

Barnes County Water Resource District
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Minutes
02/17/2009

Present: Jeff McMillan, Pat Hurley, Don Johnson
Also present: Donald Jorrison, Milo Bucholz, and Joe Turman

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Jeff McMillan. Pat moved to approve the minutes of the January meeting, seconded by Don. The motion carried. Pat moved and Don seconded to approve the revenue & expenditure reports. The motion carried.

Milo Bucholz stated concerns over "9000 acres of watershed being drained in on his farm and forming a lake". He is requesting relief in NE ¼ of Section 27, Norma Twp. Joe Turman, attorney for Bucholz, suggested that the Myron Nelson drive was acting as an obstruction. Milo stated that "30 inches of water is at a dead stop and I have pictures" at the culvert located in the driveway. Reference was made to a drain permit by John Anderson Section 10/15 also of Norma Township from 1987. Bucholz stated that the "slough/drain needs to be cleaned out in section 27". Jamie will research documents and minutes regarding any action the board has taken in 1987 and 1988 regarding this drainage. The board took Milo's concerns under advisement and will notify him of developments regarding Jamie's findings.

Don Jorrison, representing Legal Drain # 2 was in attendance to discuss possible assessment funds. Jamie will seek advisement on increasing the assessment from its current \$1.50 an acre for 3 years to \$2.00 an acre for more than 3 years. The possibility of establishing a line item in the Water Board Budget for Legal Drain #2 was also discussed. The Drain board meets Tuesday, February, 24th. Jamie will notify Jorrison of her findings regarding the assessment increase.

The EAP for Clausen Springs Dam was tabled until the March meeting. Karen Gaugh from the SWC contacted Pat regarding trees in the spill way that may or may not be contributing to the leakage. They also discussed possible removal options of the trees. At this time the cost to the district is unknown.

Being not further business, Pat moved to adjourn, followed by a second from Don. The Motion carried.

The next meeting will be March 9th at the Barnes County Highway Department.

Respectfully submitted by: Jamie Smith, Secretary