

Barnes County Water Resource District

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Minutes

Present: Pat Hurley, Don Johnson

Absent: Jeff McMillan

Also present: Jeff Kapaun, Randy Johnson, Brent Gustafson, Jim Jung

Meeting called to order by Pat Hurley at 9:00 AM. Don moved to approve the minutes of the June meeting. Pat seconded the motion. The motion carried. Don moved to approve the Revenue and Expenditure reports. Pat seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Obstruction to natural watercourse, E1/2 of Section 25, Hemen Township progress report was given by board member Pat Hurley. Hurley performed an onsite inspection of the area and has approved the removal/cleanout of the obstruction.

Discussion was held on the natural outlet for Hobart Township. The ND DOT assisted with a survey of the area. Randy Johnson reviewed the map of the survey area. Mr. Johnson noted that the natural outlet should run NE thru sections 14, 11, 12 and 1 of Hobart Township and then into the Sheyenne River. However, it will not flow this direction due to the 1948 Hwy. construction and ongoing construction at Columbia Grain and Peavy Elevators. Should Hobart Lake continue to rise, it will flow SE along County Road 22 until it gets to the area of the elevators then it will flow E to Valley City, past Miller Motors and then cross underneath I94 twice before heading to the Sheyenne River.

Discussion was held on Sanborn Lake and the possibility of an outlet. Jim Jung of Kadmas, Lee & Jackson was present to explain the results of their survey work. A cut ranging from 7 feet deep to 4 feet deep for a distance of ¼ mile would be needed to achieve an outlet for the lake. Brent Gustafson, NRCS, noted that a Temporary Minimal Effects agreement would need to be completed by all the landowners of the area in which the ditch will be dug. This would be required for both permanent and temporary drainage. The Secretary is to compile a list of these landowners and request their attendance at the August meeting. The Secretary was also instructed to request that the Landowners sign a form 1026 with the NRCS.

Discussion on Eckelson Lake outlet/cleanout was held. Wade Klubben Excavation has been doing the work. Partnering in the cost of this project is Elston Farms, Anderson Farms, Grentholz Farms, Anderson Township, Burlington Northern Rail Road and Barnes County Water Resource District. The Corps of Engineers were contacted in regards to 404 implications. Since the cattails will be discharged on

uplands, the Corps was not concerned. NRCS has been on site and all 1026 forms have been completed. The US Fish and Wildlife Service have also been contacted. There are no USFWS easements in the area of excavation.

Thordenskjold Drain maintenance assessment was discussed. Hurley moved to place a \$1.00 per acre, per year, for four years assessment. (2010 thru 2014) Don seconded the motion. The motion carried. This assessment will generate \$7,755.66 dollars per year with a grand total of \$31,022.64 after 4 years. The Secretary is to submit assessments to the Auditor's Office.

The budget for 2011 was tabled until Chairman McMillan returns.

Red River Joint Water Resource District dues were tabled until the budget for 2011 was completed.

Hurley reported the BNSF will be removing a portion of an abandoned rail road bed near Lucca. The culvert is plugged. BNSF will be paying for this expense. Al Anderson is the contractor and he is dealing with BNSF.

CP Rail Road will be cleaning out a plugged culvert near Lucca. This will not be at the cost of the District.

Sheyenne River Joint Water Resource District sent a request that Barnes County Water Resource District become the contact agency for the Bald Hill Dam. Pat moved to accept the request to be the contact agency for Bald Hill Dam. Don seconded.

Bills were reviewed and submitted for payment.

Don moved to adjourn the meeting. Pat seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Next meeting will be on July 21st for a presentation on plans and costs of repairs for the Clausen Springs Dam emergency spillway.

Next regular meeting will be on August 9th.

Respectfully submitted,
Jamie Smith Secretary
Barnes County Water Resource District