

Barnes County Water Resource District
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Minutes

Present: Jeff McMillan Chair, Board members, Pat Hurley 7 Don Johnson

Also present: Brent Gustufson-NRCS, Shelly Nelson-BCSCD, Scott Elstad-NDG&F

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Pat Hurley. Minutes and Revenue Reports were tabled until the chairman arrived.

Scott Elstad, NDG&F gave a brief presentation on the "Save our Lakes" program. Mr. Elstad reported that the Game and Fish was interested in placing rip rap in three locations along the Clausen Springs shore line during the coming winter or during the reconstruction of the emergency spillway. He also presented a map of Clausen Springs showing what the pool level would look like should it be reduced by five feet.

Chairman McMillan arrived.

Hurley moved to approve the minutes of the May meeting. Johnson seconded, the motion carried. Hurley moved to approve the Revenue and Expenditure reports. Johnson seconded, the motion carried.

Dan Elston was present to discuss the excessive level of Eckelson Lake. Discussion was held on the placement of culverts and of a cleanout in Anderson Township. It was discussed having the Barnes County Highway Department, BNSF write letters of support and concern's over lake levels to the State Water Commission. Board member Hurley volunteered to talk to the Gertholz family about a clean out on their property in section 21 of Anderson Township. Pat moved to place two 24" by 44" culverts between Sections 21 and 28, and to open three prairie roads located between sections 15/16, section 21 and between sections 21/26 all in Anderson Township. Board member Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried. Hurley moved to cost share the project 1/3 of the total cost of the pipe, excavator and labor with the Elston family and Anderson Township. Johnson seconded, the motion carried.

It was decided to request any survey information that the ND DOT may have on Hobart Lake, especially elevation past the elevators and to the NE.

The board reviewed a Drainage Complaint submitted by John "Jack" Olson against Ducks Unlimited, and the US Fish & Wildlife Service. Mr. Olson states in his complaint, that the USFWS has lost 50 acres of land because of their miss-management and their neglect to follow the "design report's" guidelines on page 4. Hurley moved to request assistance from the State Water Commission. Johnson seconded the motion. It was decided to have them survey the structures to insure that they are as they were permitted per the agreement. The Secretary is to send a request for assistance.

Hurley reported that he had spoken to Jim Lindseth about the Emergency License to Drain for Section 36 Ashtabula Township. Due to heavy work load at the State Water Commission is back logged and has not yet processed the application. Hurley also visited with Carol Winters. She noted that she was not going to complete the 404 application.

The Board reviewed an email sent by Commissioner Schwher in regards to the landslides at County road 10 adjoining into Katie Olson landing. Landowners are concerned and wanted to see if the Water board would be able to see if there is any way to divert some of the water to the north. Chairman McMillan will visit the area; however the Board is not sure if there is anything they can do.

Thodenskjold drain cleanout was again discussed. Hurley discussed the issue with Sean Fredricks of Ohnstad, Twitchell PC. The Board can move ahead with a cleanout but is advised to setup a line item for the drain in our budget and to have Chad Engels of Moore Engineering set up a benefit ratio for the land that is within the assessment district. The secretary is to contact Moore Engineering and the Barnes County Auditor's office.

Chairman McMillan reported on the Obstruction to Drain Complaint filed by John Bury of Martin's Landing. Jamie Lunn will recondition the road ditch to 6" below the top of the road. Mr. Lunn has contacted Mike Moorehouse to complete the work.

Hurley reported that CP Railway and BNSF Railroad will be completing a clean out of culverts in sections 3 & 10 of Raritan Township. Hurley and Jeff Wurzer looked at the area.

The board was notified of possible illegal drainage in sections 10/11 & 15/14 of Brimer Township. McMillan and Brent Gustufson of the NRCS reviewed the alleged drain. NRCS

approved this drain years ago and actually did the "Scope & Effect" for the recent cleanout. NRCS also did a recheck on the clean out to ensure that it was completed correctly.

Bills were reviewed and submitted for payment. It was decided to hold off on the Moore Engineering bill for Preliminary Design for the Clausen Springs dam until this phase of the project has been completed.

A notice of NDDOT in regards to a roadway improvement for State Hwy 26 at Bald Hill Creek crossing was reviewed. This project consists of cleaning the channel of the riprap and scour debris that washed out from the box culvert, filling the scour hole at the downstream end of the culvert, and minor crack and small repairs of the box culvert. The Board had no objections or comments to this project.

The District will be meeting with the County Commissioners along with the Red River Joint Water Resource District to discuss Red River Joint funding and the 2011 budget. This meeting will take place on July 6th at 10:15 am, Barnes County Commission Chamber.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be held on July 12th, 2010 in the Barnes County Highway Department Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Smith, Secretary
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