

Barnes County Water Resources
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Minutes
November 13th, 2006

Present: Jeff McMillian, Pat Hurley, Don Johnson, Harlan Opdahl
Also present: Mark Berge, Don Berge, Shelia Cuypers, Clayton Elm, Milo Bucholz, Ron Winkler, and Chuck Luessen

Meeting called to order by Chairmen Jeff McMillian. Motion to approve minutes by Pat, Seconded by Don. Revenue and Expenditure reports were reviewed. Pat moved to have the Expenditure report amended, seconded by Don.

Mark Berge-New Culvert in Svea SE ¼ of Sec 9

Mr. Berge believes that the existing culvert is at the wrong elevation and wrong location. Kerry Johnson, BC Highway Superintendent reported that from his perspective the culvert was in good condition and was at a good elevation. Shelia Cuypers from Svea Twp. Board was in attendance and felt there was no problem with moving the culvert. Pat and Kerry Johnson will meet Don Berge on site today to determine whether or not to put in new pipe.

Don Berge expressed concerns over the cleanout project on Barnes County Drain #1. He wanted to know if the project was going to be finished. The Board informed Mr. Berge that the job has the ok to finish; it is on hold until Blumer Construction completes the work. Pat will contact Tim to see if he will be able to finish the project. If he is unable to complete work Scott Cummings will be contacted.

Clayton Elm requested rocks and reimbursement for repairs made on a WPA Dam located on his ground near Hastings. After much discussion, Chairman McMillian suggested that the Board visit the site in question. The board will then notify Mr. Elm of their decision.

Ron Winkler was in attendance in regards to drain cleaning done in the NW ¼ of Sec 35 Alta Twp. He stated that a third party cleaned out a natural drain without the landowner's permission. He also voiced concern over erosion control and that the sediment was removed and hauled to another section. NRCS has been contacted and Jeff will keep track of this situation.

Milo Bucholz in attendance regarding cleanout progress on the natural drain located in Section 27 Norma Twp. Mr. Bucholz stated that no burning and no cleaning had been

done as of today and was interested in knowing when this would be completed. Pat will talk to Jim Hendrickson to see when he is going to burn. The crops should be harvested and the county burning band has been lifted. Mr. Bucholz also asked for support if legal action was taken. The board responded with a no consensus. No further action was taken.

Discussion was held on the water management plan for Lake Ashtabula subdivisions. The board requests that Barnes County Planning & zoning notify the Water District of new subdivisions and to allow them to approve culverts and drainage plans. Jamie will present this to Planning & Zoning. Chuck Luessen was in attendance to explain the new Look out Subdivision's water management plan.

Pat made a motion to purchase software so to get aerial mapping of townships from KLJ, seconded by Don. Jamie will order these from Skip at KLJ.

Jeff Wurzer requested a cost share on a cattail cleanout. The board will decide amount when a bill is submitted.

Jamie will attend the FEMA flood map meeting in Valley City on Tuesday November 14th.

Don moved to adjourn, Seconded by Pat.

Next meeting December 11th, 2006 at 9:00 AM.

Submitted by Jamie Smith Secretary