

Barnes County Water Resource District
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Minutes

05/12/2008

Present: Jeff McMillan, Pat Hurly, Don Johnson

Also present: Harlan Opdahl, Brent Gustufson, Shelley Nelson, Julius Reiton

Meeting called to order by Chairman Jeff McMillan.

Motion to approve minutes of the March 10 2008 meeting by Pat, seconded by Don Johnson, the motion carried. The Revenue and Expenditure reports were unavailable and will be mailed to the board.

Julius Reiton-Drainage concerns

Mr. Reiton presented the board a map to show how water has moved onto his land. The lake was 89 acres and has grown to 141+ acres in the last 5 years. The property is in Grand Prairie Township. The cause of the damage to his tillable acres has come from sections 7-8 of the same township. He feels the landowners are draining onto him. He had two water ponds that are now completely covered by water. Brent Gustufson stated that there had been previous complaints coming from the same are and that upon inspection last fall and winter, they determined the draining to be legal. That means the drains had been established prior to 1985. The board will drive out and look at the property. There are backhoe tracks at the drains.

CP Railroad

CP Railroad will cap the culvert to restrict the water flow to 24" which is the size of the original pipe.

The board discussed the drain tile guidelines for Barnes County and is leaving them as they are. They feel they are adequate.

The board would like Mr. Opdahl to check and see if the WRD is on their own for liability insurance and out from under Barnes County. Harlan will check. They would also like Ed McGough contacted and find out why the questioner for the US Census Bureau hasn't been completed and mailed in.

Chairman Jeff McMillain signed the contract for cost-share participation with the State Water Commission for the 2008 Sheyenne River Snagging and Clearing Project.

Bill were presented and paid. Pat made the motion to pay the bills, seconded by Don.

Brent Gustafson, NRCS, reported on the Lynn Holcomb Slough. He stated 1.1' of dirt and debris can be removed from the ditch will no consequences to the wetlands. The water would be absorbed by Lynn Holcomb. The ditch could be lowered and additional 2.3', but would have to find 25-40 acres of wetlands. The cost to mitigate would be \$2,000-\$3,000/acre. It was unknown who would have to absorb the cost and the water, at this time. The board will also look at this site when they look at the previous one.

Pat made the motion, seconded by Don to have Jamie get a map storage file at her discretion.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Tina Wagner, acting secretary