

Barnes County Water Resource District

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October 11th, 2010

Minutes

Present: Chairman Jeff McMillan, Board members: Pat Hurley and Donald Johnson
Also present: Commissioner Harlan Opdahl, Mr. and Mrs. John Bury, Shelly Nelson

Meeting called to order at 9:00 am by Chairman McMillan.

Board members reviewed the Revenue and Expenditure Reports. Board member Hurley moved to approve, with Johnson seconding the motion. Unanimous yes vote, the motion called.

Board members reviewed the Minutes of the September meetings. Hurley moved to approve the minutes, Johnson seconded the motion. Unanimous yes vote, the motion carried.

Obstruction to Drainage complaint for Section 13 of Binghampton Township was reviewed. Mr. Arlen Huber of Nome filled the complaint. Hurley reported that he had accompanied Jim Lindseth, ND State Water Commission District Engineer, during on onsite investigation in September. Hurley noted that Mr. Lindseth would send notice of his findings when they were completed.

John Bury Obstruction to Drainage complaint was reviewed. (Section 5, NE corner of the NE ¼, Getchell Township, Martins Landing) Mr. Lunn attempted removal but did not dig it deep enough. Bury requested that the ditch be reinstated to its original depth prior to the obstruction. Hurley questioned the size of the culvert that is in the ravine that the ditch flows through. Bury stated that the culvert is only 10 or 12 inches in diameter. It was the consensus of the Board that this culvert was not sufficient. Mr. Bury agreed and stated that he had attempted to get the other lake owners to cost share for the upgrade, and had no luck. Mr. Bury showed photos that he had taken prior to the meeting. Discussion on the photo's was held. Both Mr. and Mrs. Bury had stated that because of this obstruction their only access is impassable during the spring (even with 4-wheel drive). Emergency vehicle's are unable to access as well as fuel oil cannot be delivered. "This was never a problem until Jamie Lunn filled in the ditch". Old subdivision plans were reviewed and discussed. It was the consensus of the board to have Hurley contact the original subdivision developer, Bill Cruff, as well as his son Tom Cruff in regards to the previous state of the road prior to filling in the ditch. Hurley stated that this would be done in a timely matter so as this could be resolved prior to freeze up.

Discussion was held on the Thordenskjold Drain. Hurley has been collecting estimates for a cleanout. He will be getting firm quotes prior to the October 20th Special meeting.

Sanborn Lake outlet was discussed. The Secretary has submitted two (2) Applications to Drain to the ND State Water Commission. The Board had been advised to select one option. Discussion was held on both options (to drain to the East through Batz's land or to the West through Lovell's land) Hurley will be checking with Richard Bartz about the drain going through his land.

Discussion on the Ashtabula Township Emergency drain was held. The Secretary was asked to request that the Ashtabula Township officers attend the November meeting.

Discussion was held on the Eckelson Lake natural water course cleanout. More work need to be done. A cleanout of about one (1) mile in Section 7 of Stewart Township needs to be completed. It has been reported that a portion of a Road in Stewart Township is under water. The Secretary has left a message with the landowner in the SW ¼ of 7 to call Chairman McMillan.

The Barnes County Water Resource District will be holding a special meeting on October 20th, 2010 for the purpose of awarding a bid for the Clausen Springs Emergency Spillway project. Hurley moved to set the meeting time to 1:00 pm, seconded by Johnson. Unanimous yes vote. The motion carried. The Secretary was instructed to notify Moore Engineering, the ND State Water Commission, ND Game and Fish and other interested parties.

Bills were reviewed. Hurley moved to approve payment of the bills, Johnson seconded the motion. Unanimous yes vote. The motion carried.

Being no further business, Hurley moved to adjourn, Johnson seconded. Unanimous yes vote. The motion carried. The next meeting will be on October 20, 2010. The next regular meeting will be held on November 13th.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jamie Smith, Secretary
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