

Barnes County Water Resource District
July 10th meeting
Barnes County Highway Dept. Conference Room
9:00 AM

Meeting called to order by Chairman Jeff McMillan at 9:00 AM.

All members present.

Revenue and Expenditure reports were reviewed. Pat moved to accept the reports, seconded by Don.

There was a report was made about a culvert that was put in Section 31 of Oak Hill Township. Apparently the culvert is in a bad location and is not level. Pat Hurley will meet with Oak Hill Township officers and look at the situation.

Culvert agreements approved

Gary Baasch, Section 23/24, Weimer Twp. (replacement)
Svea Twp., Section 16/15, upgrade from an 18" to a 24"

Cattail spraying program was discussed. Jamie will compile maps and prepare for the pilot. Jamie will also call the townships that have not sent in approval/denial to spray agreements.

Pat reported that he and Brent Gustufson visited Section 26 of Hemen Twp. Brent felt that the culvert could be lowered. Caution was given on swamp buster violations. A cost share with the landowner is possible. Water Resources will get an estimate of project costs before announcing the cost share.

Section 23 of Hemen Twp.

Pat visited with both Duane Lettenmier and Chad Wendell. Lettenmier agreed to remove his ditch block located in the SW corner of the SE ¼ of Section 23, if Chad Wendell would agree to close two drains that are located in the W ½ of Section 23. Mr. Wendell agreed to this compromise. An agreement will be drawn up for both parties to sign. Barnes County Water Resources will monitor this agreement.

Milo Bucholz called in to report that water has stopped flowing on to his land, however it is not draining off either. Pat moved to pay for and spray cattails along the drain down stream of Mr. Bucholz, Don Seconded. Motion carried. Landowners affected are Myron Nelson and Jim Hendrikson. Jamie will contact the landowners and obtain permission to spray.

Jeff reported that the dike that was illegally built on property owned by Tony Heinze, Tom Grieve has been removed.

Don reported that he visited with Gary Steidel. Don was concerned that Binghampton Twp. was not participating in the cat tail spraying program. Don added that Mr. Steidel has mowed all of the cattails near the Texas crossing going east. Mr. Steidel intends on digging out the cattail roots as well.

Being no further business Don moved to adjourn, seconded by Pat. 10:00 AM

The next meeting will be held, August 14th at 9:00, Barnes County Highway Department conference room.