Assist.
Shelby Larson, DC

The September meeting was called to order by Stenson at 8:10am at the USDA Building, Valley City, ND. Minutes from the August Regular meeting were reviewed, and Stenson accepted those minutes as presented.

Financials:

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

Correspondence:

1. none

Technician Report:

Jason handed out his report. See attached. There was a discussion of issues with the current tree cooler compressor and its condition of operation. Charlene made a motion to approve a new compressor purchase. Mardy seconded. All in favor aye, motion carried.

Office Report:

Shelby handed out her report. See attached

Old Business:

1. Eco Ed – 105 campers attended Eco Ed at Wesley Acres over the two days from Washington, St. Kate's, Barnes County North School, and Maple Valley elementary. Shelby, Jason, Cody, Jessica and Charlene all attended. Pros and cons were shared about the future of Eco Ed. Concerns were shared from attending schools about the length of the day and the location.

New Business:

1. Bank Branch options – Jessica will research options to present at the next meeting.
2. Envirothon donation – Charlene motioned to approve a \$500 donation. Shelly seconded. All in favor aye, motion carried.

The next regular meeting is to be October 9, 2024, at 7:00am at the USDA building.

Charlene motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:29, Shelly seconded.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Jones, Administrative Professional

Aug/Sept 2024 Tech Report

❖ Trees

- 8 OHF contracts funded so far for 2025 totaling 43,900ft. Will need to get contracting completed and mailed back
- 4 contracts submitted after July 15th yet to receive funding. Waiting on Cultural Resources Inventory by SHPO. (27,115ft)
- I will be submitting our initial tree orders to Big Sioux and Towner nurseries this week.

❖ Drill/Grass Seeding

- All grass seedings around 2024 tree plantings completed.
- August CRP seeding window Aug 10-25th sites completed.
- 1590 continues to be routed around county. It generally slows down now until dormant seeding later this fall. Dormant seedings require 5 consecutive days below 45deg ground temp.

❖ Other

- Sealed shed to prevent any more rodents.
- Compressor quote for cooler from Bakkegard and Shell for \$4,490.00. Tree Planting Initiative (NDASCD) did not receive funding. Compressor will need to be paid for by SCD.
- Continue to spend one day a week at the parking mowing and general upkeep.
- Attended Eco-Ed Sept 3rd and 5TH.
- I was out of the office August 13-16th.



United States Department of Agriculture

Natural Resources Conservation Service
Valley City Field Office
110 Winter Show RD SW
Valley City, ND 58072
701-845-3114 Ext. 3

NRCS Activity Report
Barnes County Soil Conservation District Board
September 11th, 2024
Shelby Larson, District Conservationist (DC)

CDU (Fargo, Hillsboro, Finley, Valley City) had a meeting in Fargo on August 28th that Cody, Jessica, and I attended

Continuous CRP documentation was due back to FSA September 6th. Cody has been busy working on these

Expiring CRP onsite review is due soon, Cody and I will be busy working on these

Cody, Jessica, Jason, and I all participated in helping Barnes County Eco-Ed on September 3rd and 5th

NRCS has a booth set up at Big Iron this week

Busy in the office certifying acres for applied practices and planning for next year's EQIP and CSPs

EQIP Batching deadline: September 20th, accepting applications all year round

Quarterly Zone Meetings- East Zone Meeting is planned for October 30th, January 22nd, April 23rd

NRCS DC's and CDUS are to attend the SCD convention in November

Earth Team Volunteer Hours- Charlene