

Barnes County Water Resource District
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Meeting Minutes
December 13th, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Jerry Hieb, Managers – Scott Legge, Bruce Anderson, Bret Fehr, Josh Hassell – Moore Engineering (via phone), Sean Fredricks – Ohnstad Twichell (via phone), Mike Opat – Houston Engineering, Barnes County Commissioner Shawn Olauson (via phone)

ABSENT: Manager Dan Buttke

Also Present: See attached list

Chairman Hieb called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Manager Legge motioned to approve the November 8th, 2021 minutes along with the November 30th, 2021 Ten Mile Lake Public Hearing minutes. Seconded by Manager Fehr. Motion carried; both sets of minutes approved as printed.

OLD BUSINESS

10 Mile Lake: Josh Hassell reported the Public Hearing was held on Nov. 30th and was well attended, he mentioned there were good questions/conversations during and after the meeting. There have been landowners submitting comments regarding their benefit percentages/assessments Josh will continue to document those comments, if the vote does pass, those comments can be discussed at the assessment hearing. Josh Hassell and Sean Fredricks have been working with landowners on updated ballots once the correct documentation has been provided on parcels that have changed ownership. Sean Fredricks recommended the Board avoid any discussion on benefits or assessments, he explained we do not want anything viewed as an effort to manipulate the vote. The Board agreed. Josh H. mentioned that voting closes at 5 p.m. on December 30th, 2021. A copy of the Paul A. report on 10 Mile Lake elevations is on file at the WRD office.

VC Little Dam: Mike Opat reported that the SWC has approved cost share funding for the design phase of the project. He mentioned that the City of VC has specifically asked the WRD to reach out to the BC Commission regarding potential funding. Chairman Hieb and Manager Legge both stated that they feel the City should take the lead beings they want to keep the dam, Manager Anderson stated he feels the WRD should beings the District is the owner of the dam, but be upfront with the City about wanting to remove the dam. After discussion the board agreed to have Mr. Opat reach out to both the City of VC and the BC Commission.

Legal Drain 2 – culvert installation: Mike Opat reported after reviewing the plans and specifications provided, there was testing requirements that were not performed on the Diemert and Offner culvert installations. He explained from a practicality standpoint, a good way to move forward would be to have Klubben Excavating offer an extended warranty period on these two crossings. The two culverts east of the drop structures that go through 112th Ave. SE will be installed next spring/summer, Manager Legge has talked to Stewart Twp. officers regarding this, they are ok with it. Discussion was held on how long of warranty period, the Board and Wade Klubben all agreed on a three-year warranty period. Sean Fredricks along with Mike Opat will work on an agreement to be reviewed at the January meeting. Manager Anderson motioned for Sean Fredricks to draft a three-year warranty agreement and to pay the bill from Klubben Excavating today, withholding \$1,000 to be paid when the warranty agreement is signed. Seconded by Manager Legge. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. Discussion was held on LD2's responsibility regarding the culverts east of the drop structures. Mike O. mentioned based on the map and reviewing ROW documents it shows that LD2 does extend beyond sect 27 to the natural. Discussion was held on Statue regarding the 60%-40% funding with assessment drains, the board agreed that LD2 is responsible for the installation of these two culverts.

NEW BUSINESS

Fingal Dam: This discussion was tabled until the January meeting.

Chairman Hieb handed in a bill from the ND Water Resource District Association for the 2022 Dues, Sean Fredricks explained that the dues help cover expenses incurred when the ND WRD Association helps provide lobbying efforts and legislative advocacy for WRD's, for example working with the Interim Drainage Committee on drainage type issues.

Engineer Report: Mike O. gave a snagging/clearing update, he mentioned that the cost share application has been submitted to SWC, we are waiting on correspondence. Discussion was held on confirming with the BC Commission that the WRD plans to move forward with this. Commissioner Olauson mentioned that this was included in the budget already, he will mention it at the next meeting and let us know if the Commission wants an official letter. In the meantime, Mike O. will coordinate with IBI, the board agreed to continue working south towards Hwy. #46. Manager Anderson motioned to authorize Sean Fredricks to draft an agreement with IBI for snagging/clearing project. Seconded by Manager Fehr. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Mike O. mentioned his discussion with Robert Janish (Binghampton Twp.), he is looking to do sediment maintenance in a natural on his property. Mike O. suggested he looked at SWC website for guidance regarding maintenance, Mr. Janish will do that and work with the COE. Mr. Janish will keep the board updated on progress.

Mike O. then discussed the Water Development Plan, he stated the letters will be coming in January with the forms due in April 2022, he asked the board to think of potential projects. Discussion was held on funding sources, Mike O. discussed the NRCS Regional Conservation Partnership Program, he is going to reach out to see if Meadow Lake or Eckelson Lake would somehow qualify for possible funding.

Chairman Hieb discussed the Upper Sheyenne "pilot study" project, he feels that the Lower Sheyenne could benefit from a similar study, he stated as a County we need to be start pushing for more work to be done in the Lower Sheyenne. Mike O. and Sean F. discussed a similar "pilot study" program with the RRJWRD, Mr. Fredricks explained this is more for conveyance and drainage. Manager Anderson will get in touch with Dan Jacobson to see if the Lower Sheyenne Joint WRD could meet sometime.

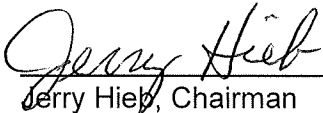
Manager Anderson reported that Hobart Lake is running wide open, one of the testing sites is froze over, the elevation has currently gone down two feet.

Legal Report: Sean Fredricks had nothing new to report.

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

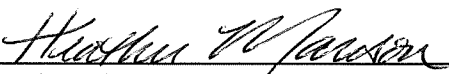
With nothing further to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

APPROVE:



Jerry Hieb, Chairman

ATTEST:



Heather Manson, Secretary - Treasurer

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PLEASE SIGN IN BELOW

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