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Minutes
10/08/2007

Present: Jeff McMillan, Don Johnson, Pat Hurley

Also present: Ken Grant, Don Jorrisson, and Joe Kunze

Pat moved to approve minutes of the September 10th meeting, seconded by Don. The motion carried.

Pat moved to approve the Revenue and Expenditure reports with the notation of concern about the \$63,000.00 dues payment to the Red River Joint Water Resource District. The Board had officially moved to pay budget year's 2005 and 2008, then next year pay dues for budget years 2006 and 2009. This issue will be discussed further with the Water District portfolio holder, Commissioner Opdahl.

Don Jorrisson and Joe Kunze were present to discuss Legal Drain #2 and the possibility of dropping the top structure roughly one foot. Pat suggested forwarding this on to the State Water Commission as federal funds were used to build the drain. Joe Kunze reported that there is currently a crack on the drop structure. The purpose of the drop structure is to reduce the flow rate to control erosion. The Board will notify Mr. Jorrisson with the States response.

Canadian Pacific Railway would like to replace and upgrade a culvert in the NW ¼ NW1/4 of Section 27 of Cuba Township. Studies have been done by EMR Incorporated of Duluth Minnesota. They are requesting on behalf of the railroad, to replace a 24" culvert with a 36" culvert. Ken Grant, an adjacent landowner, was present to discuss this. After reviewing the project study, report and maps, along with pictures of the area provided by Mr. Grant, the board decided to request that CP Rail Road clean/maintain the 2 culverts just upstream. It was the consensus of the board that perhaps if these were maintained the need for a larger pipe may be avoided. A letter will be sent to the Canadian Pacific Rail Road requesting that these culverts be cleaned out. The board denied the upgrade and replacement.

Discussion was held on the Sheyenne Valley Estates drainage issues. Vernon Grant does not want to allow the fence line cleanout due to concerns over erosion. The board agreed to this. It was also noted that water is washing down the new road that DeLyle built going up the hill. Pat will talk to DeLyle and let him know.

The Board reviewed a letter from the North Dakota Department of Transportation regarding the North Dakota Winter Show parking lot drainage. After discussion, the board decided to send a letter to the DOT expressing concerns over the extra water that will flow into Tim Logan's holding ponds.

Pat and Tim Logan visited over the results of the survey work done by Mr. Logan along county road 11s near Litchville. Mr. Logan said that in order for the water to flow south along the road ditch there would need to be approximately 1 ½ feet of soil removed and the approach would need to either be removed or lowered. Pat will talk to Bill Froemke and Kerry Johnson to find out if such a project is acceptable. He will talk to Mr., Froemke about paying for the project.

The board also discussed Marion Vogel's request to clean out a ditch in the NW ¼ of Section 35, Edna Township. Jamie has been in contact with Mrs. Vogel. Jeff will be out to look at the area, but has not yet had a chance to do so. The board would like to establish who is responsible for the ¼ line.

Pat reported that he attended an informational meeting for the proposed Keystone pipeline project. Pat stated that he expressed concerns over the pipelines close proximity to the river and of the environmental effects it may have. He also reported that the beaver dam has been removed at Clayton Elms dam near Hastings.

The Board decided to forward William Hass's request for a cleanout or a drain on to the State Water Commission.

A motion to adjourn was made by Don and seconded by Pat. Next meeting will be November 12th at 9:00 AM.