

**Barnes County Water Resource District****PO Box 306****Valley City, ND. 58072****701-845-8508**

Minutes

05/10/2010

Present: Chairman Jeff McMillan, Pat Hurley and Don Johnson

Also present: Brent Gustufson-NRCS, Shelly Nelson, Commissioner Opdahl, Commissioner Froelich, Commission Berntson, Jack Bruns, Chad Engels-Moore Engineering, Mike Opat-Moore Engineering, Myrna McGregor, Stacey Tronson-First State Bank and Trust

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Chairman McMillan. Board member Hurley moved to approve the minutes of the April meeting. Board member Johnson seconded. The motion carried. Hurley moved to approve the Revenue and Expenditure report. Johnson seconded. The motion carried.

Roger Berntson requested a 60 day extension to the removal of obstruction order that he received in April. He felt that it would be difficult to remove the sediment due to the wet condition of the area. (E1/2 of Section 25, Hemen Township) Roger noted that he had burned the bails on 04/17/2010. Hurley moved to grant the extension of 60 days, for a total of 90 days. Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried. Mr. Berntson will have to comply by July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010. Written notice of the extension will be sent to Vogel Law, Duane Lettenmier and Roger Berntson.

Chad Engels, Moore Engineering, presented information in regards to the Upper Maple River Dam project. This is a Steele County flood retention project and is being funded by the Red River Joint Water Resource District, the ND State Water Commission and by local assessments. The total cost is projected to run 5.2 million dollars. This will be a 30' high concrete structural spillway and will function as a dry dam just like the Lower Maple River Dam. Mr. Engels noted that they were not finished with permitting and that construction may not begin until 2012.

Mike Opat, Moore Engineering gave a status report on Clausen Springs dam. The field work has been completed and the project is proceeding as planned. Barr Engineering is finalizing their recommendations. These recommendations along with Moore Engineers report on feasibility should be complete and ready to present by the June meeting.

Mr. Opat presented the Thordenskjold drain delineation via LIDAR mapping. He found that the area from Cuba on down benefits from the drain. He will present a detailed map to the Secretary.

Jack Olson , E1/2 Section 33 Skandia Township, addressed the board in regards to Stoney Slough and the miss management of the Ducks Unlimited organization and the US Fish & Wildlife Service. Mr. Olson stated that he had lost a total of 50 tillable acres. He has been in contact with the ND State Water Commission and the US Fish & Wildlife service and has not had in success in reducing the water levels. He requested the assistance of the board. Hurley will contact Chad Zorn with the US Fish & Wildlife Service and to the State Water Commission.

Randy Johnson, Fingal Wildlife Club, was present in regards to the Thoreson-Monson Dam located in Section 23, Nelson Township. Randy received a repair quote from Swanberg Construction of \$28,200.00. Fingal Wildlife has approximately six to seven thousand dollars to contribute to repair the dam. He noted that the ND Game & Fish may cost share up to 1/3. It was decided to make a formal request to the State Water Commission for cost share assistance. Some specifics of the Dam are as follows: Recreational dam, permitted by a private person in 1966. Normal pool level of 70 acre feet and a maximum pool level of 92 acre feet, the top of the dam is 14 feet wide and the maximum dam height is 35 feet.

Stacey Tronson and Myrna McGregor request the board to check on the culvert sizing that is in the Gary Johnson driveway. (NW corner of the NW ¼ Section 15, Oak Hill Township) A 36" culvert was installed this past spring. They were concerned that this was inadequate as there are two 36" culverts upstream from the driveway. (in the old RR embankment) Pat will visit the site and make a recommendation. The Secretary will notify both Stacey and Myrna of his recommendation.

Discussion was held on lower the pool level of Sanborn Lake. The 1997 study was reviewed and many comments were made. Hurley felt that a drain needs to be established. It was the consensus of the board that the continuation of grade raises on County Roads is senseless. Commissioner Froelich suggested looking into lowering Sanborn into Hobart and then from Hobart to the Sheyenne River. The board requested elevations on both lake elevations to see if this is a possibility. The Secretary will acquire them from KLJ.

Discussion as held on the need for an outlet for Meadow Lake.

Discussion was held on Eckelson Lake and the need for a cleanout in Section 21, Anderson Township. This property is owned by Gerald Gernholtz. The board agreed that there are 2 roads that need to be opened and that a contractor should be contacted. Chairman McMillan will contact Wade Klubben along with the NRCS , Hurley will contact Mr. Gernholtz.

John Bury, 188 Martin's Landing, signed an Obstruction to Drain Complaint against James Lunn. He also submitted photos. Mr. Bury stated in his complaint that Mr. Lunn filled in road right of way ditch that was there almost to the road height and brought the slope to approximately 2 feet from the edge of gravel. Hurley moved and Johnson seconded to send a removal of obstruction notice to Mr. Lunn, upon Chairman McMillan's confirmation that the obstruction occurred. The motion carried

Bills were reviewed and approved for payment.

Being no further business, Johnson moved to adjourn. Hurley seconded. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jamie Smith, Secretary