

Barnes County Water Resource District  
Meeting minutes  
August 10, 2009

Present: Jeff McMillan, Pat Hurley and Don Johnson

Also present: Vernon Jewett, Harlan Opdahl, Dan and Wes Elston, Brent Gustufson and Shelly Nelson, Joe Pesek

The meeting was called to order by Chairman McMillan at 9:00 am. Pat moved and Don seconded to approve the minutes of the July meeting. The motion carried. Pat moved and Don seconded to approve the Revenue and Expenditure Reports. The motion carried.

Vernon Jewett was present regarding the drainage on the I94 Business Loop. Mr. Jewett presented the to the Board a plan for 2 36" culverts in the existing approach on the North side of the road and then a 36" culvert in the Jewett/Johnson driveway and the Dan Smith driveway. Pat moved and Don seconded to make the recommendation to the State DOT to place 36" culverts in the approach and in the 2 driveways. The motion carried. Jamie is to send a letter to the State and a copy to Mr. Jewett.

Wes and Dan Elston, Brent Gustufson and the Board reviewed the Lidar mapping for Anderson Township. NRCS suggests a temporary minimal effects agreement to open up the natural drain way in section 22. Discussion was held on both ends of the Eckelson Lake area and where water could go. Pat moved to survey starting at 29<sup>th</sup> street SE between sec 29/32 and ending at 26<sup>th</sup> St between 11/12. Don seconded the motion. The motion carried. Jamie is to contact KLJ for a cost proposal and to notify Jeff prior to having the survey completed. Jamie will continue to request the survey that was taken by the State DOT several years ago.

Joe Pesek reported that the BNSF Rail Road tracks on the south side of section 18 of Eckelson Township are holding back water and changing the hydraulics of that land. To his knowledge there is no pipe and would like to request that one should be installed. Mr. Pesek was instructed to have affected land owners file a formal complaint against the Rail Road.

Pat moved and Don seconded to approve Drain Tile permits # 3342 and #3343 for Henderson Farms. The motion carried. Pat moved and Don Seconded to approve Drain Tile application #3356 for Gary McClafin. The motion carried.

Discussion was held on the application to drain by Warren VanBruggen. Mr. Van Bruggen was notified that he had 30 days to decide which option he would like to take. He has not yet decided between his two available options so the application will be sent back to the State Water Commission as per their request.

Discussion was held on an outlet for Ashtabula Township Section 25. NRCS and the US Fish and Wildlife service were on site. Upon further evaluation the US Fish and Wildlife is prepared to grant a permanent easement for the outlet. Discussion was held on the possibility of a Texas crossing for Albert Wittenberg in section 1 of Getchell Township. Mr. Wittenberg will need to give the Board an estimate prior to their making a cost share decision. Jamie will notify him.

Brent from the NRCS presented the findings of the soil study that was completed late last month. The findings noted that the Hydric line is considerably higher than anticipated and if we would want to proceed with the drainage project wetland mitigation would have to take place. Jeff will be having a discussion with Dave Lokken, manager of Columbia Grain to see what course of action he would like to take.

Moore Engineering suggested that a Seepage analysis be completed on the Clausen Springs Dam. Pat asked that Jamie contact the State Water Commission if they did this kind of work. If they do not we will need to have Moore Engineering do the work. Jamie is to notify Jeff.

Pat moved and Don seconded to approve the bills. Motion carried

Being no further business, Pat moved to adjourn, seconded by Don, the motion carried.

Next meeting will be September 14, 2009

Respectfully submitted;

Jamie Smith  
Secretary