

Barnes County Water Resource District
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Thordenskjold Drain Hearing

Kathryn Fire Department
Kathryn, ND.
02/10/2010
7:00 PM

Present: Chairman Jeff McMillan, Pat Hurley and Don Johnson
Also present: See attached list

Chairman McMillan opened the hearing. McMillan explained that the Barnes County Water Resource District was proposing a 3 year, \$1.50 an acre assessment for the purpose of a maintenance fund for the drain. This fund would accumulate in a "savings account" that would be tapped whenever there is need for repair, cleanup, maintenance, culverts, etc.

Board member Pat Hurley stated that there was currently a need for a cleanout on the south end of the drain and that the Water Board had received many complaints over the last couple of years regarding this.

The problem with cattails was discussed at length. McMillan explained that only a water safe chemical such as Rodeo or Aquaneat could be used.

Discussion was held on the sizing of culverts.

Concerns were raised regarding the assessment district. Audience members questioned why the assessment district was only in Thordenskjold Township and why it was not further to the North. It was the consensus of the group to pursue an extension of the drainage basin/assessment district further north. The Water Resource District will begin contacts with engineering firms as well as pursue legal advice on how to proceed with the re-assessment.

Question's on who really owned the drain were raised. Attendee's thought that Barnes County owned the drain. It was noted that the County does not own the drain. When the drain was established easements were given for the drain to be located on those parcels.

McMillan called for attendees to vote. Ballots were collected.
Being no further business, the Hearing was closed.

Submitted by:
Jamie Smith Secretary