

**Barnes County Water Resource District  
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**Minutes  
12/07/2007**

Present: Jeff McMillan, Pat Hurley, Don Johnson, Harlan Opdahl, Jamie Smith

Also present: Gerald Legamo, Brent Gustufson

Pat moved to approve the October minutes. Don seconded, motion carried.

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

Jerry Langemo was present to sign and complete a drainage complaint against Milo Bucholz. The illegal drainage occurred in the SW ¼ of Section 22 Norma Twp. Mr. Bucholz installed drain tile approximately 20 feet onto Mr. Langemo's property. This area is in a wetlands easement. Mr. Bucholz also dug a outlet spillway at the end of the tile. Mr. Langemo stated that water was not yet flowing but it appears to be set up to do so. Discussion was held. The complaint will be forwarded to the Boards lawyer, Corey Quinton. Jamie will notify the US Game and Fish. NRCS was also involved in the discussion and will look into what aspects that pertain to them. The board will revisit this issue at the next meeting.

Discussion was held on the Red River Joint Board.

Jamie informed the Board that the 2008 Budget was approved.

The new ND State Drain Tile permits were reviewed. This permit pertains specifically to drain tile only. All other forms of drainage will still need to complete the Permit to drain application. Jamie presented to the Board a cover letter that she compiled to accompany the Drain tile permit application. The cover letter contains all of the requirements that the districts has prior to it's approval. Pat moved to use the cover letter. Don seconded. The motion carried. Brent from NRCS reported that he presented information to the marketing club pertaining to drain tile and how NRCS does mitigation and certification.

Ashtabula Twp, Section 25-William Hass

Discussion was held on how to resolve the mounting water problem. The Board has been in contact with the State Water Commission. We are currently waiting for a meeting date

confirmation from them. Jamie will notify the Board when this is received and send letters to all concerned parties.

#### Legal Drain #2

Brent reported that the statute of limitations has run out. No wetlands will be impacted. The drop structure can be lowered. Brent will notify the Legal Drain and also caution them about jeopardizing the integrity of the structure.

Discussion was held on the Thordenskjold drain and the need for a cleanout. Options were discussed. Brent will be getting handouts to the Board to distribute on buffer zones.

#### Spring Creek Twp. WPA Dam, Clayton Elm

Mr. Elm sent a note requesting reimbursement, plus interest for concrete that he had placed in the spillway of this dam. The work was not authorized by the Board; therefore his request was denied.

The board discussed purchasing a laser level. Jamie will get bids from Mathisons and Tool Crib. Pat will get estimates from Russ Sales. It was decided to look for a level that has a ½ mile level of accuracy and that was self leveling.

Pat moved to spend \$150-\$200 for 2 digital cameras. Don seconded. The Motion carried. Jamie will purchase the cameras. It was decided to also purchase memory cards, rechargeable batteries and a charger.

Being no other business, Pat moved to adjourn. Don seconded. The motion carried. The next meeting will be January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Smith, Secretary