

Barnes County Water Resource District

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January 14th, 2019

MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Jerry Hieb, Managers – Bret Fehr, Daniel Buttke, Scott Legge, Mike Opat - Moore Engineering, Sean Fredricks – Ohnstad Twichell, Commissioner Shawn Olauson

ABSENT: Manager Bruce Anderson

Also Present: See attached List

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

Manager Fehr made the motion to approve the December 10th, 2018 minutes. Seconded by Manager Legge. Motion carried, minutes approved as read. Chairman Hieb then began the reorganization and asked for nominations for Chair. Manager Legge nominated Chairman Hieb to continue as Chair, seconded by Manager Fehr. Chairman Hieb then asked for any other nominations, Manager Fehr moved that nominations cease this was seconded by Manager Legge. Chairman Hieb then asked for nominations for Vice-Chair, Manager Legge nominated Manager Bruce Anderson this was seconded by Manager Fehr. Then Chairman Hieb asked for any other nominations three times with no one else being nominated. Chairman Hieb then asked for nominations for Secretary-Treasurer, Manager Fehr moved to have Secretary Manson continue this was seconded by Manager Legge. Chairman Hieb called for a roll call vote on the three motions discussed, upon roll call vote the three motions carried unanimously.

The reorganization then went to legal, Mr. Fredricks had emailed the board a memo proposing a rate increase of \$5.00. He discussed this with the board, Manager Legge made the motion to keep Mr. Fredricks on as legal for BCWRD this was seconded by Manager Buttke. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. There was brief discussion on some legislative updates.

Mr. Opat handed the board Moore Eng. 2019 fee schedule. He then explained how the board went through the engineering selection process not too long ago, and that this is done every three years as a requirement for receiving cost share from the SWC to Manager Buttke. He then explained the fee schedule and construction contract table. Manager Fehr made the motion to approve the 2019 fee schedule from Moore Eng. and to reappoint them as engineering for BCWRD, seconded by Manager Legge. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

There was discussion on Portfolio Holders. Manager Buttke is now on Thordenskjold portfolio, Manager Fehr is now on the Upper Sheyenne portfolio, Manager Buttke is now on the Lower Sheyenne portfolio, and Chairman Hieb is now on the Griggs-Barnes Joint Board.

The board then reviewed the 2019 Meeting Date notice, there was discussion on the day after Veteran's Day and changing the meeting to Nov. 18th, 2019. Manager Legge made the motion to approve the meeting schedule with the change discussed, seconded by Manager Fehr. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Hobart Lake: Mr. Opat stated they are working on getting the last of the real estate closed out, we are working with Jason Sjostrom with his recording they need a revised certificate of survey. Josh Hassell has been in contact with DES (Dept. Emergency Services) trying to get coordinated with FEMA to let them know there are more costs coming, we are also waiting on an update of the status of the extension request for additional funds. Mr. Fredricks state there has been notification from some of ESA's subcontractors that they have not been paid, he relayed that we are obligated under bond to notify Surety of any potential claims coming and we have done that.

Kathryn Dam: Mr. Opat reported that even with our cost share with SWC, he suggested to have a bond in place to pay bills before everything rolls in. He stated that copies of the agreements with the various cost share agencies is needed, and that Mr. Fredricks office will get the bond lined up for the board to take action at the next meeting. He and Mr. Fredricks relayed this isn't a typical bond that will carry for several years, it is a onetime deal. Manager Legge made the motion to approve the cost share agreement with the SWC, seconded by Manager Fehr. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Opat then handed out a proposal outlining the scope of work, what Moore Eng. is doing and what they are doing with Barr Eng., along with the cost. He stated that Task Order #1 will be General Services, Task Order #2 is the Kathryn Dam Project with the effective date of Sept. 10th, 2018. Manager Legge made the motion to approve Task Order #2, seconded by Manager Fehr. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Griggs/Barnes Joint Board: Manager Fehr reported that nothing has changed since the last meeting, there is a meeting scheduled after this meeting today,

10 Mile Lake: Manager Fehr read the email from Paul Abrahamson....

No further readings will be recorded until the ice is out and the NDSWC begins their 2019 measurements in the spring. General snow pack, on 12/30/2018, would be very similar to that reported by the US Weather Service for Valley City. This is the 10 Mile Report.

VC Little Dam: Chairman Hieb had nothing new to report from the last meeting.

Dams owned by BCWRD: Mr. Fredricks reported that his office is conducting a more detailed property search, looking for ownership of the dams in abstracts and so forth. He stated once he has that information he will put together a draft agreement for the board to review. Chairman Hieb and Mr. Fredricks explained to Manager Buttke how this all came about, and what the board would like to do.

NEW BUSINESS

Eckelson Lake: Manager Legge reported that he has gotten some complaints that the water isn't leaving fast enough. He asked the board what their thoughts were on pumping water from Eckelson Lake into Legal Drain #2 for some relief. He asked if we can we do this? Mr. Fredricks stated yes, but impacts need to be analyzed along with permitting and this would probably be a state-wide significance permit which would require a hearing. It was mentioned that a separate assessment district will need to be created. Manager Legge showed the board a map of the area, he asked Mr. Opat if the pipeline that is holding the water is higher than the outlet of Eckelson Lake and the natural depth of the channel? Mr. Opat stated he is going to have to look back in records, but recollects it is not suppose to hold back water. He did mention that pumping does give you some flexibility in routes, and asked how fast do you want it to come down? Manager Legge stated that speed isn't important, but we don't want to overrun Legal Drain #2.

It was asked how much water can we take off Eckelson Lake? Mr. Opat explained that all depends on the water quality and the window of the Sheyenne River, he suggested to get a water quality test done on Eckelson Lake to see what we are dealing with and if we can even move this water. Manager Legge made the motion to have Moore Eng. get ahold of MNVTL and ask them to do a water quality test on Eckelson Lake, seconded by Manager Fehr. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

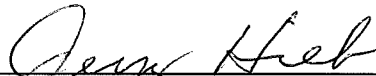
Engineer Report: Mr. Opat had nothing else to report

Legal Report: Mr. Fredricks discussed that every year the board should designate a depository, Chairman Hieb stated the WRD has a bank account in town. Manager Legge made the motion to approve Bank Forward as the depository for the BCWRD, seconded by Manager Fehr. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Fredricks also discussed a few of the bills being presented at the Legislative Session, he encouraged the board members to talk to their local legislators.

Bills: Manager Fehr made the motion to pay the bills as presented. Seconded by Manager Legge. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

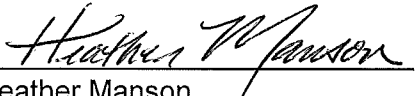
There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

APPROVE:



Jerry Hieb, Chairman

ATTEST:



Heather Manson
Secretary-Treasurer

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Meeting Attendance

PLEASE SIGN IN BELOW

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