

Barnes County Water Resource District

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March 9, 2020

## MEETING MINUTES

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

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 February 10, 2020 minutes as presented. Seconded by Manager Legge. Motion carried; minutes approved as printed.

## OLD BUSINESS

**Hobart Lake:** Manager Anderson reported that water quality testing results showed the sulfate levels were too high and the gate had to be closed all the way on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020. He notified all agencies involved. It was tested one more time, we are awaiting results. He stated that water is flowing naturally through the elevator culvert down through the channel then to the river, it's not causing any problems so far. He reported that water has come down roughly around a foot but stated that water is still coming into the lake.

Mr. Gross explained the NDPDES Permit that was reviewed by the board. Manager Anderson made the motion to authorize Chairman Hieb to sign the NDPDES permit. Seconded by Manager Legge. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

**Kathryn Dam:** Chairman Hieb has left messages to get in touch with Mr. Tangen. Mr. Gross reported his office has received a signed revised easement between Mr. Tangen and the ND Game & Fish. He went onto explain now that we have this portion, we can move into the purchase agreement for Mr. Tangen, Mr. Fredricks stated Moore Eng. will get him the legal descriptions to enter into the draft purchase agreement for the permanent easement and email the board a copy. Mr. Gross reported on his call with the COE and the Historical Preservation Office, he said we are making headway trying to tie up loose ends and that possibly by next meeting we could have a couple permits in hand.

**Griggs-Barnes-Stutsman Joint WRD:** Chairman Hieb and Manager Fehr gave a report, they also mentioned the board meetings will now be held in Cooperstown.

The board discussed the email from Matt Lindsay regarding real-time surface water monitoring gages. Mr. Lindsay had contacted Chairman Hieb and asked for geographical maps of Hobart Lake, Sanborn Lake and Ten Mile Lake, the board reviewed these maps to mark possible locations for these gages. After discussion Manager Fehr made the motion to work with the SWC on placement sites, to get real-time monitors for all three lakes. Seconded by Manager Anderson. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

**10 Mile:** Manager Anderson read the email from Paul Abrahamson. Mr. Gross handed out a letter for the board to review, he explained this letter from the WRD to the NRCS stated the District is formally requesting that the NRCS approve the permanent outlet elevation of Ten Mile Lake be set at 1430.00 with an operational component to the Project to allow for a drawdown of the lake to an elevation of 1428.00. Eric Broten was in attendance he asked if there will be a controlled outlet with slow release. Mr. Gross explained that if the NRCS will concur to this elevation and the landowners are willing to move the study forward, those details can be worked out in the Final Design. There was discussion if the 1430 elevation would be a good number for the landowners to want to put money upfront. Mr. Broten thought so, but he can't speak for other landowners. After more discussion Manager Anderson made the motion to sign and send the elevation request letter to NRCS, with 1430 as the permanent elevation and 1428 elevation as a possible operational component. Seconded by Manager Legge. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Broten asked if the twp's need to form a group for petitions, Mr. Fredricks explained how the process works, he will draw up the petitions. Mr. Broten was also given a map of the watershed. He informed the board that the townships have put in an extension request for their emergency drain permit, they are waiting to hear back from SWC. He explained when that is approved and after spring runoff is done the plan is to open that channel and get water moving out of 10 Mile during the emergency drain permit extension. Mr. Gross also explained the 4yr update letter from SWC and suggested submitting a letter requesting an extension of these funds. Manager Legge made the motion to submit the letter requesting a 1 yr. extension for 10 Mile. Seconded by Manager Fehr. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

**VC Little Dam:** Manager Anderson reported that the city of VC had a meeting last Tuesday, Mayor Carlsrud mentioned that a possible joint project seems to be more of an open idea at this point in the future. There was discussion on meeting with the city to discuss options and possible costs.

**BC Dams - WRD Owns:** Mr. Fredricks had nothing new to report from last meeting.

**Eckelson Lake:** Manager Legge reported that water is running naturally, the culverts on the Rogers road are running full right now. Discussion on when to ask NRCS for an elevation on Eckelson Lake, Mr. Gross explained we need to gather the landowner 1026 information first then go from there.

**Sanborn Lake:** Mr. Gross explained the NDPDES Permit that was reviewed. Manager Fehr made the motion to authorize Chairman Hieb to sign and renew the permit. Seconded by Manager Legge. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

## New Business

**Project Planning 2021-2023 biennium:** Mr. Gross handed out the previous biennium project list for the board to review, after discussion Manager Legge made the motion to submit the project planning forms to the SWC less Kathryn Dam. Seconded by Manager Buttke. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

**Clausen Springs Dam:** There was discussion on the agreement between the WRD and Industrial Builders that was circulated for review. Mr. Gross relayed that there is a change of \$5,000 less on one-line item. After discussion Manager Legge made the motion to sign the agreement with Industrial Builders for repairs to Clausen Springs Dam. Seconded by Manager Fehr. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Gross also mentioned that the EAP Update for Clausen Springs should be ready for review and approval at the April meeting.

**Water Pump rental:** Manager Anderson reported that Jeff Differding (VC Public Works) has requested to use the WRD pump to help with water while the new lift station in town is being installed, it is not operational at this point. The board reviewed the rental agreement, there was discussion held. Manager Fehr made a motion to have Secretary Manson send Mr. Differding the agreement to review. The motion failed for lack of a second. Manager Legge made the motion to let the City of VC use the water pump if they so desire, upon the execution of the agreement. Seconded by Manager Fehr. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.


**Engineer Report:** There was discussion on the Thordenskjold Drain assessments, Manager Fehr made the motion to proceed with figuring out the assessment error and continue to work figuring out the correct amounts. Seconded by Manager Legge. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

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

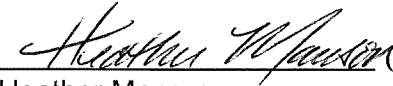
**Bills:** Manager Legge made the motion to pay bills as presented. Seconded by Manager Buttke. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

With nothing further to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVE:

  
Jerry Hieb, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Heather Manson  
Secretary - Treasurer

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