

Barnes County Water Resources
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12-11-2006
Minutes

Absent: Jeff McMillan

Present: Don Johnson, Pat Hurley

Also in attendance: Shelly Nelson, Harlan Opdahl, Brent Gustafson, Kerry Johnson

Motion to approve secretary report by Pat, seconded by Don, motion carried. Motion to approve Revenue & expenditure reports by Pat, seconded by Don, motion carried.

The following culvert agreements were reviewed and approved.

Barnes County Highway Department – Section 13/24 Binghampton Twp. (Replacement)

Oriska Twp.-Section 4/5 (Replacement)

George Pabst- Section 36 Potter Twp. for crossing

Springvale Twp. - Section 3/2 (Replacement)

Barnes County Highway Department- Section 9, Svea Twp. (18" pipe)

Mike Berntson- Section 25/36 Green Twp. (Replacement)

Kerry Johnson – Kerry was in attendance in regards to his culvert applications. He informed the Board that the culvert between sections 13+24 in Binghampton Twp. has collapsed and needs to be replaced. The Board decided to leave this up to the discretion of Mr. Johnson. He stated that he would keep the Board posted as to any updates or changes that should occur. Johnson informed the Board that the culvert between sections 9+16 in Svea Twp. has not been installed. Svea Twp. sent a letter voicing concerns and Johnson did not want to install the pipe until all parties were in agreement. Pat made a motion to add a larger pipe between sections 9+16, seconded by Don, motion carried. This land will not be assessed to Legal Drain # 1.

Brent Gustafson from NRCS reported that he has completed his field study on Winklers, and Wendell's. He has not be able to get to Section 11 of Norma Twp. Pat requested that Brent visit this area as a 4 ft trench has been dug, and there are concerns over a swamp buster violation. Pat was on sight today along with the landowner, Jeff Wurzer. Jeff had contacted Pat in regards to his concerns about the depth of the trench. Brent will get back to the board about his findings. He advises that Mr. Wurzer fills it in before his official visit in the spring of 2007. Pat also asked Brent about a slough being drained into a road ditch (Section 8 of Meadow Lake Twp.) Pat requested that Brent check into this as well.

John Triebold Drain Request: Brent reported that he has completed his review of the proposed drainage. The State Water Commission has had some concerns. Pat or Jeff will be talking to Jim Lindseth.

Bills were presented and reviewed. Pat moved to pay bills, seconded by Don, motion carried.

Harlan advised the board that the Commissioners have appointed Pat Hurley to another term on the Water Board.

Jamie will write a letter to the City of Fingal requesting that they participate in a cost share for the cleanout of a drainage ditch in the City of Fingal. She will also submit the paper work to the State Water Commission for cost share reimbursement for the snagging and clearing work that was done on the Sheyenne River this fall.

Don moved to have coffee and goodies at meetings, seconded by Pat. Motion carried. Jamie will be in charge of this.

Pat reported that he attended a meeting hosted by Barnes County Weed Control Officer Jim McAlister. The purpose of the meeting was to organize an experimental task force to eradicate the EurAsian Water Milfoil that is located near the Mill Dam in Valley City. The Task Force will be asking the North Dakota Game and Fish to participate in a cost share for this project.

Respectively submitted,

Jamie Smith
Secretary