

Barnes County Water Resource District
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October 12th, 2009
Minutes

Present: Jeff McMillan, Don Johnson & Pat Hurley

Also present: Senator Larry Robinson, Shelly Nelson, John Schwehr, Paul Fisher and Erik Frohberg from BNSF

Pat moved and Don seconded to approve the September minutes.

Pat moved and Don seconded to approve the Revenue & Expenditure reports.

Senator Larry Robinson discussed with the Board the different options he was going to look into for additional funding for the Clausen Springs Dam repairs. He suggested that Federal Stimulus dollars may be available and that he is meeting with the Governor's office soon and will be trying to acquire additional funding to help with the local share of the repairs. He will continue to keep us posted.

The Board held a lengthy discussion with Lynn Holcomb regarding his project in section 36 of Ashtabula Township. The project continues to be on hold due to the lack of support from Dale Meyers (Section 1 Getchell Township). Lynn suggested that maybe a petition would help along with letters of support. Jamie will help Lynn write up a petition form.

Paul Fisher, City of Kathryn reported to the Board that the draw down of the lake level has slowed and was concerned that the valve had been closed. Jamie reported these concerns to the ND SWC.

Estimates will be acquired for the Thordenskjold drain cleanout. The cleanout will be roughly 2 miles in length starting at the Nome road.

Discussion was held on a request from the Barnes County Highway Department to install an equalizer culvert between sections 6&7 under county road 32. The road is acting as a dam and pooling water on the North side of the road. Since the placement of a culvert in this area may affect landowners in Stutsman County, Pat conferred with the Stutsman County Water Resource District. Stutsman County was not apposed to the equalizer pipe installation and concurred that the county road could not act as a dam or dike. The board agreed to make a recommendation to the Highway Department to install a 24" equalizer pipe. Jamie will notify the Highway Department.

Erik Frohberg, Structures Manager for BNSF will be checking into writing a letter of support for the Anderson Township cleanout project. BNSF has been adversely affected by the pooling of water and have had to raise the tracks several times. He will contact the office with their decision.

The natural watercourse the flows south in the East ½ of Section 27, Norma Township has been cleaned out according to the NRCS soil survey results.

Bills were reviewed and signed for payment.

Motion to adjourn by Pat, seconded by Don, the next meeting will be November 9th.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Smith
Secretary