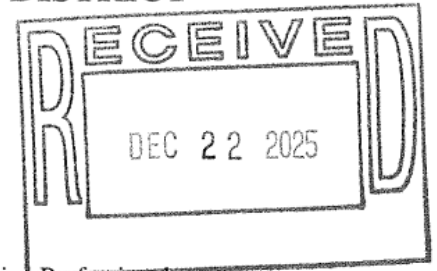


# BARNES COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Minutes of Meeting  
November 19, 2025  
USDA Building, Valley City, ND 58072  
8:00 am



## Board Members Present:

Charlene Stenson  
Mardy Dahl  
Shelly Nelson

## Others:

Jessica Jones, Administrative Professional  
Jason Elston, District Technician

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

## Financials:

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

## Correspondence:

1. Thank you letter from ND Envirothon was reviewed.

## Office Report:

None.

## Technician Report:

Jason handed out his report. See attached.

## Outreach Coordinator Report:

Jessica handed out her report. See attached.

## Old Business:

1. Christmas Dinner and Awards Banquet will be held on November 20th at Sabir's.
2. Charlene, Jessica, Kurt, and Mardy are registered for the NDASCD State Convention and Annual Meeting on December 2nd-3rd in Bismarck.

## New Business:

1. Stenson made a motion to renew our NACD membership at the gold level for \$775. Nelson seconded the motion. All in favor, aye, motion carried.
2. Supervisor training reports are due.
3. Staff evaluations were completed on November 19, 2025. Jessica will receive a 4% raise and Jason will receive a 10% raise - effective January 1, 2026.

## Other:

- 1.

The meeting adjourned at 9:36 am. The next regular meeting is to be held on December 16, 2025, at 8:00am at the USDA building.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jessica Jones, Administrative Professional/ Secretary



## Outreach Coordinator Report November 2025

### The Nature Explorers Club: Library Collaboration

- **October 28th:** WILD About Bats! We learned that bats are pollinators. The students acted out an echolocation game where one child was a blindfolded bat, and the other child was a fly. They had to say "Echo!" "Location" and the bat tried to find the fly. We then made a trail mix of foods that bats would either eat or help pollinate (banana chips, dried mango, raisins, chocolate chips, seeds, cheerios, etc). The students then made a bat craft. We had 4 participants!
- **November 18th:** Life Cycle of a Pumpkin! We read "The Pumpkin Seed's Secret". The students acted out the life cycle of a pumpkin. I cut open a pumpkin, and the students inspected the inside, counted the seeds and looked at the stringy guts. The students then tried pumpkin seeds! Then we talked about all the ways we can use pumpkins, including pumpkin pie! We made pumpkin pie in a cup! We had 11 participants!
- **December 9th:** Evergreens

### School Outreach

- None

### Trainings & Meetings:

- None

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



## **November 2025 District Technician Report**

### **❖ Trees:**

- Waiting for the OHF cost share reimbursement for 2025 tree plantings. Check will be roughly \$60,000.00. December?
- I have 93,420ft of shelterbelts on 20 sites planned for 2026.
- 7 OHF contracts for 2026 were approved, signed and mailed.
- 4 OHF contracts were flagged by the State Historical Society for a cultural resource walk through.
- 3 producers agreed to move forward with cultural resource inventory. Prices for the walk through ranged from \$2,000 to \$6,000. 1 producer opted out.
- Contracted Beaver Creek Archaeology to do the walk throughs. All 3 site evaluations were done by Friday November 7.
- Initial tree orders submitted. Weed barrier ordered and scheduled for April delivery.

### **❖ Drills:**

- November 10<sup>th</sup> CRP dormant seeding opened.
- Seeding will continue until it freezes up

### **❖ Other:**

- I received an estimate from Enterprise to insulate tree shed.
- Federal Employees were furloughed for 43 days.
- The park, shed and all equipment are winterized and stored.

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