

BARNES COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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

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Board Members Present:

Charlene Stenson
Mardy Dahl
Bob Bruns
Carl Pederson

Others:

Jason Elston, Tech
Jessica Jones, Administrative Professional
Shelby Larson, DC

BARNES CO. AUDITOR

The December meeting was called to order by Stenson at 8:03am at the USDA Building, Valley City, ND. Minutes from the November Regular meeting were reviewed, and Stenson accepted those minutes as presented; Dahl seconded. All in favor aye, motion carried.

Financials:

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

Correspondence:

1. Farmer's Union Annual Meeting invite was reviewed.
2. Letter sent to producers for OHF overpayments/ reimbursements was reviewed. Checks were mailed to producers.
3. Letter sent to ND SCD's for Eco Ed reimbursements was reviewed. Checks were mailed to SCD's.

Technician Report:

Jason handed out his report. See attached.

Office Report:

Shelby handed out her report. See attached.

Outreach Coordinator Report:

Jessica handed out her report. See attached.

Old Business:

1. A checking account and money market savings account were opened at Bank Forward, and the Certificate of Deposit was renewed at Bank Forward.
2. Staff evaluations for Jessica and Jason were completed on November 13th; A 2.5% raise will be effective January 1, 2025.
3. Convention in Bismarck review: Overall, the location was good, and the food was better than last year. A survey was sent out to be completed.

New Business:

1. Pederson made a motion to renew our NACD membership at the gold level for \$775. Bruns seconded. All in favor aye, motion carried.
2. St. Raphael donation letter request was reviewed. The board declined donating.
3. Supervisor trainings have been completed. Jessica will send in required documentation.

Other:

1. Reorganizational meeting to follow the December Regular Board meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:03am. The next regular meeting is to be held on January 8, 2025, at 8:00am at the USDA building.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Jones, Administrative Professional/ Secretary

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Present:

Mardy Dahl
Carl Pederson
Charlene Stenson
Shelly Nelson

Others:

Jessica Jones, Administrative Professional

This Reorganizational meeting was called by Chairman Stenson at 9:12am

Stenson made a motion to appoint Mardy Dahl for a one-year term, Nelson seconded the motion, all in favor aye, motion carried.

Nelson made a motion to appoint Carl Pederson for a one-year term, Stenson seconded the motion, all in favor aye, motion carried.

Dahl made a motion to appoint Stenson as Chairman, Pederson seconded the motion, all in favor aye motion carried.

Dahl made a motion to appoint Pederson as Vice Chairman, Stenson seconded the motion, all in favor aye motion carried.

Stenson made a motion to appoint Jessica Jones to the office of secretary/treasurer of the Barnes County SCD. Dahl seconded the motion. All in favor aye, motion carried.

Stenson made a motion, seconded by Dahl, to schedule the regular Barnes Co. SCD meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 8:00am. All in favor aye, motion carried.

Stenson made a motion to make Bank Forward, Valley City, as official depository for District funds, Pederson seconded the motion, all in favor aye, motion carried.

Stenson made a motion to keep the one Certificates of Deposit at Bank Forward in Valley City. Pederson seconded the motion, all in favor aye, motion carried.

A unanimous ballot was cast to continue the standing committee assignments. All in favor aye, motion carried.

The Reorganizational meeting for 2024 was concluded at 9:20am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Jones
Secretary/Treasurer/Administrative Professional
Approved: 01/08/2025

December 2024 Tech Report

❖ Trees

- All 2025 OHF contracts were funded. 4 producers cancelled their contracts. All producers who wanted to move forward have signed their contracts and plans have been funded/implemented.
- 2024 OHF reimbursement was received end of November \$54,500.
- OHF Funding is questionable for 2026
- 14 tree plans currently finalized. Roughly 72,000ft. Waiting on several other tree plans to be finalized by landowners.
- All current tree orders from Big Sioux and Towner have been verified.

❖ Drill/Grass Seeding

- John Deere 1590 is stored for the year-Dormant seeding came too late for any producers to seed.
- 1590 has been delivered to 25 sites this year.
- 360 acres seeded

❖ Other

- Shed/Cooler winterized and cleaned up. Well is drained
- 10ft chisel plow purchased from an estate sale. Picked up 11.14.24. Have started to upgrade/repair to make it portable and more functional for renters.
- Grotberg Electric installed lighting in tree shed.
- Attended annual convention in Bismarck on November 25-26th



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NRCS Activity Report Barnes County Soil Conservation District Board

