

Barnes County Water Resource District
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Minutes of meeting

Present: Chairman-Jeff McMillan, Vice Chairman-Pat Hurley
Manager- Jerry Hieb, Manager- John Kohler
Absent: Manager- Duane Lettenmaier
Also present: See attached.

Chairman McMillan called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

Kohler moved to approve the minutes of the January 9th regular meeting. Hurley seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried.

Kohler moved to approve the minutes of the January 12th special meeting. Hurley seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried. Kohler moved to approve the minutes of the January 17th special meeting. Hurley seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried. Hurley moved to approve the revenue and expenditure reports for the month of January, seconded by Kohler. All were in favor. The motion carried.

Bob Koepplin, Barnes County Park Board Chairman, was present to discuss the District's stockpiles at the Clausen Springs Park. The board informed Mr. Koepplin that the stockpiles will be utilized for numerous projects throughout the county. Some examples noted were to rip rap the Kathryn Dam and to reinforce culverts. Mr. Koepplin reported that the Park Board will be paving the park road during early summer. Mr. Koepplin asked that the board not haul materials during the spring months as this will damage the new road. It was agreed to be cautious when planning projects. Hurley stated that the board also has permission to utilize an adjacent landowner's field if needed.

Hieb reported that he had completed an inspection of the dam and that he found aggressive scouring on the west side of the river. Repair solutions were discussed. It was decided to solicit quotes from contractors to place rip rap stored at Clausen Springs in the scour holes. Hurley

will ask local contractors for quotes. It was the general consensus of the board that this work should be done before spring.

Commissioner John Froelich presented two letters regarding his and Commissioner Phil Leitner's comments on the Tolna Coulee operating plan. Mr. Froelich will be sending a copy of the operation plan to the district as well. The Board agreed to review both.

Commissioner Eldred Knutson and Commission Froelich asked that the District continue communications with the BC Planning & Zoning regarding dike construction. The Secretary will continue to do this, however since the Dike Construction permit is a SWC permit, the District will not be able to track who has applied and who has not.

Hurley reported that he has been working with K2S Engineering and South Central Regional Council in Developing the HMG application for the Meadow Lake Outlet project. Steps will be taken to meet with the Stutsman County Water Resource District to establish a joint board for this project.

The Sanborn Lake outlet is at a 90% completion. H&S will be back in the early spring to complete the remaining work. Discussion was held on flow easement acquisition. Kohler will call the Jorrisen Trust.

Moore Engineering is working on the HMG application for the Hobart Lake outlet. Permit applications have been mailed to the SWC and the Corps of Engineers. A cost share request has also been sent to the SWC. Hobart Township officers, Bruce Anderson and Dennis Laumb had general questions about the outlet's design.

Josh Ihrey, Chairman of the Steele County Water Resource District (SCWRD), discussed the possibility of establishing a Joint District for the maintenance (snagging & clearing) on a tributary of the Maple River. There is a small portion of the tributary that runs through Ellsbury Township in northern Barnes County. Mr. Ihrey noted that SCWRD would be the lead district for this snagging and clearing project. It is proposed to establish an assessment district and to charge a .50 cent per acre fee for a period of 10 years. This will be assessed to all land benefiting from the project. More meetings will follow. SCWRD will have their attorney send a Joint Powers agreement to the district's attorney for his review.

Amanda Brandt, NRCS District Conservationist, discussed the Legal Darin # 2 cleanout. Amanda stated that over excavation had occurred in the SW ¼ of Potter Township. She stated that the District will need to fill this in. Mrs. Brandt noted that she had been working with Manager

Lettenmaier regarding this. Chairman McMillan suggested that the landowners be asked to attend the next meeting so that this issue could be worked out.

10 Mile lake drainage was discussed. The Secretary reported that one landowner had complied with the closure order. Amanda Brandt and Chairman McMillan will do an inspection of the closure.

Chairman McMillan reported that he and the Secretary had visited the Steele County Water Resource District Office. While there they reviewed how the Steele County Secretary keep the financial records. Steele County uses Quick Books Pro to track, write checks and to produce project cost reports. Quick Books Pro would costs roughly \$200.00 to \$300.00. Discussion was held on the current accounting system. It was a consensus of the board that the current system was not providing the necessary information. Kohler moved to purchase Quick Books Pro. Hieb seconded the motion. Chairman McMillan called for a roll call vote. The results are as follows; Hieb-yes, Hurley-yes, Kohler-yes and McMillan-yes. The motion carried.

Chairman McMillan asked for the other board members opinion regarding the County acting as the Districts Treasure. Discussion was held. No decision was made, however it was the general consensus that the District eventually take back control, but after the new accounting system was up and running.

Discussion was held on projects, portfolios and prioritization.

Portfolio's are as follows:

Meadow Lake Outlet- Pat Hurley and Jerry Hieb

Upper Sheyenne Joint Water Resource District- Pat Hurley and rotating member

Red River Joint Water Resource District- Jeff McMillan and rotating member

Lower Sheyenne Joint Water Resource District- Duane Lettenmaier and rotating member

Hobart Lake Outlet- John Kohler and Duane Lettenmaier

Sanborn Lake Outlet- Jeff McMillan and Duane Lettenmaier

Eckelson Lake Outlet- Jeff McMillan and John Kohler

Ten Mile Lake Outlet- Jeff McMillan and Duane Lettenmaier

Thordenskjold Drain- John Kohler and Pat Hurley

Legal Drain #2- Pat Hurley and John Kohler

SCWRD/BCWRD Joint Water Resource District- Jeff McMillan and Jerry Hieb

Office and Finance- Jeff McMillan and Jerry Hieb

Discussion was held on current meeting schedule. It was decided to keep the regularly scheduled meeting to the 2nd Monday of each month. Hurley moved to start the meetings at 8:00 AM instead of 9:00 AM. Kohler seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion carried.

Chairman McMillan reported that he and Manager Kohler had inspected an area of contention in Martin's Landing near Lake Ashtabula. McMillan and Kohler recommended that the pvc pipe be re-installed into Bruce Flath's driveway. This would allow water to flow straight to the Corps culvert and into the lake. It was decided to write a letter of recommendation to Flath's and Skolness's. If there continues to be contention regarding this issue, a formal complaint will need to be filed.

Bills were reviewed for payment. Kohler moved to pay bills as presented. Hurley seconded the motion. Chairman McMillan called for a roll call vote. The results are as follows; Hieb-yes, Hurley-yes, Kohler-yes and McMillan yes. The motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Smith
Secretary, Barnes County Water Resource District