

BARNES COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Minutes of Meeting

October 15, 2025

VCSU, 101 College St SW, McCarthy 101, Valley City, ND 58072

8:00 am

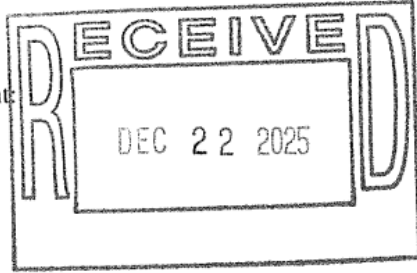
Board Members Present:

Charlene Stenson

Mardy Dahl

Shelly Nelson

Kurt Reidman



Others:

Jessica Jones, Administrative Professional

Jason Elston, District Technician

Bob Flath, Ransom County SCD

The October meeting was called to order by Stenson at 8:09 am at VCSU, McCarthy 101, Valley City, ND. Minutes from the September Regular meeting were reviewed, and Stenson accepted those minutes as presented.

Financials:

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

Correspondence:

1. Thank you note from St. Kate's was read. They thanked us for hosting Eco Ed.
2. St. Kate's Fall Auction Donation request letter was read. Dahl made a motion to donate 4 certificates for 5 trees each for their auction. Reidman seconded the motion. All in favor, aye, motion carried.

Office Report:

None.

Technician Report:

Jason stated that he has been running the drill to producers. He is working on winterizing the tree shed. He cleaned up the riparian park and is closing it up for the year. Jason mentioned that the two buildings next to the Tree Shed are for sale.

Outreach Coordinator Report:

Jessica handed out her report. See attached.

Old Business:

Farmstead Award winners were contacted. Jessica will order plaques.

New Business:

1. Bob Flath requested a letter of support from our board for the 319 watershed project that he is applying for. Jessica will type a letter, and Stenson will sign it. The deadline for applications has been extended to November 14, 2025. The letter is due to Bob by November 1st.
2. Stenson made a motion to submit the Winter Show Booth registration form. The booth rental is \$450. Dahl seconded the motion. All in favor, aye, motion carried.
3. The BCSCD Awards Banquet will be held on Thursday, November 20th at 5:30pm at Sabir's in Valley City.. Award recipients will be contacted and mailed an invitation.
4. Annual Convention - December 2nd and 3rd in Bismarck. We will submit the registration forms at our next meeting.

Other:

1. Supervisor Training Requirements need to be met before the end of the year.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 am. The next regular meeting is to be held on November 12, 2025, at 8:00am at the USDA building.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Jones, Administrative Professional/ Secretary



Outreach Coordinator Report October 2025

The Nature Explorers Club: Library Collaboration

- **September 15th:** The Nature Explorers Club went to TLChildcare in Valley City. Our theme was exploring the 5 Senses – We used our sense of sight, touch, and hearing– We read “We’re Going on a Nature Hunt”, made binoculars with toilet paper tubes, nature stickers, and yard, and we went on a nature hunt outdoors with our binoculars and magnifying glasses.
- **September 23rd:** 5 Senses – All About Apples – We read Little Apple Tree, a book about an apple’s life cycle, we learned motions to the life cycle, we cut open and inspected an apple, we counted the apple seeds, we tried different apple varieties, we made homemade apple juice with a juicer, and then we ate homemade applesauce! We ended the evening making a 3D apple tree with the leftover toilet paper rolls from last month, tissue paper, and pom poms for the apples! We used our sense of sight, touch, smell, hearing, and taste for this lesson!
- **October 28th:** WILD About Bats!
- **November 18th:** Life Cycle of a Pumpkin
- **December 9th:** Evergreens

School Outreach

- ND Envirothon - I volunteered at Envirothon on October 1st at VCSU. I was in charge of helping to grade their tests and issue their awards. It was a fun day! We would love it if Barnes County Schools could participate in the future.

Trainings & Meetings:

- Project Wild: Bats - this is an online training that I am working on to help with my library lesson.

Submitted by: Jessica Jones, BCSCD Outreach Coordinator

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