

Barnes County Water Resource District

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February 10, 2020

MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vice Chair Bruce Anderson, Managers - Bret Fehr, Scott Legge, Daniel Buttke, Chris Gross - Moore Eng., Sean Fredricks – Ohnstad Twichell, Commissioners Shawn Olauson and John Froelich

ABSENT: Chairman Jerry Hieb

Also Present: See attached list

Vice Chair Anderson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and mentioned that Mayor Dave Carlsrud is present for discussion on the VC Little Dam, it was decided to move this item to the top of the agenda.

Manager Legge made the motion to approve the January 13, 2020 minutes with stated corrections. Seconded by Manager Buttke. Motion carried; minutes approved with corrections discussed.

OLD BUSINESS

VC Little Dam: Vice Chair Anderson gave a brief history on this, Mayor Carlsrud expressed his concerns but also stated that like everyone the city is stretched funding wise as well. Mr. Gross suggested having a meeting to discuss options, to see what each entity would like to do with the dam so we can find out what kind of cost share is available. Mr. Gross will gather information to present, Mayor Carlsrud will get in touch with Vice Chair Anderson to set up a time to meet.

Hobart Lake: Vice Chair Anderson reported the numbers came back the outlet has to be turned down to two-thirds open, he stated that water is running through the channel to the river and it's not causing any problems - the culverts are staying open.

Kathryn Dam: Mr. Gross updated the board on ROW negotiations. He expressed some concerns Mr. Tangen has not signed yet; he stated the Game& Fish have accommodated all his requests; the board has accepted his revised offer of the easement payment. Mr. Gross explained the most important thing is the easements and permits, these must be signed, and permits approved before moving on with any other part of the project. After discussion the board directed Mr. Gross to continue to negotiate with Mr. Tangen, the board would like to have

the agreement signed by March 6th, if the easement is not signed a more formal process will be considered. Vice Chair Anderson will see if Chairman Hieb will be able to visit with Mr. Tangen.

Griggs-Barnes-Stutsman Joint WRD: Manager Fehr stated there was nothing new to report.

10 Mile: Vice Chair Anderson read an email from Paul A. stating there has been no change from our BCWRD 10 Mile December report. Mr. Gross gave the board an update, he met with Jennifer Heglund and John Petersen (NRCS) and is currently proposing an elevation of 1428. He explained to the board that this does not mean we will just get this, NRCS is reviewing all the information given to them and they will do a follow up with Moore Eng. to see if this elevation is feasible. He stated NRCS will send a formal letter of their decision.

BC Dams - WRD Owns: Mr. Fredricks stated nothing new to report from last meeting, waiting on the Attorney General's Office. Bob Bruns was present, Mr. Fredricks explained how the board is working towards conveying ownership of the dams on private property to the landowners.

Eckelson Lake: Manager Legge reported that it is draining naturally as fast as it can, and there is water still coming into it.

Sanborn Lake: Vice Chair Anderson reported that the drain is still open and flowing. It was reported that all the easements are now signed, the board is going to proceed with the permanent permit application.

New Business

NDIRF - State Bonding Fund: Mr. Fredricks explained how the Insurance Reserve is taking over the State Bonding Fund, he stated this is a good thing to have. Manager Fehr made the motion to approve the application and authorize Chairman Hieb to sign it. Seconded by Manager Legge. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Rodger Berntson: Mr. Berntson was present he gave a history on his water issue; he explained a drain was put in to help water flow and a complaint was filed then he had to fill it in. The slough that was drained years ago has risen then with the high-water table now he is having water issues with his basement. He came to ask how he can get that drain reopened? Mr. Gross and Mr. Fredricks suggested he file a surface drainage permit application and explained that process. After lengthy discussion, the board suggested Mr. Berntson hire an engineer to help him with the surface drainage process.

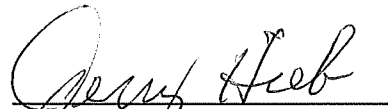
Engineer Report: Mr. Gross reported and shared the Clausen Springs Dam EAP and Dam Repair cost share agreements from SWC. The board reviewed, Manager Legge made the motion to approve the EAP and Dam Repair cost share agreements also to authorize signature on both agreements. Seconded by Manager Fehr. Upon roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Legal Report: Mr. Fredricks had nothing new to report.

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

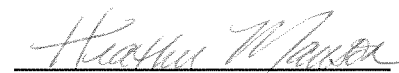
With nothing further to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVE:



Jerry Hieb, Chairman

ATTEST:



Heather Manson
Secretary - Treasurer

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