December 11th, 2024

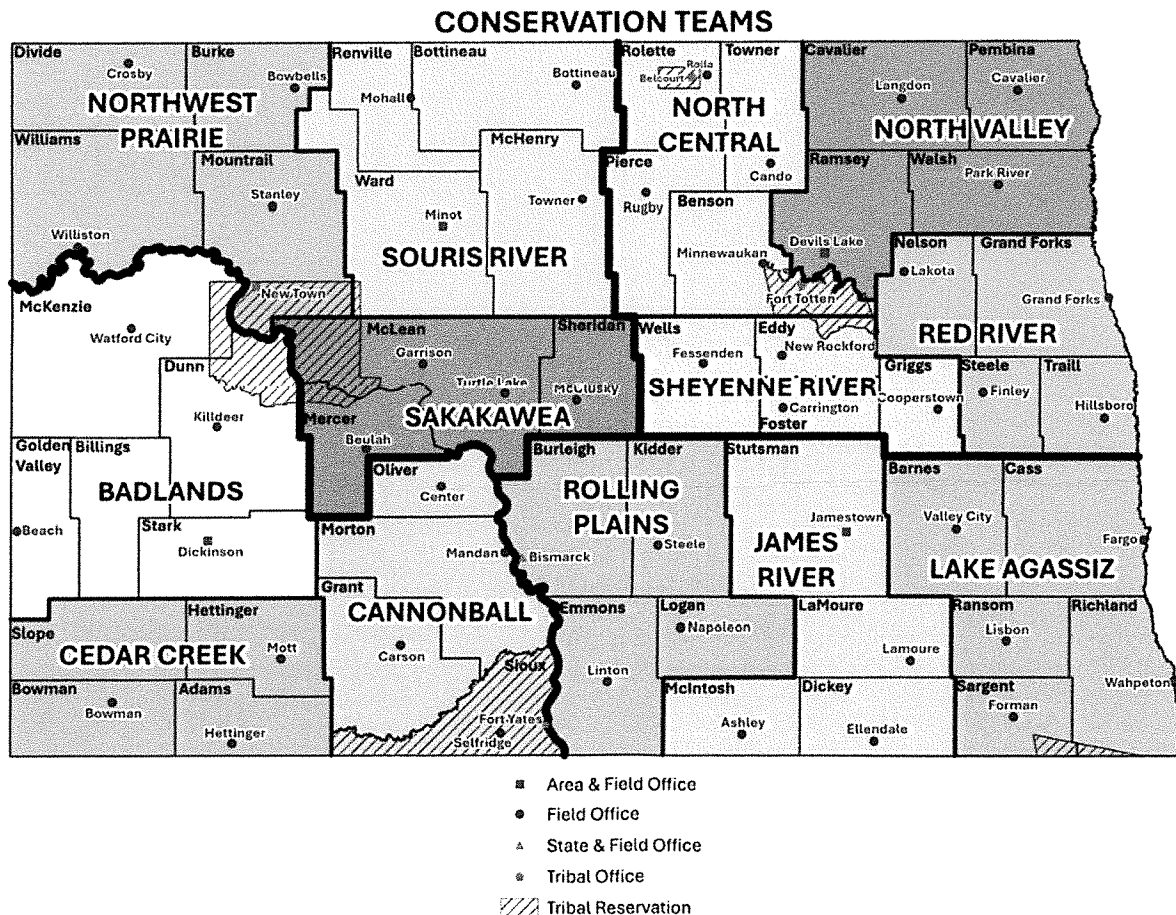
Shelby Larson, District Conservationist (DC)

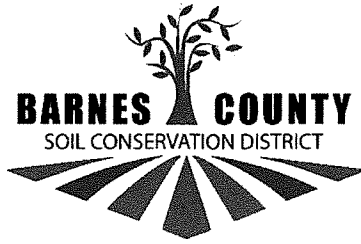
EQIP Batching deadline was September 20th, 16 applications. We still accept applications all year round. The applications will be ranked in January and find out if they are funded then

WRE ranking was due on November 22nd. We had 2 applications submitted. Sounds like all in the state are considered for funding, unless they were ineligible

ND NRCS decided to move into 4 zones starting December 1st with all Conservation Team Leaders (CTL, new name for CDU)

Our CTL is Mark Welter, stationed in Lisbon. This is temporary until the new positions are hired. We will now be "Lake Agassiz" with Cass, Richland, Ransom, and Sargent Counties





Outreach Coordinator Report December 2024

Previously:

Library Collaboration

- November 14th: Valley City Barnes County Public Library: Nature Explorer's Club
 - We read "We're Going on a Leaf Hunt", and then we went on a leaf hunt outside. We learned about why leaves change colors and fall off the trees.
 - We read "Leaf Man". We made a leaf man project out of construction paper. They took their bag of leaves home. The leaves weren't suitable for crafting. We will move this project to September or October next year.

Coming up:

Library Collaboration

- December 12th: Valley City Barnes County Public Library: Nature Explorer's Club
 - I will be reading "Why Evergreens Keep Their Leaves". Then we will paint an evergreen tree.
 - We will discuss how animals use the trees for shelter in the winter.

Library Collaboration

- January 9th: Valley City Barnes County Public Library: Nature Explorer's Club
 - I will be reading "Over and Under the Snow". Then we will look at different animal tracks.
- February 13th: Valley City Barnes County Public Library: Nature Explorer's Club
 - Book and craft to be determined

Submitted by: Jessica Jones, BCSCD Outreach Coordinator

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