

Barnes County Water Resource District
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07/11/11
Meeting minutes
Barnes County Highway Department

Present: Manager, Pat Hurley
 Manager, Duane Lettenmaier
Absent: Chairman, Jeff McMillan
Also present: See attached sheet.

Manager Hurley called the regular monthly meeting to order at 9:00 am. Hurley moved to amend the meeting agenda. Lettenmaier seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried. Lettenmaier moved to approve the June 14th Special meeting minutes. Hurley seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried. Hurley moved to approve the June regular meeting minutes. Lettenmaier seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried. Lettenmaier moved to approve the Revenue and Expenditure reports, Hurley seconded. All were in favor. The motion carried.

Arvid Winkler, Cuba Township.

Mr. Winkler requested a water course determination and culvert recommendation between Section 19 of Cuba Township and Section 24 of Marsh Township. Mr. Winkler gave a description of the history of the area and incite on observations that he has made. Photo documents and maps were reviewed. Mr. Winkler stated that in 1995 the Water Resource District had agreed to a culvert reset and this caused the east side of the road north to a culvert that flows to the west. Arvid feels that this water should go through the culvert prior to going north. He also talked about the Water Board ordered a ditch block and that this ditch block was not installed. It was decided to have a manager meet Mr. Winkler, Cuba Township and Marsh Township on site prior to making a determination. The Secretary was instructed to set a meeting time and date.

Josh Ihrey, Steele County Water Resource District Chairman, presented information regarding Steele Counties snagging and clearing project. This cleanout would take place in sections 4 & 5 of Ellsbury Township. Steele County is proposing setting up an assessment district to pay for the project. Hurley moved to agree to the assessment project. Lettenmaier seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried.

A discussion was held on the Eckelson Lake natural watercourse cleanout project. The District received a quote form KLJ for the engineering of the culverts under State Highway 1. The board felt that the

State DOT was giving them the run around. Hurley will talk to Francis Ziegler again for clarification. Commissioner Froelich stated that he personally support spending the money if the DOT still insisted on the District paying for the engineering. The secretary was instructed to email Mr. Ziegler for clarification.

Hobart Lake was discussed. Columbia Grain has taken some precautionary measures to protect their property. It was suggested that a culvert be installed on the north side of the elevator under the tracks. Manger's Lettenmaier and Hurley will visit the area to see if this will work. A shut off was also recommended. There was local concern expressed in regards to the water not flowing properly through the coulee between 23/24 of Hobart. Discussion on a ditch block on the north side of the CGI driveway was discussed. A member of the audience asked if it could be removed. No decision was made. Lettenmaier moved to cost share with the elevator and Hobart Township and to commence work immediately on an outlet for Hobart Lake. Pat seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried. Barry Borg suggested that Peavy Elevator should be included in the cost share. Discussion was held on the Greg Lewis stock dam in Valley Township. Mr. Lewis suggested that the District look at the overflow capacity of the dam.

Discussion on Meadow Lake was held. The secretary submitted a Hazard Mitigation request to the ND Department of Emergency Services. Hurley acquired LIDAR mapping the Meadow Lake area. Hurley requested that the secretary bring the maps to KLJ and have them locate a start and finish location for an underground culvert outlet structure. Discussion was held on the possibility of establishing an assessment district for this area.

Drain tile procedure was discussed. All applicants are to provide proof of downstream notification to all landowners 1 mile from the discharge point. Flow easements are required only if the drain tile discharges in anything other than a water course. The secretary will be attending drain tile seminars in Bismarck later in the week.

Lettenmaier moved to purchase a larger computer monitor and a phone for the office. Hurley seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried. Discussion was held on wiring in the conference room for teleconference capabilities. Commissioner Froelich stated that the County Commission was looking at budgeting for this type of thing.

Discussion on illegal drainage and drainage complaints was held. Drainage complaints must be submitted in writing on an official complaint form prior to any action by the District.

Commissioner Knutson suggested that contractors obtain permits prior to any drain work. This was a great idea, however it would be difficult as the District does not have authority over roads and most of the work is done by road authorities.

Discussion was held on the Lower Sheyenne Joint Water Resource District detention project for the Sheyenne River. Commissioner Froelich and Manager Hurley stated their support of the project.

Discussion was held on the 2012 budget. The secretary will pencil in for the Boards review. Special attention will be given to the projects line item.

Being no further business, Lettenmaier moved to adjourn, Hurley seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be held on August 8th, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jamie Smith". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Jamie Smith

Secretary

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Meeting Attendance

9:00 AM

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Please sign in below.

Arvid Winkler

Joan Fuchs

Rayon Stron

Mark Lomson

Dick Minner

Joshua Ihry

Alloy Trubold

Dan Ee

Kurt Reidman

Shelly Nelson BCSCD

Amanda Slykerman - District Conservationist - NRCS