

Barnes County Water Resource District

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February 11th, 2019

MEETING MINUTES

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

Also Present: See attached List

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

Manager Legge made the motion to approve the January 14th, 2019 minutes. Seconded by Manager Buttke. Motion carried, minutes approved as read.

OLD BUSINESS

Hobart Lake: Mr. Opat reported that the recorder's office requested a change on Jason Sjostrom's certificate of survey, that has been signed and given to Mr. Fredricks. Chairman Hieb asked on the status of the extension request to FEMA for additional funds. Mr. Opat stated that they have been notified of the remaining ROW pieces, we are continuing to submit bills into their system – there is a chance that anything submitted after the first may not be covered. It was asked if there will be a final meeting, Mr. Fredricks relayed that later everyone will get together to make sure everything has been paid.

Chairman Hieb stated he had an unfinished item to interject. He discussed in 2015 Legal Drain #2 had some work done, and that they borrowed money from the BCWRD to pay the bill in full with the intent to reimburse the WRD once the account funds are available. This has not been done yet, Manager Anderson said that the funds are available and will bring that up at the LD#2 meeting next week. Chairman Hieb stated that the reimbursement should go into the Bank Forward account.

Kathryn Dam: Mr. Opat reported that the plans are close to being complete, and that Barr Eng. had some questions as they got deeper into the design phase. Barr Engineering did a site visit with Mr. Hassell they tried to find the best way to address the dam removal and riffles and make it so we limit the bank erosion on both sides. What they would like to do is shift the angle of the riffles about 10 degrees that should take some pressure off the erosion on the east side, what they think is causing some of the erosion on the west bank is a rock bar that sticks out and that may be remnants of an old dam or mill. They would like to remove some of that to let water shoot straight through instead of pushing it off to the side. We are in the process of doing a SHIPO review, the initial lineage review came back showing there was a historic site possibly native American on the top of the east bank. That will limit what we can do, but if we can shift and angle the water differently there will be less disturbance on that east bank and just do stabilization at the very bottom and not do anything with going up the slope. Another question was angler access, this was put in the plan/proposal. Mr. Opat suggested to Chairman Hieb they go visit with the landowners on the west side and see what they are willing to go along with. The plan is to remove some trees and put a bench on that side for better angler access, but if the landowner is not supportive we will have to consider the east side. Chairman Hieb relayed that he has visited with some landowners and believes there is some type of an easement on that west side already. Then Mr. Opat suggested that the first action item is to have he and Mr. Fredricks work on determining who owns land and work on the necessary ROW the board agreed, and Mr. Opat stated then we have time to work through any issues that may come up with the ROW pieces. Mr. Fredricks explained that as far as financing he handed out a Declaration of Official Intent to authorize the board to issue a bond to finance this project, the board asked Secretary Manson to sign the paperwork. Mr. Fredricks then explained that later a Resolution to Authorize Bond Issue will come, and he will continue to work on the financing package. Manager Anderson asked when construction will start, Mr. Opat stated ideally in the fall when flows are down – but we won't be able to bid it out until the ROW is all in place and the permits.

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

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

Dams owned by BCWRD: Mr. Fredricks explained that he put together a draft agreement for consideration from the state to see if it will satisfy their requirements of conveying ownership. The OSE is looking into terms historically speaking how ownership was conveyed to BC. The Attorney General's Office is also currently looking at the agreement, to see if this can be done. Mr. Fredricks will let us know what they decide. It was decided to not send anything out to the landowners until we find out if the state will accept the agreement.

Eckelson Lake: Mr. Opat handed out a water quality proposal from MNVTL, he stated that if we want to move any water we are going to have to know what the water quality is. It was asked if a test in the winter will have viable results for the year? It was reported that conditions are stable enough and the tests should be valid moving forward, the quote included three separate tests for conductivity and the total cost at \$615.00. There was much discussion on making this an assessment area, the legalities of a legal assessment project and possible issues that could arise.

There was discussion on where the pump will be placed, also on assessment district money and maintenance issues. Chairman Hieb suggested waiting to see what happens after the spray in the snag/clear district before moving forward with any pumping. Mr. Opat explained that the water quality test needs to be done before any pumping can be done, this test will let us know if we can even start to move water or not. He also explained that the more data we have might convince agencies to permit. Manager Legge then made the motion to have MNVTL do the water quality test on Eckelson Lake for \$615.00. Seconded by Manager Fehr. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bob Bruns was present he is the newly elected supervisor to the BC Soil Conservation District. He informed the board that they are cooperating in a study with VCSU on a survey of Spring Creek drainage, because of the water quality in Clausen Springs. It will start this spring it is a two-year study; the college is going to test different sites – they have sent out survey's to landowners and have received some survey's back.

Manager Fehr reported that he was contacted by Houston Eng. they are looking at doing some drainage changes around Pillsbury. They are working for the RR and the rail going through town is in a soft area, they are basically looking to clean their ditch alongside the tracks and are wondering if we (WRD) had any input. He suggested filling out a drainage permit and keeping in touch with the WRD, he stated they are in the very preliminary stages.

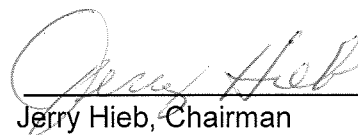
Engineer Report: Mr. Opat had nothing else to report

Legal Report: Mr. Fredricks discussed a few of the bills being presented at the Legislative Session, he stated there are some legislative situations where immediate action is needed and reminded how important it is for water managers to keep in touch/contact with local legislators. He then thanked Manager Anderson, Commissioners Olauson & Froelich for coming to testify their testimonies were very helpful.

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

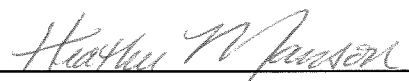
There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:04 a.m.

APPROVE:



Jerry Hieb, Chairman

ATTEST:



Heather Manson
Secretary-Treasurer

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Meeting Attendance

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