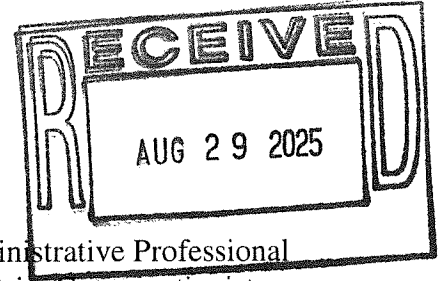


# BARNES COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Minutes of Meeting  
July 16, 2025  
USDA Building  
Valley City, ND 58072



## Board Members Present:

Charlene Stenson  
Carl Pederson  
Mardy Dahl  
Kurt Reidman  
Shelly Nelson

## Others:

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

The July meeting was called to order by Stenson at 8:08 am the USDA Building, Valley City, ND. Minutes from the June Regular meeting were reviewed, and Stenson accepted those minutes as presented.

## Financials:

A list of receipts and bills paid in June 2025 were reviewed by the Board. Pederson made a motion to accept the June Financials as presented. Reidman 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. Scholarship letters were mailed to recipients

## New Business:

1. Preliminary Budget for 2026 was reviewed
2. Area II Meeting – August 25<sup>th</sup> – Havana, ND at Coteau de Prairie

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30am. The next regular meeting is to be held on August 20, 2025, at 8:00am at the USDA building.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jessica Jones, Administrative Professional/ Secretary



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**NRCS Activity Report**  
**Barnes County Soil Conservation District Board**  
July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
Shelby Larson, District Conservationist (DC)

Cody and I attended SE Zone meeting in Jamestown on June 25<sup>th</sup>

WRE/WRP onsite monitorings have been completed

CRP paperwork is really picking up on the NRCS side, last years CRPs are being planted and older ones are completing mid contract management. New signup work has also started

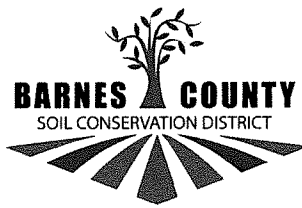
Barnes County Food and Agricultural Council (FAC) met on June 24<sup>th</sup> at the office conference room. We mainly discussed disaster options and how producers can move forward. Lots of structural damage. Quite a few soybean fields getting replanted

I attended a soil salinity training in Barnes County on June 30<sup>th</sup>

Waterbank signup closed on July 11<sup>th</sup>. Cody and I completed and submitted 8 high ranking offers along with 11 other offers

EQIP signup deadline is September 19<sup>th</sup>

NRCS is offering lateral moves within the agency for critical vacancies, opening up today



## **July 2025 District Technician Report**

### **❖ Trees:**

- The 2025 tree planting/weed barrier installation was finished at the end of June. A total of 19 sites were planted with 74,280ft of trees and weed barrier installed.
- Surplus sale was completed and cooler cleaned/sanitized.
- I finalized all tree plans and OHF pay applications for 2025 plantings. Pay apps were completed and submitted on July 14th. We will be receiving a \$60,575.63 (75%) reimbursement later this year.
- 2026 OHF funding has been approved. Waiting for word of application batching. I have 35 interested producers so far.
- Will be scheduling people this week to get their plans developed and applications completed

### **❖ Drills:**

- John Deere 1590 10ft drill has delivered to 13 sites this spring totaling 536 acres.
- Custom seeded 8 of the 19 tree planting sites with Landpride seeder.

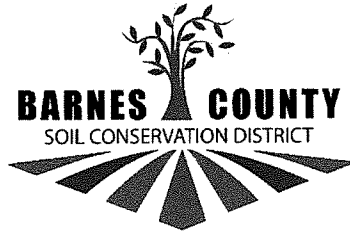
### **❖ Park:**

- Park was hit by a potential tornado on June 20<sup>th</sup>. I have spent many days there cleaning up trees, stumps and debris. Cody and Shelby helped me with the large tree removals. Signs and fencing needed to be repaired. Seeded new grass in areas where large areas of trees were destroyed.
- New concrete was poured for signage and a bike rack for the river trail. The entrance of the park was left with a lot of cleanup and damaged grass. Also had damage in the ditch earlier this spring from a car rollover. The park has had a tough spring.
- Continue to mow, spray and perform regular maintenance also.

### **❖ Other:**

- Had a load of rock and load of gravel delivered and filled in unused culvert that was in the middle of our shed yard.

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## **Outreach Coordinator Report July 2025**

### **Library Collaboration**

- The Nature Explorers Club will resume in September.

### **School Outreach**

- None

### **Eco Ed Camp**

- September 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> at Wesley Acres from 9am-5pm

### **Trainings & Meetings:**

- June 17<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> at VCSU: WILD – Land, Water & People
  - I attended this three-day training at VCSU to learn how to use the 3 curriculums that were provided to us: Project Wet, Aquatic Wild, and Project Learning Trees.
- June 24<sup>th</sup>: Attended FAC Meeting - VC USDA Building
- August 13<sup>th</sup>: Project Learning Trees Workshop - Washburn
- October 7-9<sup>th</sup>: NCDEA Regional Professional Development – Salina, Kansas

**Submitted by:** Jessica Jones, BCSCD Outreach Coordinator