

Barnes County Water Resource District

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Minutes

09/10/2007

Present: Jeff McMillan, Pat Hurley, Don Johnson

Also present: Brent Gustufson, Duane Lettenmier, Nihl Burchill, Steve Lund & Kerry Johnson

Meeting called to order by Chairman Jeff McMillan at 9:00 AM. Pat moved to approve minutes for the August 13th meeting, seconded by Don. The motion carried. Pat moved to approve the Revenue & Expenditure reports, seconded by Don. The motion carried.

Nihl Burchill-

Information pertaining to the proposed Keystone pipeline was presented. Mr. Burchill was concerned about how the pipeline will affect the water ways in Barnes County. There will be an informational meeting on September 12th at the Lisbon School. Pat will attend. Mr. Burchill also requested that the District take a position on the pipeline placement.

Steve Lund

Mr. Lund was in attendance to answer any questions regarding his application to drain in the SW ¼ of Sec 22 Twp 137 R 56. (#3186) Discussion was held on the salinity of the water and the impact that it may have. After reviewing the application and finding all paperwork to be complete Pat moved to approve the application. Don seconded. The motion carried.

Hemen Township-Skogen

The board reviewed communications that were received from their lawyer. According to Century Code, the Water Resource District has an advisory role in culvert placements in Township roads. The matter of a culvert being placed between sections 10 + 15 will be up to Hemen Township.

Culvert Agreements

Discussion was held regarding the validity of culvert agreements. In light of the Water Resouce District only having an advisory role in the placement of culverts in roads there is little need for agreements. Pat moved to discontinue culvert agreements, seconded by Don. The motion carried. Jamie will notify the Townships and the County Highway Department.

County Road 11 Culvet cap

The board reviewed the elevations that were shot by Tim Logan. Pat will stop up to discuss them with Mr. Logan.

Clayton Elm Dam

Beavers have been removed but their dam is still a problem. Pat will contact Scott Cummings to remove the beaver dam at the expense of the District.

Red River Joint Board

The board discussed the status of their membership. Dues have been delinquent since 2005. Pat moved to pay dues for budget year's 2005 and 2008, then next year pay budget year's 2006 and 2009, seconded by Don. The motion carried.

General Business

The Water Resource District vouchers will remain the same. Pat reported that Lori Frank from Soil Conservation called him inquiring about a cost share of a trash rack for Tim Logan. Pat will discuss this with Mr. Logan.

Cattail Spraying

Pat moved to fund the entire project, seconded by Don. The motion carried. Jamie will notify participating townships, and refunds will be issued to those who sprayed in 2006.

Ken Adams-Marsh Twp./Sheyenne Valley Estates

Kerry Johnson, Pat Hurley, Mr. Adams and Neil Pederson from Marsh Twp. all meet at Mr. Adams residence. Discussion was held on placing a larger pipe in the road. This was put on hold until a later date as more information is needed.

General business

Bills were presented and paid. Pat mentioned that Maurice Peterson contacted him regarding reverting a ditch in Valley Twp. by Leslie Brix. There are issues with a fiber optic cable. Brent from NRCS stated that he told Mr. Brix that it could be reverted as long as the ditch remains at its original depth. Pat will stop out and visit Mr. Peterson.

Pat moved to adjourn, seconded by Don. The motion carried.

Next meeting, October 8th.