

Barnes County Water Resource District

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MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: Chairman Jerry Hieb, Manager Bruce Anderson, Manager Sean Olauson, Manager Jorissen, Mike Opat & Brady Woodard – Moore Engineering,

Absent: Manager Bret Fehr & Sean Fredricks – Ohnstad Twichell

Also Present: See Attached List

Chairman Hieb called the meeting to order.

Manager Anderson made a motion to approve the June Minutes as corrected. Manager Olauson second. Motion approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Pross Complaint – Jerry Hieb asked if any manager contacted Wade Klubben to remove ditch block. No one had. Linda will get Right of Way permission from ND-DOT John Thompson.

Shanenko/A. Wittenberg - Still waiting for permit from state.

Shanenko/S. Wittenberg – Shawn Wittenberg will remove block when conditions improve. Discussion followed. Manager Anderson made a motion for Linda to call Shawn Wittenberg and tell him to remove block or at least make an opening,

for water to move, and remove the rest of block after crops are off the field. Manager Olauson second. Motion approved with a roll call vote.

Legge, Anderson, Harstad Obstruction Complaint - Manager Anderson tried to contact Brad Bellmore with no success. No other information for this meeting.

Snagging & Clearing Project – Chairman Hieb reported on a road trip that Chairman Hieb, Brady with Moore Engineering, and Roger with Industrial Builders took a road trip to review what was done last winter, on the Snagging & Clearing Project for the Sheyenne River. Commissioner Froelich & Commissioner Berntson addressed the district regarding assessment process. Discussion followed. Manager Olauson made a motion to table and have Sean Fredricks look over rescinding this project. Manager Anderson second. Motion approved with a roll call vote.

Thordenskjold Drain Extention – Chairman Hieb will sign final extention process paper. Manager Olauson informed the district of a culvert replacement on CR 38 that Kerry Johnson, BCHD superintendent, would like the water district to assist with cost of replacement estimated at \$ 12,630. Mike Opat reminded managers that all culverts have been sized and also the Stream Crossing Standards need to be considered. Discussion followed. Manager Anderson made a motion to have Mike Opat get the hydraulic analysis of the culvert size needed and work with Kerry Johnson for the CR38E (51st St.) culvert replacement, for the August WRD meeting. With options to meeting the standards or prepare to ask for exemption to the standards, we can decide at August meeting. Manager Olauson second. Motion approved with a roll call vote.

Hobart Lake - Mike Opat reminded district that FEMA and the SWC approved moving on to phase 2 (Construction). Next step is for the BC Commission to approve phase 2. Right of Way questions are now being worked on and easements put together with purchase agreement. Larry Miller came forward and addressed the district regarding an easement letter from 2015. Larry, and a few other downstream landowners, would like some changes incorporated in an

easement agreement. Some of the other downstream landowners are Greg Lewis, Dick Monson besides Milller. This information may help Mike & Sean put together the information needed for easements. The water district is in favor of using a blanket easement for Hobart Lake Project.

Kathryn Dam Project - Mike explained some of the questions from State Water Commission. State will cost share Dam Safety issue at 75% with 40% considered as recreation with our design for project. With state funding issues this project may not get as much that is needed. State was going to throw out the whole project, but Mike then negotiated on Design phase of 35% and this smaller amount could go on to State Engineers Office for consideration. Managers need to decide if we still want rock design that we voted to go with **or** just take out dam, which the state will cost share 75%. Managers need to consider for August WRD meeting.

Mike also brought up about putting up signs at the Kathryn Dam and Little Dam. Sean Fredricks and Mike will check into this for August meeting.

Ten Mile Lake – Mike updated district on the cost share from the State. Jerry will sign agreement at today's meeting. Needed from landowners, around 10 Mile Lake, is wetland determination. Mike outlined tasks of \$ 50,000 with 35% from State cost share.

Task 1 - Preliminary Data Collection

Task 2 - Lake & Wetland Elevation Determination

Task 3 - Water Quality Determination

NRCS - Keith Weston said level of lake will be closer to 1432. Paul and Dale will contact landowners regarding 1026's paper work getting done. If paper work gets done all together maybe this could speed up processing of this project.

Discussion followed. Paul Abrahamson reported Ten Mile elevation at 1431.6 as of June 24th.

Joint Griggs/Barnes WRD – Dale Jorissen relayed no real update for this project. Dave Mutschler addressed the BCWRD managers regarding KLJ being retained on Silver Creek Drain #1 by the Corp of Engineers, that was discussed at the last Griggs County WRD meeting. Discussion followed. BCWRD suggested this Joint District check with Corp of Engineers and if 404 permit is needed, get it done or we go in another direction. Bill from Renaissance Engineering was discussed. BCWRD want finance charges taken off present billing and pay balance.

NEW BUSINESS

Clausen Springs Inspection Report – Brady Woodard from Moore Engineering, went out with State Dam Inspectors. Brady handed out photos of the inspection. Big problem with weeds growing thick out at dam site. No structural damage noticed, but water was high. Discussion followed. Brady will get estimates on acreage cost for spraying not only for Clausen Springs but also for Thordenskjold Drain and Legal Drain 2, but to be aware of croplands not to be damaged. Clausen Springs is the major project to get done.

Jerry Hieb was asked, by the Park District, if the BCWRD was interested in helping maintain the spring water from Clausen Springs. Discussion followed. BCWRD is **NOT** interested in maintaining this project.

State Water Commission update - Mike Opat informed the managers that the state will be 49-50 million dollars short by end of biennium. Next years SWC Budget is 200 million dollars and over half is already ear marked by legislature,

with some carry over money. Money will be tight. Quick Take program will have two bills this year. One will be to take away from drainage and flood control projects and the second to take away from appointed boards.

Bills

RRJWRD – tabled till later.

Manager Anderson made a motion to approve the bills for June 2016 with the Renaissance Bill being approved (minus the finance charges) at the Joint meeting. Manager Jorissen second. Approved with a roll call vote.

Budget for 2017 was discussed between all managers.

Adjourned 12:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda McKenna

Secretary

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