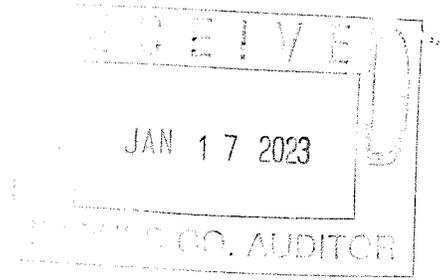


BARNES COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Minutes of Meeting
December 7th, 2022
USDA Building
Valley City, ND 58072



Board Members Present:

Charlene Stenson
Diane Olson
Shelly Nelson
Bob Bruns
Mardy Dahl

Others:

Jason Elston, Tech
Jill Olson, Clerk
Shelby Larson, DC
Carl Pederson

The meeting was called to order by Stenson at 3pm at the USDA Building, Valley City, ND. Minutes from the November 7th board meeting were reviewed, Stenson declared those minutes approved as presented.

FINANCIALS:

A list of receipts and bills paid during November 2022, were reviewed by the Board. Dahl made a motion to accept the financial statement as presented, Nelson seconding it. All in favor aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Reviewed the Dacotah Bank Certificate of Deposit that came due, rolled over to another 12 month CD with a better rate.
2. Reviewed the Mill Levy projections for 2023
3. Reviewed the dates for Winter Show and Tree Promotion which are at the same time. We will need a couple of workers those dates that overlap.

Office Report: Reviewed Shelby's attached report, see report.

Technician Report: Jason reported that he has 11 OHF contracts which are all signed and sent in. 100,000 ft of trees planned for the spring. Tree orders have slowed down. He attended the CDU meeting in Finley with the rest of the office staff.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Convention overview from the board members that attended.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Conservation Grant Opportunity – lots of discussion as of what we can do with the grant. Jill and Jason will visit with the office and get some ideas. Deadline is in February.
2. Diane Olson is retiring at the end of December. An open house is planned for January 18th from 2 to 4pm at the field office. Jill will visit all the districts and NRCS offices.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for January 11th 3:00pm. The next meeting will be at the field office meeting room.

Respectfully submitted,
S/ Jill Olson, Sec/Treas.
Approved:

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BARNES COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Minutes of Reorganizational Meeting
December 07, 2022
USDA Building
Valley City, ND 58072

Present:

Mardy Dahl
Diane Olson
Charlene Stenson
Shelly Nelson
Bob Bruns

Others:

Jason Elston, Tech
Jill Olson, clerk
Shelby Larson DC
Carl Pederson

This Reorganizational meeting was called by Chairman Stenson at 4:45 p.m.

Nelson made a motion to appoint Carl Pederson to a one year term. Olson second the motion all in favor aye motion carried.

Nelson made a motion to appoint Mardy Dahl to a one year term. Olson second the motion, all in favor aye motion carried.

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

Nelson made a motion to appoint Bruns as Vice Chairman, Stenson second the motion all in favor aye motion carried.

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

Bruns made a motion, seconded by Dahl, to schedule the regular Barnes Co. SCD meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Spring, Summer, Fall meetings at 7 or 8am and Winter meetings at 3 or 4pm. All in favor aye, motion carried.

Nelson made a motion to keep Wells Fargo Bank, Valley City, as official depository for District funds, Stenson second the motion, all in favor aye, motion carried.

Pederson made a motion to keep the one Certificates of Deposit at Dacotah Bank in Valley City. Bruns second 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 2022 was concluded at 5:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Olson
Secretary/Treasurer/Clerk
Approved:



United States Department of Agriculture

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NRCS Activity Report

Barnes County Soil Conservation District Board

December 7th, 2022

Shelby Larson, District Conservationist (DC)

Lucas is still with us and working part time in the office inbetween classes. His last day is now set for for December 30th.

Cody has been working on expiring CRP's and onsite reviews. Alex has also been helping out with this process as well as flagging new CRPs to be planted. There is only a few left for expiring onsites. Travis has been helping mail and track the producer letters.

We have also been working with FSA to finish up certifying all the CRPs that were planted this past year. Hopefully should be about done with these.

EQIP application signup for FY 2023 deadline was September, 23rd. We are now down to 3 applications. Alex, Travis, and I will be working with these producers to finalize their plans by the Febuary ranking deadline. The entire state's number of applications seems lower than most years. This may cause a second round of funding to open up. Ranking for the first round is February, so hopefully we will hear around then.

We have serval WRE and Waterbank applications that Cody has been working on.

December 1st we had our in person CDU meeting in Finley. Jason, Jill, Cody, Alex, Travis, Brent, and I attended. Some of the topics of discussion were: programs, tree plantings and workbook, pesticide applications and workbook.

Our CDU Leader, Brent Gustafson, will be switching job postions and will now be our Soil Health Specialist starting December 19th.

Reggie Laframboise from the Finley field office will be our acting CDU Leader.