

Barnes County Water Resource District

Meeting minutes

April 10th, 2006

Barnes County Highway Department

Present: Jeff McMillan, Pat Hurley, Don Johnson
Also Present: Jerry Loibl, Milo Bucholz, Brent Gustufson
Absent: Harlan Opdahl

Meeting called to order by chairmen Jeff McMillan.

Motion to approve Secretary's report by Pat, seconded by Don, motion carried. Motion to approve Revenue & Expenditure reports by Pat, seconded by Don, Motion carried.

Jerry Loibl: representing the City of Fingal, was in attendance to discuss the water not moving through town. Water fills the ditch near the curve in Fingal. He & the city council believe that the cattails are the problem. Jerry requested that the Water Resource Board members meet with the City to help solve this problem. It was decided to do so. Pat and Don will do this in the next week or so.

Milo Bucholz/Section 22 of Norma Township:

Milo had a movie to show drain problems that he has been experiencing. He feels that the ditch needs to be cleaned out. He is requesting that the water board notify the down stream landowners and request that they clean out their portion of the ditch. He has been in contact with the State Water Commission, and feels that he has a legal right to request the cleaning of this ditch by landowners. Brent Gustufson stated that the NRCS was still waiting for a form 1026 to be filled out by Jim Hendrikson. After this is complete he can then give permission to clean out to its original depth. The water board will be visiting the site today to help make a decision.

Brent reported that he visited sections 32&11 in Binghampton Township. (Area of concern brought up by Ken Kolosfsky) There is a problem with cattails and the road in this area. Brent stated that the water was gushing over the road and that the wetland is eroding away. When this gets dry he will go out and dig to determine the depth of clean out.

Notice was given that the cap on a culvert between section 11&12 of Pierce Township has been removed. It must be replaced or the culvert will be raised according to the minimal effect agreement. The water board will have this replaced this summer.

Steve Winters would like to clean out a culvert on Richard Bartz's land. Winters wants the water board to contact Mr. Bartz and request that he allow the cleanout to take place. The board decided that this must be looked at before a decision can be made.

Pat made a motion to move the water board office from the Weed board office to the Highway Department office. Don seconded, motion carried. The board also requested that the phone/ phone line be moved up to the Highway. Jamie will contact Jason to get the ball rolling.

The board requested that a copy of all bills presented for payment be held for their review. They will continue to be processed by the Auditors office.

Pat reported that he meet with the County Commissioners about Little Yellowstone Park pump/well. It was decided that Water Resources would pay for fencing to protect this area from cattle. Pat has talked to the renter and will be talking to the owner to get permission to put up fence.

Travis Fick, of Litchville contacted Pat about a plugged culvert on railroad property. Pat advised Travis to contact the RR. Scott Cummings will do the work and the RR will pay for the cleanout.

Cattail maps were reviewed. Approximately 80 miles were reported. Pat received quotes from Larson Helicopter of Perham MN. & Larimoure Helicopter service, Larimoure ND. The Board would like to receive a quote from the Barnes County Weed Board as well.

Quotes:

Larson Helicopter Service

\$160.00 per mile, applying 6 pints per acre of Rodeo spray.

Larimoure Helicopter Service

\$230.00 per acre, applying Rodeo Spray for a 30 ft width.

Discussion was held on cost share amounts. Pat moved to pay 80% of cost with the landowner to be responsible for the remaining 20%. Seconded by Don, motion carried. Jamie will send out notice to townships. She will also send out a sample forum letter to be mailed to landowners as requested by some townships. The Fish & Wildlife service will need to be notified that we will be flying over & spraying the main channel in Stoney Run located in Skandia Township, section 32. Jamie will do this.

Don moved to adjourn, Pat seconded. 11:20 AM

Next meeting, May 8th 2006 at the Barnes County Highway Department