

# ***Barnes County Water Resource District***

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## **MEETING MINUTES**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Managers - Chairman Jerry Hieb, Bruce Anderson, Shawn Olauson, Bret Fehr, Dale Jorissen; Mike Opat & Brady Woodard – Moore Engineering; Sean Fredricks – Ohnstad Twichell P.C. (phone conference call) & Commissioner John Froelich.

Also Present: See Attached List

Chairman Hieb called the meeting to order at 9:03 am.

Manager Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes for January 11, 2016. Manager Olauson second motion. Minutes approved.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Anderson-Harstad Obstruction Complaint** – Manager Anderson had been up to Tax office at the BC Courthouse and got copies of the easements on all 4 quarters in sec 7 on this complaint. He will give copies to Shawn Anderson to go over and review. Manager Anderson had contacted the Alliance Pipeline and they will look at situation of complaint and when weather permits they will come out and do measuring. Moore Engineering will take a look at area after the district meeting today. Kurt Tompkins with Fish & Wildlife prefers to leave area as is and his group will move forward with their project. NRCS also has a say in this area. Sean Fredricks explained the State and Federal laws and how it all works together. No documentation was done at the time of clean out in 2011 and when they pushed it back in. Pipeline is the issue at this time and that is a land owner's issue. District will table till pipeline can visit this problem.

**Snagging and Clearing** - Brady Woodard with Moore Engineering updated this project. Contractor (Industrial Builders) is out working and there is a lot more material in the river than first thought. They worked this area and are moving to another area north from where they started, on the river. Discussion on maybe Devils Lake operating plan may have some funding for cleaning the Sheyenne River. Anything we decide about cost share has to go back to County Commission for approval.

**Thordenskjold Drain Extention** – Mike Opat went over handout for profile of drain. Sean Fredricks went over legal obligations. Mike will get permit request finished. Right of way for this drain has been hard to come by through the Register of Deeds office, GIS is not complete either. Manager Anderson updated on what was cleaned in 2015. Brady Woodard went over culvert photos he handed out and discussed condition of wing walls and other repairs to some culverts. Estimated \$25,000 to repair all 4 wing walls that are in bad shape. This does not include Rip Rap, that may be needed, estimated at \$4,000. – \$6,000. Discussion followed and Moore Engineering will look over wing wall project again and see what cost to replace walls and culverts. Manager Fehr made a motion to have Moore Engineering go ahead with permit application for Thordenskjold Drain. Manager Olauson second motion. Motion approved with a roll call vote.

**10 Mile Lake** – Paul Abrahamson reported (by email) information for this meeting. Paul had visited with Keith Weston of the Red River Valley Retention Authority concerning water quality report from 1/8/16 from Mike Hargiss, an environmental Scientist/Red River Basin Co-Ordinator Watershed Management Program. Mr. Hargiss clarified that report was final, but additional analysis will be necessary during permitting and discharge. Keith advises that we get advice from ND Dept. of Health before a meeting with Corps of Engineers. We will not meet with Corp till more information is gathered. In preparation for a public meeting with the landowners in the 10 Mile water shed, we need to determine how the voting would be weighted. Benefits need to be known to figure percentages. Voting parcels have already been provided, we do not know how a voting parcel is weighted (10%, 50% or 100%). Could a cost estimate be provided by the appropriate firm and a decision be made as to whether it has a favorable cost/benefit ratio to proceed? Discussion followed. Manager Jorissen made a motion to have Moore Engineering make up a proposal for 10 Mile Lake. Manager Anderson second. Motion approved with a roll call vote.

**Hobart Lake** – Mike Opat reported that we are waiting to hear from FEMA and Dept. of Emergency Services to move forward to Phase 2. We are looking good for this project.

**Griggs/Barnes WRD** - Manager Fehr gave an update on the Silver Creek Drain #1. Water quality is a big question concerning new district.

**Kathryn Dam** – Mike Opat started with review of first discussion on this project back in 2015. Ron Koth, Barr Engineering, went through power point and hand out with more specific elements for Kathryn Dam. This rock arches profile will give the anglers better access for fishing and will eliminate the roller effect from where the dam was located. WRD suggested reducing the arches by 4 rings and checking on tail water conditions. Ron & Mike will check into this request option and bring in cost assistance dollars.

**Little Dam** - Mike Opat gave an update for this project. This dam was built by CCC in 1930's, primarily for recreation and secondary water supply. Cracking in concrete abutments and trees over grown. Ron discussed the difference on how this project is from Kathryn Dam and maybe part of this dam could be saved with an observation point over the dam and better access to river. Discussion of various plans for Little Dam. Fish & Wildlife dollars are available and hope to gain some other additional partnership funding for this project.

Manager Fehr made a motion to approve Moore Engineering bills for cost share submission on the Kathryn Dam Project and VC Little Dam Project in the total amount of \$21,830.52. Approved with a roll call vote.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Attorney Contract** – Sean Fredricks, Ohnstad Twitchill, P.C., went over his contract with the BCWRD and noted revisions. Manager Fehr made a motion to accept Ohnstad Twitchell Contract with the BCWRD. Manager Jorissen second. Motion approved with a roll call vote.

**Chairman Hieb** – Discussion on Newspaper article regarding drain tiling (80 Acres or less) authority from State Engineer. No modifications from state were made on authority. Not a complete accounting in the newspaper article.

**Engineering Contract** – Mike Opat, Moore Engineering, Inc. went over the rate revisions on rate table schedule. Manager Fehr made a motion to accept Moore Engineering appendix 1 and 2 of the original contract with the BCWRD. Manager Jorissen second. Motion approved with a roll call vote.

**Bills**

Discussion of Red River Joint Board Dues, no decision made.

Manager Olauson made a motion to approve \$25,879.81 for January bills. Manager Fehr second. Motion approved with a roll call vote.

Discussion on Silver Creek Drain #1 billing responsibility.

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Linda McKenna

Secretary/Treasurer

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