

**Barnes County Water Resources**  
**September 11, 2006**  
**Minutes**

All members present. Also in attendance were John Triebold, Jerry Loibl, Shelly Nelson, and Conrad Hoff.

Minutes were read and approved. The revenue and expenditure reports were reviewed and approved.

John Triebold was in attendance to explain his current application to drain in Section 20 of Oriska Twp. He has applied for a State permit. He stated that Ray Trautman has also applied for a permit for the same drain. John has been in contact with NRCS for wetlands determination. A possible 4-12" slated drain tile will be used and a contractor from Fairmont Mn. will do the work. Water Resources will take all of this under advisement, and wait for the permit to be returned from the State Water Commission before approval or denial of the project.

Jerry Loibl notified the Board that Scott Cummings has completed the clean out of the drain near Fingal. He said that Mr. Cummings did a very nice job. The City of Fingal plans on burning the ditch to see if there are any further drainage issues that need to be addressed. Barnes County Water Resources will wait for a final billing before committing to a cost share percentage.

Conrad Hoff visited with the Board to explain the need for an equalizer culvert to be put in between Noltimier and Getchell Townships. (Section 19 of Noltimier Township and Section 24 of Getchell Township). Conrad has spoken to a Getchell Township Officer about this. He is waiting to hear from them. It was decided to approve the installation of an equalizer pipe pending approval of Getchel Township.

Jim McAllister, Barnes County Weed Officer, discussed the Water Milfoil problem in the Sheyenne River. He has been working with local wildlife clubs to eradicate this invasive weed. He informed the board that the North Dakota Game & Fish feels that it is the responsibility of the Water Resource District to control the Water Milfoil. The board will look further into this.

Pat reported on the drain cleanout project on the Roger Berntson farm. Estimates were received by Klubens and Altringer. Both were roughly \$4,900.00 for the work. According to Pat, both Berntson and Lettenmier are willing to pay some for the cleanout. Pat will talk with Chad Wendell to see if he is willing to share in the cost. NRCS has already been onsite and approved the drain cleanout, so long as the area is not seeded after the project is completed. Pat moved to proceed with the project if all parties agree to share in the cost. Seconded by Don, Motion carried. The cost will roughly be \$1,600.00 per landowner.

Pat stopped by the Milo Bucholz slough drain. The culverts are dry. There are obviously high spots that need to be removed. Pat will contact Scott Cummings to give a price on the cleanout. The landowners will be contacted when a price is received.

Jeff Wurzer (section 11 of Binghampton twp.) contacted Pat. He would like to cleanout cattails in the Twp. Road ditch (section line) Jeff was going to get an estimate. He would like to know if a cost share was possible. No decision was made until an estimate is received.

Bills were presented and approved for payment.

Don moved to adjourn, seconded by Pat.

Respectively submitted,

Jamie Smith, Secretary