

Barnes County Water Resource District

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January 13, 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, Commissioner Shawn Olason

Also Present: See attached list

Chairman Hieb called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Manager Anderson made the motion to approve the December 9, 2019 minutes as printed. Seconded by Manager Legge. Motion carried; minutes approved as printed.

Chairman Hieb opened the floor for nominations for Chair. Manager Anderson cast a unanimous nomination for Jerry Hieb to continue as Chair. Seconded by Manager Legge. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. Chairman Hieb then opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chair. Manager Legge nominated Bruce Anderson. Seconded by Manager Fehr. Chairman Hieb called for any other nominations. Manager Legge moved nominations cease, seconded by Manager Fehr. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. Manager Fehr made the motion to have Heather Manson continue as Secretary/Treasurer. Seconded by Manager Anderson. Manager Anderson cast a unanimous ballot, seconded by Manager Fehr. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. Manager Fehr made the motion to leave the portfolios the same as 2019 with no changes. Seconded by Manager Anderson. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. Manager Fehr made the motion to approve the 2020 Meeting Dates schedule. Seconded by Manager Buttke. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. Manager Anderson made the motion to retain Sean Fredricks as legal and Moore Eng. for the year 2020. Seconded by Manager Legge. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Hobart Lake: Manager Anderson reported that he closed the gate $\frac{1}{4}$ of the way on January 8th it is now $\frac{3}{4}$ open. He went onto explain that the water quality testing is being done in two spots due to bad ice conditions around the third testing spot, the state is fine with this. Manager Anderson reported work had been done on the Miller Farms property, ditch cleaning and leveling off spoil piles that was not completed by Excavation Services. Miller Farms is asking the board for reimbursement for the ditch cleaning, this was part of the Hobart Lake Project.

Manager Legge made the motion to reimburse Miller Farms as it is part of the project. Seconded by Manager Fehr. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Kathryn Dam: Mr. Gross reported there is nothing new on the permit part, they are still being reviewed by state and federal agencies. There was discussion on the easements, Mr. Gross suggested to the board setting the same price for each landowner, the board agreed. Manager Legge made the motion to pay each landowner \$8,000 for their easements. Seconded by Manager Anderson. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Fredricks will prepare the purchase agreements.

Chairman Hieb brought up the unsafe conditions along the river, the board agreed there is no need to move forward with snagging/clearing for this year.

Griggs-Barnes-Stutsman Joint WRD: Chairman Hieb reported that board will hold its meetings every third Monday of the month, Sean Fredricks withdrew as legal counsel and the board hired Tami Norgard with Vogel Law Firm.

10 Mile: Mr. Gross gave an update, handed out a map of all the information gathered from the signed 1026 release forms. He is going to meet with Jennifer Heglund, (NRCS) to go over all the information to see what position she is going to take with negotiating an elevation.

VC Little Dam: Mr. Gross reported the SWC extended the cost share agreement to June 30th 2021, the board needs to decide when to meet with the city to discuss. Manager Anderson stated he would visit it to Mayor Carlsrud.

BC Dams - WRD owns: Mr. Fredricks gave a history on this, he will follow up with the state to check the status.

Eckelson Lake: Manager Legge reported that it is flowing well. He had asked the board if there was pressure from landowners to put in a legal drain, would the board consider doing a project? Then asked if the board should start working on getting an elevation for Eckelson Lake? After discussion, the board agreed to have Manager Legge visit with landowners see if he can get some signed 1026 release forms to gather information to begin the process of finding an elevation.

Sanborn Lake: Manager Anderson reported it is flowing good and the road crossing is handling the water well. There was discussion on easements, Don Vig was in and signed his easement. All that remains is one signature, once they sign, we are in position to move forward with the permanent permit process.

Ed Thom Slough: Manager Anderson visited with Amanda D. (NRCS), she wants to meet with the board and Thom's this coming spring to shoot an elevation of the slough. There was discussion if this is a landowner/township project or a WRD project? The board agreed to discuss this in more detail once the elevation is shot and go from there.

The board reviewed the 2020 WRD budget back in November, Manager Legge made the motion to approve the 2020 budget. Seconded by Manager Fehr. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Utility Permit – Cass Co. Electric: Discussion was held, Manager Fehr made the motion to approve the application. Seconded by Manager Legge. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Hieb asked Mike Opat if he had any news from Houston Engineering regarding Sanborn Lake or Ed Thom's situation. Mr. Opat did not have anything to report.

Engineer Report: Mr. Gross had nothing new to report.

Legal Report: Mr. Fredricks mentioned that he has been assisting the BC Commission with language regarding drain tile outlets.

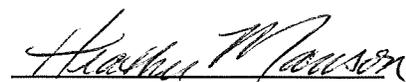
Bills: Manager Legge made the motion to pay bills with the additions discussed. Seconded by Manager Fehr. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

With nothing further to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVE:


Jerry Hieb, Chairman

ATTEST:


Heather Manson
Secretary - Treasurer

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PLEASE SIGN IN BELOW

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BC Comm.

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Ed Thom

Ann Marie Thom

Mike Opat