

**Barnes County Water Resource District
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09/12/2011
Meeting Minutes

Present: Chairman, Jeff McMillan
Manager, Pat Hurley
Manager, Duane Lettenmaier

Also present: See attached

Chairman McMillan called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Manager Hurley moved to approve the minutes of the August meeting. Manager Lettenmaier seconded the motion to approve. All were in favor, the motion carried. Hurley moved to approve the revenue and expenditure reports. Lettenmaier seconded the motion to approve. All were in favor. The motion carried.

McMillan reported on the Sanborn Lake outlet is fully operational and that it is functioning well. Plans for the next two weeks include defining the channel that leads to the control structure. Discussion was held on the clean out work that is scheduled for the Vig cleanout. The property owners will need to sign a form 1026 with the NRCS prior to work being completed. USFWS will complete an inventory and will notify the district of his decision on the proposed cleanout.

McMillan reported that an emergency culvert has been placed in State Highway #9. This 36x60 temporary culvert will help to relieve pressure from 10 Mile Lake.

McMillan reported that Klubben Excavating will begin the final portion of the natural outlet cleanout later this week. Amanda Brandt, NRCS District Conservationist, stated that the landowner would need to re-sign the 1026 as the original as passed its expiration.

Hurley reported that the Meadow Lake Township Board was granted and Emergency Drain License from the ND State Water Commission to remove water on the west side of their township. This emergency drain license will not remove water from Meadow Lake.

Hurley reported that he and the Secretary were working with FEMA on possible Mitigation grant funding for an outlet for Meadow Lake.

Lettenmaier reported on the Hobart Lake Outlet project. Survey crews were onsite at the time of the meeting. He also reported that he would be meeting with the engineer on Friday. Dave Lokken, manger of Columbia Grain Inc., requested that he be informed when an elevation was decided so they can proceed with culvert installation under the CGI tracks.

McMillan reported that the Auxiliary spillway repairs at Clausen Springs Dam will be completed by the end of September.

Discussion was held on the culvert issue under the BNSF tracks near Hobart. Ed Thom was in attendance. Hurley reported that he had spoken to BNSF and that they thought that it might be possible to install a culvert.

Discussion was held on cleaning out Stoney Run. Jack Olson was in attendance. Apparently NRCS has a WRP contract for Jack's portion of the Run. Lettenmaier will continue to work with Mr. Olson, USFWS and the NRCS.

Hurley reported that he was working with Scott Cummings to complete a clean out of the Thordenskjold Drain.

Lettenmaier reported that FEMA would be assisting with 2011 emergency work on Legal Drain #2. FEMA suggested that the District establish a five year maintenance plan for the drain. Sean Anderson is lining up to have the cattails sprayed in the drain. The District will line up a contractor to complete the slide repair. Don Jorrisson expressed concerns over farming to close to the drain. He would like this practice stopped. The Secretary reported that all landowners have been mailed notice of the policy regarding farming to close to the drain.

Discussion was held on Drain tile permits.

Drain tile application #2011-01 was reviewed. Hurley moved to approve drain tile application #2011-01. Lettenmaier seconded the motion. McMillan called for a roll call vote. The results are as follows; Lettenmaier-yes, Hurley- yes; McMillan- yes. The motion to approve carried.

Drain tile application #2011-02 was reviewed. Hurley moved to approve drain tile application # 2011-02. Lettenmaier seconded the motion. McMillan called for a roll call vote. The results are as follows; Lettenmaier- yes, Hurley- yes; McMillan- yes. The motion to approve carried.

Hurley left the meeting.

Wes Elston expressed concern over the rise of Fox Lake. McMillan directed Elston to begin discussions with the NRCS and USFWS. Elston would like to see the water follow the natural water course.

Nyhill Burchill approached the board in regards to the SW ¼ of section 12, Baldwin Township. (Goose Lake area.) Mr. Burchill would like to install a culvert in between sections 12/13. The current 15" culvert is not functioning. McMillan stated that the District does not have the authority to order the installation of a culvert in a road. He suggested that Mr. Burchill talk to the Township. The District will make a recommendation to the township based on the findings of McMillan's onsite investigation.

A complaint was received from Mylo Bucholz regarding culverts in the H. Myron and Mary Nelson Driveway. (Section 27, Norma Township) It was decided to send the complaint to the District's Attorney.

Bid opening for the State Highway Culvert installation was held on September 8th at Moore Engineering. One bid was received. Riley Brothers Construction of Morris Minnesota submitted a bid for \$537,382.92. Lettenmaier moved to reject the bid. McMillan seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion to reject Riley Brothers bid carried. The Secretary was instructed to notify the Engineers.

Discussion was held on purchasing business cards. The Secretary received a quote for \$73.80 plus a \$25.00 set up fee for 750 business cards. Lettenmaier moved to approve the purchase of the business cards. McMillan seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried.

Bills were reviewed and approved for payment.

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

Respectfully submitted,



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Secretary

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Meeting attendance

Please sign in below

Hyle K. Burchill

Donald Jorissen

Ed & Ann Marie Thom

KURT TOMPKINS - USFWS

Jack Olson, LITCHVILLE

Amanda Brandt - NRCS

Matt Betka - NRCS

Curt Francis NRCS

David Luessen T-R

Eduard Knutson

Joe Franklin - BC Comm

Ryan Mott - Gavilon