

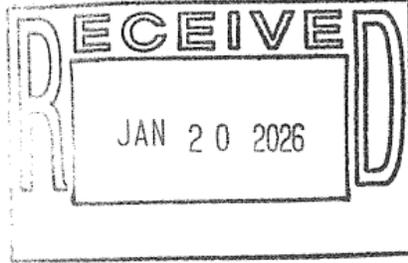
# BARNES COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Minutes of Meeting

December 16, 2025

USDA Building, Valley City, ND 58072

8:00 am



**Board Members Present:**

Charlene Stenson  
Mardy Dahl  
Kurt Reidman  
Carl Pederson

**Others:**

Jessica Jones, Administrative Professional  
Jason Elston, District Technician  
Shelby Larson, District Conservationist  
Kelly Bowen

The December meeting was called to order by Stenson at 8:09am at the USDA Building, Valley City, ND. Minutes from the November Regular meeting were reviewed, and Stenson accepted those minutes as presented.

**Financials:**

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

**Correspondence:**

1. Thank you letter from St. Kate's for our tree gift certificate donation was reviewed
2. Christmas card from NDASCD was reviewed

**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. Christmas Dinner and Awards Banquet were held on November 20th at Sabir's
2. Charlene, Jessica, Kurt, and Mardy attended the NDASCD State Convention and Annual Meetings on December 2nd-3rd in Bismarck.

**New Business:**

1. Supervisor Training Requirements were reviewed. Jessica will submit the training logs.
2. St. Raphael donation letter request was reviewed. The board declined donating.
3. Stenson made a motion to approve Jessica to attend the Project Learning Trees Facilitator in Bismarck from January 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> and the Project Learning Trees Convention in Omaha Nebraska from March 20<sup>th</sup>- March 27<sup>th</sup>. Pederson seconded the motion. All in favor aye, motion carried.

**Other:**

1. Reorganizational meeting to follow the December Regular Meeting

The meeting adjourned at 9:11am. The next regular meeting is to be held on January 15, 2026, at 8:00am at the USDA building.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jessica Jones, Administrative Professional/ Secretary

# BARNES COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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

Present:

Mardy Dahl  
Carl Pederson  
\*Charlene Stenson  
Kurt Reidman

Others:

Jessica Jones, Administrative Professional

This Reorganizational meeting was called by Chairman Stenson at 9:14am

Stenson made a motion to appoint Mardy Dahl for a one-year term, Reidman seconded the motion, all in favor aye, motion carried.

Reidman made a motion to appoint Carl Pederson for a one-year term, Stenson seconded the motion, all in favor aye, motion carried.

Dahl made a motion to appoint Stenson as Chairman, Pederson seconded the motion, all in favor aye motion carried.

Dahl made a motion to appoint Pederson as Vice Chairman, Stenson seconded the motion, all in favor aye motion carried.

Stenson made a motion to appoint Jessica Jones to the office of secretary/treasurer of the Barnes County SCD. Reidman seconded the motion. All in favor aye, motion carried.

Stenson made a motion, seconded by Reidman, to schedule the regular Barnes Co. SCD meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 8:00am. All in favor aye, motion carried.

Reidman made a motion to keep Bank Forward, Valley City, as official depository for District funds, Dahl seconded the motion, all in favor aye, motion carried.

Dahl made a motion to keep the one Certificates of Deposit at Bank Forward in Valley City. Pederson seconded the motion, all in favor aye, motion carried.

A unanimous ballot was cast to continue the standing committee assignments. All in favor aye, motion carried.

The Reorganizational meeting for 2025 was concluded at 9:33am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Jones  
Secretary/Treasurer/Administrative Professional  
Approved: 1/15/2026



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

Temporary lapse in government spending on September 30<sup>th</sup>

Government furlough ended and we returned to the office November 13<sup>th</sup>

November 20<sup>th</sup>, quick Cultural Resources training before winter arrived, Alex and I attended this near Little Yellowstone

SCD hosted their annual Award Banquet on November 20<sup>th</sup>

Cody, Alex, and I attended SE Zone meeting in Jamestown on December 10<sup>th</sup>

Unknowns about EQIP, CSP, Waterbank, and WRE

Still very busy with paying 2025 practices and planning for 2026 applications

New programs coming?

Regenerative Pilot Program



## December 2025 District Technician Report

### ❖ Trees:

- I am still waiting for the OHF cost share reimbursement for 2025 tree plantings.
- I have 100,190ft of tree shelterbelts on 22 sites planned for spring 2026. Moving forward all planning will be for spring 2027.
- I am waiting on State Historical Society to approve tree plantings on the 3 sites where cultural resource walk throughs were done.
- Initial tree orders submitted to 3 nurseries. 17,000 trees are on order primarily from Big Sioux and Towner nursery. Weed barrier ordered and scheduled for April delivery.

### ❖ Drills:

- November 24<sup>th</sup> last CRP seeding was done, and drill was cleaned and stored for the winter.

### ❖ Other:

- Performed site visit at a producer's CRP grass planting.
- Park Work-The county employees cleaned the dead trees to the north of our Riparian Park. I talked with Jamie at the Highway Dept, and she said I could combine our tree piles with theirs to burn. I moved both our tree piles and cleaned more downed debris and added to their burn pile.

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## **Outreach Coordinator Report December 2025**

### **The Nature Explorers Club: Library Collaboration**

- **December 9th:** Evergreens – Canceled due to weather
- **January 9<sup>th</sup> :** Evergreens
- **January 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Animals in Winter

### **School Outreach**

- None

### **Trainings & Meetings:**

- **December 15<sup>th</sup>:** Project Learning Trees Facilitator Meeting
- **January 26<sup>th</sup> -27<sup>th</sup>:** Project Learning Trees Facilitator Training in Bismarck
- **February 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>:** NACD's 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting – San Antonio, TX
- **March 23-27, 2026:** Project Learning Tree annual conference, which will be held at the Arbor Day Foundation Farm in Nebraska

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