

Barnes County Water Resource District

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12-12-11

Minutes

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

Also present: See attached list

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

Dan Elston expressed concerns regarding the outflow of Fox Lake. Fox Lake is naturally discharging. Mr. Elston reported that some local residents would like to change the natural flow of water. Mr. Elston was not in favor of this.

Dan Elston also reported that Eckelson lake is down, but that it is still higher than it was last fall. According to his records the lake has risen 9 feet since 2009. Chairman McMillan reported that Klubben Excavating had to stop the cleanout due to the freezing up of his track hoe. Work will resume in the spring.

Hobart Lake;

Mike Opat presented to the Board a third route option for a possible outlet for the lake. This plan could cost in the excess of \$550,000.00. He has concerns of not having adequate cover for a 36" culvert. An open ditch would be needed for the first part of the outlet. Discussion was held. Moore Engineer did an utility locate and found that this route would have limited impact on utilities. Opat stated that there could be higher costs due to the need for dewatering the site. The goal of the outlet is to restore the lake to an elevation of 1414. This outlet would act as a control structure for the lake and to also provide for some water detention during spring flooding. Possible funding from the State Water Commission was discussed. Opat reported that it was highly likely that the SWC would cost share 60% of the project. Board members

agreed to talk with Jason Sjoström. Mr. Sjoström will need to see the plan and determine if this would be acceptable for him.

Hurley reported that K2S Engineering has completed the preliminary survey work for the Meadow Lake outlet. A formal plan will be presented to the Board in January.

Board members attended the annual state convention during the first week of December. Manager Hurley was present with the Oarsman Award.

Chairman McMillan will be meeting with State and Federal Officials on December 20th in regards to the formation of an outlet plan for 10 Mile Lake. Opat will supply Chairman McMillan with the details of the location.

Complaint: Ten Mile Lake Drainage

The Board reviewed and discussed a complaint received on November 1st from Daryl and Sheryl Smith. Discussion was held. The drainage that occurred in the spring of 2011 was allowed by the NRCS as Temporary Emergency Drainage (for health and safety concerns). This temporary permit for drainage has been closed by the NRCS. A review of documents was completed. There is neither an Emergency Drain License on file nor a permit for surface drainage on file at the State Water Commission. Discussion was held on how this could jeopardize any further permanent outlet plans. Manager Hurley moved and Manager Lettenmaier seconded to order the drain closed due to lack of permitting. Chairman McMillan called for a roll call vote. The results are as follows; McMillan-Yes, Hurley-Yes, Lettenmaier-Yes. The motion to order the 10 Mile Lake drain closed carried. The Secretary was instructed to notify all landowner whom have the drainage ditch on their land. NRCS will assist the Secretary with the names.

Complaint: Griggs Count WRD/Pierce Township

This complaint was forwarded to the Boards Attorney. Manager Hurley moved to table the complaint until a response for the attorney was received. Lettenmaier seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion to table the complaint carried.

Legal Drain #2:

Scott Legge presented questions regarding the recent cleanout of the drain. He also raised concerns over the additional land that was being added to the drain. He asked if this land was going to be included in the assessment district. Manger Lettenmaier reported that there would be a reassessment of benefit that would include the recent drainage. A hearing will be held in January or February. Lettenmaier also reported that the lateral going into the drain had been

plugged and cleaned out. Discussion was held on the operation of the drain. A committee will be set up to establish a drain operation plan and a drain maintenance schedule.

Chairman McMillan reported that the Sanborn Outlet is still flowing.

Subsurface tile application #0511: Barnes County North School District
Barnes County North has installed subsurface drain tile in the school parking lot. The total land area tiled is less than 70 acres. Manager Lettenmaier moved to approve drain tile application #0511, Manager Hurley seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried.

Bills were submitted and approved for payment.

Chairman McMillan informed the board that he was not reappointed to the Water Board and expressed his appreciation toward Manager Hurley and Manager Lettenmaier. Chairman McMillan has served the county for 9 years. Manager Hurley expressed his gratitude toward Jeff and complemented him on a job well done. Jerry Heib will now serve on the Board.

Being no further business, Manager Hurley moved to adjourn, seconded by Lettenmaier, all were in favor. The motion carried

Respectfully submitted,



Jamie Smith
Secretary

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12-12-2011 Meeting attendance
Please sign in below

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John Franklin

B.C. Comm.

Barry Borg

Shelly Nelson

BCSCD

Simon Legge

Scott Legge

Donald Garrison

Mike Opat

Mare Eng.