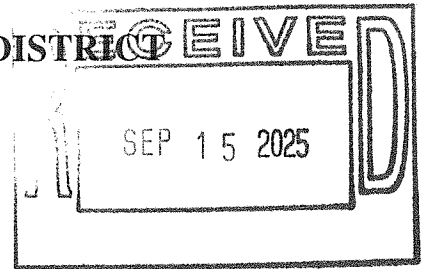


BARNES COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Minutes of Meeting
August 20, 2025
USDA Building
Valley City, ND 58072



Board Members Present:

Charlene Stenson
Carl Pederson
Shelly Nelson
Kurt Reidman (phone)

Others:

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

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

Financials:

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

Correspondence:

1. A thank you letter from Kennedy Reidman was received. Kennedy thanked the SCD for awarding her a \$500 scholarship.
2. A letter from First International Bank was received stating that our credit card account has been closed.

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. Preliminary budget was sent to the county auditor on August 1, 2025.

New Business:

1. We will approve the 2026 Mill Levy budget on September 10, 2025.
2. We will review award nominations in September.
3. Charlene motioned to approve a \$500 donation to Envirothon. Envirothon will be held in Valley City on October 1, 2025. Shelly seconded. All in favor aye, motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30am. The next regular meeting is to be held on September 10, 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
August 20th, 2025
Shelby Larson, District Conservationist (DC)

Cody and I attended SE Zone meeting in Jamestown on July 30th

We also attended a grazing/grass bundle training in Lisbon August 11th

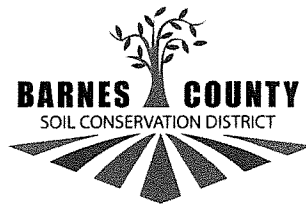
CRP paperwork is still really busy on the NRCS side, new signup work and re-enrolls. Paperwork is due back to FSA by September 17th

Donated 20+ lbs of produce from the garden to the food pantry in town

Annual Waterbank reviews are due September 30th so I have started completing those with Alex doing one

Working on getting all EQIP and CSP producers documentation completed

EQIP signup deadline is September 19th



August 2025 District Technician Report

❖ Trees:

- OHF pay applications for 2025 plantings totaled \$60,575.63. The reimbursement will be later this year.
- 2026 OHF application period opened mid-July and ended August 15th.
- I called roughly 40 producers that were on my list that were interested in cost share. I met with half of those and developed tree plans to see if they were eligible. Submitted **10** OHF cost share applications.
- I have 90,000ft of shelterbelts on 19 sites planned for 2026 already. I will continue to take tree plans until we reach 100,000ft.
- Most Forest Service contracts (Windbreak Renovation Initiative) will be renovated later this fall/spring 2026. Contracts will go out in October. The tree plantings will then be completed in spring 2027.

❖ Drills:

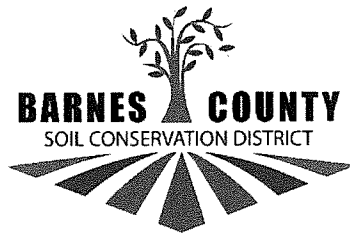
- John Deere 1590 10ft drill has continued to be busy. Currently FSA has an August 10th-25th CRP seeding window that producers are using the drill for.

❖ Park:

- Continue to mow, spray and perform regular maintenance at the Riparian Park.
- Removed the kayak launch because had several large trees lodged under dock and more sitting just upstream. I did not want to damage the launch.
- I continue to clean up broken trees after the June 20th storm.

❖ Other:

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Outreach Coordinator Report August 2025

Library Collaboration

- The Nature Explorers Club will resume in September. We will have two meetings per month - the 2nd and last Tuesdays of the month from 5:00pm-6:00pm.
 - September 9th: 5 Senses – Explore Nature – Make binoculars to explore outdoors.
 - September 23rd: 5 Senses – All About Apples
 - October 14th: The Parts of a Tree & Tree Cookies
 - October 28th: All About Bats
 - November 18th: The Life Cycle of a Pumpkin
 - December 9th: All About Evergreens

School Outreach

- None

Eco Ed Camp

- September 2nd and 4th at Wesley Acres from 9am-5pm
- I will be visiting other Eco Ed Camps across the state next month

Trainings & Meetings:

- August 13th: Project Learning Trees Workshop - Washburn
- August 25th: Area II Meeting at Prairie de Coteau
- August 27th: Oakes Nursery Tour
- October 7-9th: NCDEA Regional Professional Development – Salina, Kansas

Submitted by: Jessica Jones, BCSCD Outreach Coordinator