

Barnes County Water Resource District
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Minutes
July 16, 2007

Present: Jeff McMillan, Pat Hurley, Don Johnson

Also present: Brent Gustufson, Shelly Nelson, Bill Hass, Tim Hass, Richard Hass, Casey Burchill, Ed Meendering, Duane Lettinmier, Monte Peterson, Dan Hovde, Lynn Holcomb, Jack Olson, and Rodney Latt.

Meeting called to order by Chair Jeff McMillan.

Pat moved to approve the minutes of the June meeting. Don seconded, motion carried.

Pat moved to approve the Revenue and Expenditure report. Don seconded, motion carried.

Section 25 Ashtabula Twp.

Bill Hass, Tim Hass and Richard Hass all presented facts about water backing up into this area. The area is under a wetlands agreement, however the ND Game and Fish is willing to work with the Hass's to relieve some of the water backup. This water is causing problems for roads in Ashtabula Twp. Brent from the NRCS informed all parties that food security act violations may be a result if an outlet is put in. It is possible for a converted wetland to become in effect however it would have a direct impact on Lynn Holcomb. If drains are plugged Grand Prairie Twp. will lose roads. Brent also noted that a mitigation swap maybe an alternative to the converted wetland. Lynn Holcomb stated that he was against an outlet ditch because it would cause him to lose more acres and that his land would be valued lower. Brent stated that he is obligated to adhere to regulations and suggested that the best avenue would be to have a joint meeting with all parties. At this meeting a letter should be composed to his superiors requesting action. Jamie will set up this meeting.

Hemen Twp.

Sections 25/24: pipe is not long enough and needs to be replaced. Fence line should be dug out. A form 1026 from NRCS will need to be filled out prior to the removal.

Sections 23/26: No pipe and needs one.

Sections 10/15: Skogen agreement. Previous (1998) is in effect. This was tabled until a later date.

Marsh Twp

Section 27 Sheyenne Valley Estates. Monte Peterson voiced concerns about the ditches within the development, and that the center lots will need diversions or a cut channel (grass waterway). The District will be working with Marsh Twp. and the owner of the development in the future. Mr. Peterson has been working with Steve Olson and DeLyle Mortenson. A fence line needs to be cleaned out on Steve's property that is above Mr. Mortenson's. Mr. Olson gave a verbal ok, but would like it in writing that he would be clear of any damages should problems arise.

Thordenskjold Twp.

Dan Hovde raised questions about the cleaning of Legal Drain #2 (also known as the Thordenskjold Drain). He stated that it needs to be cleaned from section 14 down. The District will spray the drain this summer for cattails. Pat will talk to Milo Benson Thordenskjold Twp. officer.

Spring Creek Twp.

(Clayton Elm Dam)

Jack Olson and Rodney Latt reported that they checked on the water flow and that barely any water is flowing over the spillway. The water is continuing to backup causing many problems for upstream landowners. Jack Olson stated that he lost his Organic certification for his cattle due to this. Jack also felt that the new spill way is not located in its original location. The board agreed to have this professionally surveyed from the spillway to the bottom of the pipes $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile west at the Hubert Stoneberg place in sections 10+11. It was the consensus of the group that a minimal lowering of the spillway will be most effective.

Brent from NRCS reminded the Board about the Waste Management Tour that they are planning for July 25th. He also passed on a letter that he received regarding a culvert replacement in the Maryvale driveway. Peavy Elevator has requested to fill in a wetland to a non Ag. use. Protocol for handling drain tile was also discussed.

The following culvert agreements were approved:

City of Fingal-city streets

Noltimier Twp. (Section 6 N1/2 of the NW 1/4)-replacement

Grand Prairie Twp. (between section 18+17)-replacement

Jamie will check with Joan from the Red River Joint Water Resource District to get us up to date with our contributions.

Bills were signed for payment.

Pat moved to approve payment of \$800.00 to Bill Altringer for the Hemen Twp. work for the Lettinmier and Wendel project.

Don moved to adjourn, seconded by Pat.

Next meeting August 11th 2007, Barnes County Highway Dept. conference room at 9:00 AM.