

Barnes County Water Resource District

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July 10th, 2017

MEETING MINUTES

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

ABSENT: Manager Bruce Anderson

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 June 12th & June 28th 2017 meetings. Manager Jorissen seconded the motion. Motion carried, minutes approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Hobart Lake: Mr. Fredricks started discussion with an overview of the ongoing Colville easement. Mr. Colville wants a more concrete legal description from his perspective, along with metes and bounds. There was also discussion on the response to the letter/email exchange that Mr. Colville sent, regarding proceedings with eminent domain. Mr. Fredricks informed the board that the statute Mr. Colville is referencing in his letter to does not go into effect until August 1, 2017 and that the legislative council posted it in error on its website. It was decided that the project will proceed, and negotiations can continue with Mr. Colville. Chairman Hieb then discussed the Lewis easement, they requested it be written that water stays on the bottom/middle of the channel and 50 feet on both sides of the channel and that the easement will move with the meandering of the channel. Mr. Lewis also asked that they be involved with changes in the future with the project, in case of future development on his property. Rodger Bertnson wanted clarification on the new state law, and timelines of the project. More discussion on Mr. Cloville's requests, and who is going to pay for the metes and bounds. Mr. Fredricks office will continue to file the eminent domain paperwork as directed by the board, negotiations being considered must be brought back to the board for special meeting and approval. Manager Fehr made a motion to have Moore Engineering *if needed* to set metes and bounds on Colville property during negotiation process. Seconded by Manager Olauson. Upon roll call vote motion carried unanimously. After suggestion from Mr. Metcalf, the board decided that if there comes an agreement between board and Mr. Colville to call a special meeting. Mr. Winkler asked about the water elevation in the ditch on

Barry Borg's property, Mr. Opat stated that the control elevation will be at 1414 which has been approved by the NRCS and in the permit.

Kathryn Dam-update: Chairman Hieb discussed the project and how the presentation went, the project was recommended funding by the OHF Advisory Board in the first round. It then gets passed on to the Industrial Commission for their recommendations, we are awaiting their response. Meanwhile, Mr. Opat is working with the SWC on more funding for this project.

Legal Drain II – Ditch Block: Chairman Hieb discussed the progress with this, a culvert with a flap gate is recommended to replace the ditch block. After hydrology report, there are some concerns. Chairman Hieb is still working with Mr. Praska on this.

Edna Township-Water Issues: Manager Jorissen discussed the ongoing water issue Mr. Koebernick and Mr. Jewett have been dealing with. Mr. Opat visited the properties, brought maps for board and involved parties to view. Lengthy discussion on what can be done, how to go about the process and does the board have jurisdiction. It was suggested by Mr. Opat that a culvert be lowered and that is a township issue, WRD has no jurisdiction with that. More discussion on asking RR to clean out their ditch and culvert, Mr. Fredricks added the RR can be forced to clean out a culvert in a natural water way but not their own ditch. It was discussed having the township send them a letter, and the WRD send a separate letter. Manager Jorissen is on the township board and he will inform them of what was discussed, and work with them. Mr. Opat also suggested the possibility of putting a legal drain in this area, that might also help with the issue at 10 Mile Lake. He pointed out that it is costly, but it is an option. Manager Jorissen asked to keep this on future agenda's until something gets done.

Barnes/Griggs Joint Board: Manager Fehr reported there was no meeting last month, received some information from SWC. Will be discussed at next meeting on July 17th.

Hwy 32 Drainage-John Triebold: Secretary Manson contacted Mr. Triebold, he stated he has not heard anything back from the state. Neither has the WRD, still pending.

Belmore Wildlife Easement: Manager Jorissen stated that the township did not want to spend the money with this issue, so nothing will be done. Water is flowing naturally but not fast enough. Kurt T.(USFWS) did issue a temporary clean out permit, but the amount of work needed is costly.

Stewart-Anderson Drain/Neil Amann (estimates): Cost estimates were presented to the board for the pipe, flap gate, and the installation. The culvert is replacing an existing rusted out one, but at a different elevation. Discussion about why the WRD is paying for this, afterwards the board decided to proceed with the installation. Manager Fehr made a motion to proceed, with the project being paid from Stewart-Anderson Drain account. Seconded by Manager Jorissen. Upon roll call vote motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Snagging/Clearing update: Secretary Manson reported that the WRD did receive cost share from the SWC, District received transfer of BC funds, and presented the remaining balance. Mr. Opat discussed with the board Bill HB1374 which has language that construes to prohibiting

funding of snag/clear projects. He will keep us updated. Discussion on if WRD does decided to do snag/clear the money will more than likely come from local funds with no 50% match from the state. Rodger Berntson reminded board that we are only a few weeks away from budget deadline, and if there are no matching funds there will need to be some discussion on going forward with snag/clear project. *Mr. Opat mentioned putting snag/clear on special meeting agenda for discussion, if there will be a meeting.*

Water issue Eckelson-John Schwehr: Mr. Schwehr stated that water is rising in Eckelson, he stated that the water is not draining North through the five culverts' that are there. Water is coming from Eckelson Lake, and the tiling South of I-94. The water goes through Mason's Slough, and out to Anderson's very slowly if at all. There was some discussion on spraying the cattails in the channel, when the Legal Drains will be sprayed. Also, some discussion on cleanout options Scott Legge mentioned two high spots on Gerntholz property that could be cleaned out with a backhoe. It was decided that Mr. Legge was going to get more information from the landowner and NRCS. He also stated he will provide a map for the cattail spraying, he will be at next meeting to present this to the board.

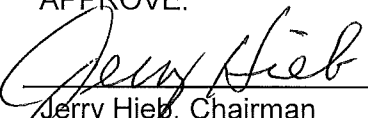
10 Mile Lake: Manager Jorissen read an email sent by Paul Abrahamson. He stated that the elevation as of 7/6/2017 was 1431.8 msl, also that the SWC is planning on drilling several more observation wells in the area. On 6/13/2017 the depth of the water was 18.92 feet, which was 1433.94 msl.

Mr. Opat had nothing else for the engineer report, Mr. Fredricks had nothing else for legal report.

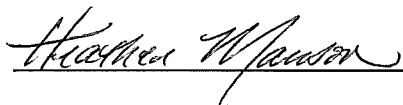
Bills: Mr. Opat stated reasoning for VC Little Dam bill is to close out the account. Manager Olauson made motion to pay bills as stated in report. Seconded by Manager Fehr. Upon roll call vote motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:36 A.M.

APPROVE:


Jerry Hieb, Chairman

ATTEST:



Heather Manson
Secretary-Treasurer

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Meeting Attendance

PLEASE SIGN IN BELOW

Arvid Winkler

Mike Mutsch

Rodger Bernick

Donald Forissen

David Mulshaker

Allen Kobernick

Don Jewett

John Schuch

Scott Gage

Everett Lapp

Harold Gross

KURT TOMPKINS