

Barnes County Water Resource District
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Minutes of meeting

Present: Chairman, Jeff McMillan, Pat Hurley and Donald Johnson
Also present: Commissioner Harlan Opdahl, Commission John Froelich, Shelly Nelson,
and Mike Opatz of Moore Engineering.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Jeff McMillan. Pat Hurley moved to approve the minutes of the October meeting as presented. Don Johnson seconded, the motion carried. Pat moved to approve the Revenue and Expenditure reports as presented. Don seconded, the motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Thordenskjold Drain cleanout. Pat received a verbal bid from Richard Pliecity for \$6,500.00. At the time of the meeting, Scott Cummings had not gotten back to Pat. A written bid will need to be obtained. The board hopes to be able to hold a landowner meeting regarding the cleanout in January 2010.

Discussion was held on the Anderson Twp. (Eckelson lake area) cleanout. The board has reviewed the survey results that were presented by KLJ in late October. It appears that the current culvert elevations will only maintain the lake levels. The culvert that lies between sections 29 & 32 may be blocked. Pat will contact Mr. Gernholtz again to see if he would reconsider cleanout of the watercourse in section 22. At this point he is reluctant to clear the obstruction. Questions were raised as to the need for permitting from the State Water Commission for the cleanout. Jamie will research the Water Code to find out.

Mike Opatz from Moore Engineering was present to present the Feasibility study for the Clausen Springs dam repairs. Costs to bring the spillway into compliance with the ND State Water Commission Dam Design Handbook would be roughly 2.5 million dollars. Mr. Opatz also presented the proposal for preliminary plans and estimate. Design was proposed at \$25,000.00 and Geo Tech work, \$70,000. Total estimated cost of Preliminary Plans and Estimate was ~~4~~ 100,000.00. The consensus of the Board was to proceed with soil boring this fall so as design could be completed over this winter. It was

decided to contact the State Water Commission & the ND Game & Fish on this. If they agree to proceed, Jamie will contact Moore Engineering to begin the Geo Tech work. Commissioner Harlan Opdahl presented an email of opposition to the project by Kevin Clausen. His opposition was noted. Jeff, Jamie, Commissioner Cindy Schewer and Senator Larry Robinson attended the Executive meeting of the Red River Joint Water Resource District to ask for additional funding (\$500,000.00) towards repairs of the emergency spillway. They requested Barnes County present this request to the full Board on December 10th during the Annual Water Convention in Bismarck. Chad Engels from Moore Engineering offered to assist with the presentation. Board members will be in attendance at the Convention.

Milo Bucholz filed an Obstruction to Drain Complaint against H. Myron and Mary Nelson with the office on November 2nd. The location of the complaint is in the SE ¼, Section 22, Norma Township. Mr. Bucholz states in his complaint that “the obstruction of the drain from H. Myron and Mary Nelson’s slough to their private driveway. Replace Nelson’s road culvert to original depth. The Barnes County Water Board raised said culvert without jurisdiction”. He is requesting to “get an excavator in to clean the rest of that drain, and lower said culvert to the proper depth”. It was decided by the Board to hire KLJ to establish the elevation of the culvert in Nelson’s driveway. KLJ will then compare these findings with the elevation that was set on November 9th, 1987. The board will respond to Mr. Bucholz’s complaint after this work is completed. Jeff and Pat were onsite on October 31st to check the elevations north of the Nelson driveway. Those minutes are attached.

Bills were presented and approved.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. Next meeting will be on December 14th.