

Barnes County Water Resource District

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June 12, 2017

**MEETING MINUTES**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Managers- Bret Fehr, Shaun Olauson, Bruce Anderson, Dale Jorissen, Chairman Jerry Hieb, Mike Opat-Moore Engineering, Sean Fredricks-Ohnstad Twichell

Also Present: See attached List

Chairman Hieb called the meeting to order at 9:00am.

Manager Olauson made a motion to approve the minutes from May 8, 2017 with the correction stated. Manager Jorissen seconded the motion. Motion carried, minutes approved.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Hobart Lake:** Mr. Opat reported on the easement progress. He stated that they are close to getting them completed, however there are a few with some changes that are being modified. The complaint filed with NRCS has been sent, we are awaiting response. There was discussion on conditions of county and township roads, agreement documents, properties, costs and timelines. The board decided to hold a special meeting on June 28, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will be at Barnes County Highway Conference Room; discussion will be on Hobart Lake Outlet Project and spraying of Legal Drains.

**Legal Drain II-Hwy 1 Ditch Block:** Chairman Hieb reported that there is slow progress on the culvert installation in the ditch block, he is still working with Mr. Praska on this.

**Edna Township-Water Issues:** Two water complaints were given to the board during the meeting. Glenn Koebernick issued a complaint for NW ¼ & SW ¼ Sec. 22 of Edna Twp, he stated that he has lost 75 acres of cropland and 45 acres of pastureland to standing water which he believes is caused by pipelines and non-maintained culverts. The land is currently full of cattails and weeds and is useless. Mr. Koebernick feels if the culverts and fence line were cleared out of weeds, cattails, and blow dirt the water would flow. Mr. Gene Jewett has the same complaint for the NW ¼ & NE ¼ Sec. 27, he feels the same way about the culverts and fence line. Mr. Froelich suggested a jetting company come to clean out culverts. Mr. Koebernick stated that the Railroad was approached before to clean the culvert, it was not done due to Railroad stating it was too dangerous. Manager Jorissen stated how Mr. Koebernick and Mr. Jewett are the most impacted personally by this water issue, and requested that the board do something to help them. Manager Olauson made a motion to have Mike Opat (Moore Engineering) look at properties stated in the complaints about the obstruction. Seconded by Manager Anderson. Upon roll call vote the motion carried unanimously. When Mr. Opat gives us his report, the board asked Mr. Fredricks to prepare a letter

to ask Railroad to clean out culverts marked on map. The board will also talk with the BC Weed Control officer about the property with weed issues.

**Barnes / Griggs Joint Board:** Manager Fehr reported that there is nothing new from last meeting, still waiting to hear from SWC.

**Hwy 32 Drainage-Oriska Twp:** Mr. Triebold called the office stated that he has not received anything from SWC, neither has BC Water Resource District. Will wait to hear back.

**10 Mile Lake:** Manager Jorissen read aloud the email sent from Paul Abrahamson stating that the water elevations are 1432.0 msl as of 6/3/17

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Belmore Wildlife Easement:** It was reported that there were roads partially under water in Anderson Township, Kurt Tompkins (USFWS) has allowed a permit to do a temporary clean out. This allows a trench to be dug to the natural drain and then filled in when water has gone through, Manager Jorissen asked if a plug could be put in instead of fill for maintaining the flow and Mr. Tompkins agreed to that. Discussion on how farmer's, townships, and WRD should contribute to the cost of digging this trench. The cattails are very thick and need to be sprayed to help water flow. Some of this land is CRP and that involves NRCS, during more discussion Mr. Fredricks reminded the board that if they do choose to get involved with this water issue that permits will be needed.

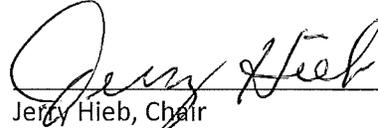
**Stewart – Anderson Drain / Neil Amann:** Mr. Amann was present to discuss his water issues. He stated that a culvert is rusted out and sits on the bottom of the drainage ditch, and the current gate does not seal. It has been recommended by Brady Woodward to replace the 30 foot culvert, and put on a new flap gate. After discussion Manager Anderson made a motion to put in a new culvert on Amann property with specs stated by Mr. Woodward, and that the WRD pay the cost from the Stewart/Anderson Drain Fund, along with us contacting Wade Klubben to install it. Seconded by Manager Olauson. Upon roll call vote the motion carried unanimously.

**Engineer Report:** Mike Opat reported the meeting with the OHF Advisory Board will be on June 26<sup>th</sup> in Bismarck, he will be attending along with Manager Olauson to discuss the Kathryn Dam Repurposing Project.

**Bills:** Manager Fehr made a motion to pay bills as they are stated in report, seconded by Manager Anderson. Upon roll call vote motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 11:34 A.M.

APPROVED:

  
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Jerry Hieb, Chair

ATTEST:

  
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Heather Manson  
Secretary-Treasurer

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June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
Meeting Attendance

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