

Barnes County Water Resource District

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December 9th, 2019

MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Jerry Hieb, Managers – Scott Legge, Bret Fehr, Bruce Anderson, Daniel Buttke, Josh Hassell - Moore Engineering, Sean Fredricks – Ohnstad Twichell(via phone), Commissioners - Shawn Olason, John Froelich, Cindy Schwehr

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 November 18th, 2019 minutes. Seconded by Manager Anderson. Motion carried; minutes approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Hobart Lake: Manager Anderson reported that the water is running full and draining steady the numbers keep coming back favorable to keep the drain open, he sends these readings to the three different state agencies as well. He stated the elevation is down about ten inches from what the peak was at the snow.

Kathryn Dam: Josh Hassell (Moore Eng.) reported that we are still waiting on permits, the Corp is currently reviewing then SHPPO will review. He explained an update on the ROW, the ND Game & Fish is comfortable with the language modification request from Mr. Tangen. They are willing to make those changes to accommodate removing the access to Mr. Tangen's entire property along the river. The ND Game & Fish is currently working with Bismarck to take care of this once this is done, we should be able to move forward with the ROW.

Griggs-Barnes-Stutsman Joint Board: Chairman Hieb reported that they are meeting following the BCWRD meeting today to discuss the Engineering Contract.

10 Mile: Mr. Hassell reported they have received a few general release forms from landowners, they are working with the Certified Wetland Determinations and land maps to gather more information to provide to NRCS in hopes of lowering the elevation. There was discussion on parcels of land with pertinent information for this project and those landowners. Mr. Hassell explained to attending landowners and the board the permit process, he also discussed the possibility of establishing an assessment district. He stressed that this doesn't happen until you get past the voting process and that there is a lot that needs to be covered and done before this

gets to that point, we are not even close to that yet. Eric Broten asked if there should be more discussion regarding 10 Mile at special meetings to get this moving. Mr. Hassell stated that the WRD is still in the gathering information phase, there has been no project plans done yet. A landowner asked what will happen to the twp. roads that are already under water in the meantime, Chairman Hieb explained that WRD has no jurisdiction over twp. roads then Manager Anderson mentioned the twp.'s should of handed in their paperwork during the disaster declaration to see if they qualified for flooding. That responsibility falls on the township.

VC Little Dam: Mr. Hassell gave an update to the board that the SWC did extend the cost share agreement through the biennium.

Dams owned by BCWRD: Nothing new to report from the last meeting.

Eckelson Lake: Manager Legge reported that there is nothing new from last meeting water is still flowing out.

Sanborn Lake: Manager Anderson reported the Offner/Jorissen crossing modifications are complete. The gate is opened 30 turns and water is flowing. There was discussion on easements the board has approved payments on signed easements, Commissioner Froelich asked if easements signed in 2011 need to be redone. Mr. Fredricks stated no they are a recorded document the board can move on with the permanent permit. Mr. Hassell explained to the board per his conference call with SWC that the board can proceed with the permanent permit but should apply for an extension on the emergency permit also. Manager Fehr made the motion to apply for the Emergency Permit extension and to proceed with the permanent permit. Seconded by Manager Anderson. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Clausen Springs Dam-Inspection Report: Mr. Hassell explained that the Red River Joint Board has approved a cost share portion for the EAP, we have not heard back from the Dam Safety Program regarding cost share. Mr. Hassell will get the info to the Secretary.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sanborn Lake – Emergency Permit Extension: The board covered this in the old business.

Ed Thom slough - Manager Anderson has been out to see the issue. Mr. Hassell stated there has been a lot of talk on this, at one time there was potentially a culvert there. Unfortunately, the WRD has no jurisdiction. There was discussion on possibly tying this into the Hobart Lake Project, if this were to happen the area does exceed eighty acres and will require a permit then reminded the board that NRCS will have input on this. There was discussion of running water east or west along the RR, Mr. Hassell explained that this would take some effort and be a substantial project as well. Mike Opat (Houston Engineering) conveyed that the RR is sympathetic to the Thom's situation, but it is not a priority for them right now. They have concerns with trains being able to run along Sanborn Lake, that is their top priority for now. Mr. Opat has encouraged the RR to

come do a site visit with the Thom's. The board agreed to keep this on the agenda to see if there is anything they can do.

Manager Anderson asked the board if they are still planning on doing snagging/clearing this winter, Chairman Hieb stated he visited with Brady Woodward (Moore Eng.) who has talked with COE their plans are to draw down the water levels to be able to do this. It was asked how long it could take for the draw down and the water to freeze over. They decided to discuss this at the January meeting.

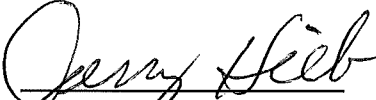
Engineer Report: Nothing new to report.

Legal Report: Nothing new to report.

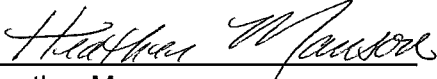
Bills: Manager Fehr made the motion to pay bills with the addition of Klubben Excavating. Seconded by Manager Legge. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

APPROVE:


Jerry Hieb, Chairman

ATTEST:


Heather Manson
Secretary-Treasurer

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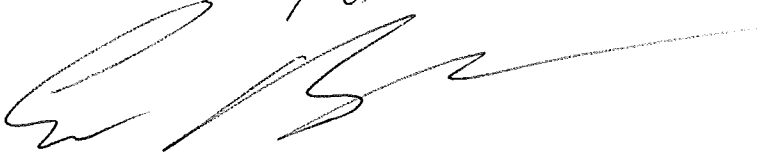
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