

Barnes County
Water Resource District
August 13th, 2007
Minutes

Present: Jeff McMillan, Pat Hurley, Don Johnson & Harlan Opdahl

Also present: James McAlister, Brent Gustufson, Shelly Nelson, Ed Meendering, Jodi Pabst, Duane Lettenmier, Kerry Johnson

Meeting called to order at 9:00 AM by Chairman Jeff McMillan. Pat moved to approve the minutes of the July meeting. Don seconded, motion carried. Pat moved to approve the Revenue and Expenditure reports. Don seconded, motion carried.

James McAlister- 141N 56W SW ¼ of Section 18

Jim was present on behalf of his father, Earl McAlister. Jim reported to the Board that Wade Bruns has dug an illegal drain and has cut a fence line. Mr. Bruns did not have the proper permitting nor did he have the permission of Earl McAlister or other downstream landowners to do so. Mr. Bruns is draining roughly 50 acres of surface water on to the SW ¼ of Section 18. Earl is not currently willing to sign a written formal complaint; he would like to resolve the issue peacefully. The Board decided to talk with Mr. Bruns and explain the permitting process. They will also be working close with Brent from the NRCS.

William Hass- Section 25, Ashtabula Twp. 142N 57W

The Board will be holding special meetings with effected parties after harvest to find a reasonable solution. All effected parties were notified. Mr. Hass also left a copy of his water log. This log notes his observations of the area.

Hemen Township/ Allan Skogen- NE ¼ of Section 15 T139N R-60W

A letter was received from Ohnstad Twichell, P.C. regarding Mr. Skogen's request to have a culvert put in a Hemen Township road (N1/2 section 15). Sean M. Fredricks, council for Mr. Skogen, stated in his letter that the Barnes County Water Resource District did not have the authority to put a culvert in a Township road. Duane Lettenmaier & Jodi Pabst (representing Hemen Township) explained the flow of water to the board. After discussion the Board decided to seek legal advice on this matter and notify both parties with any information becomes available.

Clayton Elm Dam- Section 11 Spring Creek Township

Elevations were shot by Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson. Pat and Rodney Latt revisited the area. Pat noted that there is a beaver dam and that cattails are quite thick. He is suspicious that sediment may be building up. The board decided that they will spray the

cattails as planned and that they would eliminate the beavers. Pat will contact Joel Lions to remove the dam and the beavers.

Cattail spraying

Spraying will begin the end of August or beginning of September. Pat requested to add the Norma drain south of Milo Bucholz and to also add the South end of the Thordenskjold Drain. Pat talked to Don Pederson, Joel Pederson and to Dan Baarstad. The Township will pay the bill for spraying.

Board to pay.

Thordenskjold drain will pay.

Sheyenne Valley Estates- SE ¼ Section 27 Marsh Twp (fence line on the hill)

A form 1026 needs to be filled out prior to removal of the fence line. Either Delyle Mortenson or Steve Olson can fill this out. The board will be requesting a written statement from Vernon Grant and Steve Olson stating they agree with the removal. Steve Olson requested that the Barnes County Water Resource District send to him in writing a notice stating that if damages should occur because of the fence line removal that the fence line will be closed again.

The 2008 Budget request was filled out.

Kerry Johnson, Barnes County Highway Department- Section 5 Nelson Township.

A water/cattle guard structure is washed out and the Township Road has been closed. The Barnes County Highway Department will be assisting Nelson Township in the repairing of this. A new culvert will be put in.

The board discussed mileage and vouchers. Jamie will talk to the Auditor to clarify the policy. The Board wishes to stay at \$.48 and not the \$.45 that the County Commissioner's have set.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Smith
Secretary
Barnes County Water Resource District