

BARNES COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Minutes of Meeting
June 11, 2025
USDA Building
Valley City, ND 58072

Board Members Present:
Charlene Stenson
Mardy Dahl
Kurt Reidman
Shelly Nelson - via Phone

Others:

Jessica Jones, Administrative Professional
Shelby Larson, District Conservationist
Jason Elston, District Tech

The June meeting was called to order by Stenson at 7:06 am the USDA Building, Valley City, ND. Minutes from the April Regular meeting were reviewed, and Stenson accepted those minutes as presented.

Financials:

A list of receipts and bills paid in April 2025 were reviewed by the Board. Dahl made a motion to accept the April Financials as presented. Reidman seconded the motion. All in favor aye, motion carried.

A list of receipts and bills paid in May 2025 were reviewed by the Board. Reidman made a motion to accept the May Financials as presented. Stenson seconded the motion. All in favor aye, motion carried.

Correspondence:

1. None

Office Report:

Shelby handed out her report; see attached.

Technician Report:

Jason handed out his report; see attached.

Outreach Coordinator Report:

Jessica handed out her report. See attached.

Old Business:

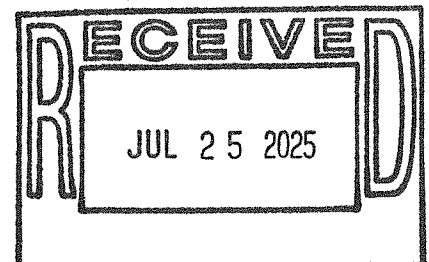
1. None

New Business:

1. Achievement Awards – Start planning for next year's recipient
2. Charlene made a motion to issue two scholarships to the college scholarship applicants. Dahl seconded. All in favor, aye. Motion carried.
3. We will complete the mill levy budget at July's meeting

Meeting was adjourned at 8:17am. The next regular meeting is to be held on July 9, 2025, at 7:00am at the USDA building.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Jones, Administrative Professional/ Secretary





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NRCS Activity Report
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Shelby Larson, District Conservationist (DC)

Cody and I attended SE Zone meeting in Jamestown on May 28th

Waterbank- we have 13 applications. 8 of these are considered high priority. Cody and I have been working on planning these.

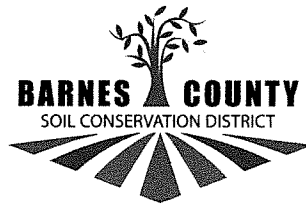
Another one of my 12 EQIP applicants has been selected for funding. 2 were preapproved in Barnes County, 1 high tunnel and 1 MBRI

All 4 CSP applications were selected for funding in Barnes County, 21 total across the state were preapproved. I have completed all the paperwork and planning for these contracts

WRE/WRP onsite monitoring's are happening currently, I will be doing the majority of these with Cody helping on some

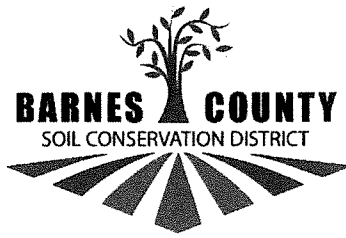
CRP signup has opened and closed. This is a large signup in Barnes County- Cody has been very busy with CRP site visits and planning

Complete LWG meeting and resource concerns



June 2025 District Technician Report

- ❖ Trees:
 - May 12th-planted 1st site. May 19th started planting again after weather delays with seasonal help.
 - June 2nd-Finished planting trees and switched to weed barrier.
 - June 6th-Tree surplus sale.
 - I have Jessica taking orders for any remaining bundles. Will continue until June 13th then cooler will be shut down.
 - Should finish weed barrier in the next week then switch to grass seedings.
- ❖ Pickup discussion:
 - Picked up new pickup in Bismarck May 15th
 - May 21st /22nd had topper installed in Moorhead and installed airbags at shed. Started using new truck almost immediately.
 - Bidding for both trucks ended June 1. Sold ½ ton for \$12,000 (trade in was \$7,500) to Lil Borg after multiple people bid on it. One ton is available for purchase (trade in was \$15,000).
- ❖ Other:
 - 1590 drill continues to be very busy.



Outreach Coordinator Report May / June 2025

Library Collaboration

- May 8th: Valley City Barnes County Public Library: Nature Explorer's Club
 - Camping Theme: We read: S'mores Indoors and then we made a campfire with plastic cups, tissue paper, and a tea light. We discussed campfire safety and protecting our trees and wildlife.
- The Nature Explorers Club will not be hosted at the library this summer due to their Summer Learning Program. We will resume the program in September.

School Outreach

3rd Grade Arbor Day Program – I gave a presentation about Arbor Day and then handed out trees to students.

- April 25th: Shelby and I visited 3rd graders at Jefferson Elementary – 81 Students
- April 30th: Visited Maple Valley Hutterite Colony – 9 students; we planted one tree together!
- May 1st: Visited Maple Valley 3rd grade classroom – 16 students
- May 2nd: Visited Barnes County North 3rd grade classroom - 16 students, Valley City Christian School – 6 students, and St. Cate's 3rd/4th graders- 14 students

Eco Ed Camp

- September 2nd and 4th at Wesley Acres

Upcoming Trainings & Meetings:

- June 17th - 20th at VCSU: WILD – Land, Water & People
- June 23rd: Project Learning Trees in Carrington
- June 24th: FAC Meeting @ VC USDA Building
- June 26th: Lunch and Learn: Skills for Building Farmer Networks for Conservation

Submitted by: Jessica Jones, BCSCD Outreach Coordinator