

**Barnes County Water Resource District
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Valley City, ND 58072
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DRAFT MINUTES

Meeting Minutes

February 10th, 2025 – 9:00 AM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman - Jerry Hieb, Managers - Scott Legge, Perry Schlagel, Bruce Anderson; Shawn Olauson – Barnes County Commissioner.

ABSENT: Managers- Bret Fehr.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mike Opat – Houston Engineering; Sean Fredricks – Ohnstad Twichell; Kale VanBrugen attorney for Les Hansen ; see attached list.

Chairman Hieb called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Manager Legge moved to approve the minutes from the January 22nd, 2025, meeting. Manager Schlagel seconded the motion. Upon voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Manager Anderson moved to approve the bills as presented. Manager Legge seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Legal Drain 2 – Annual Meeting

The Legal Drain 2 “Advisory Committee” was present. Election of officers was held, Scott Legge’s term expired. Shawn Anderson nominated Scott Legge. Seconded by Tim Schwer. All voted in favor for Scott Legge to continue to serve another term. Shawn Anderson moved to approve the 2024 financial report as presented with Scott Legge seconding. Upon voice vote motion carried. Scott Legge informed the advisory board that the first bond payment of \$19,525.08 for the maintenance levy is due in March. Discussion was held on the maintenance plan. In 2024 there was no snow removal done. Scott Legge stated that if there is a need to do snow removal moving forward that a special meeting will be held by the BCWRD for the board to hire a contractor. Cattails were sprayed in the fall with plans to continue to spray in the fall. Scott discussed some culverts that have begun to rust with the plan to address those at a later date. With nothing more to be discussed the regular meeting to continue.

VC Little Dam

No update at this time.

NRCS-RCPP: Ten Mile Lake

No update at this time.

Thordenskjold Drain

Discussion was held on the informational meeting to be held in Nome in March.

More to be discussed at that meeting.

Clausen Springs Dam

Mike informed that they will be holding a kick-off meeting on site in April and wanting to start drilling in May. Wanting to be done by the end of 2025. Trademark informed Mike that they plan on installing the trash rack after the ice melts. Jamie Smith addressed the board to inform them that the two observers of the dam would like to step down from their positions. Jamie stated that she will be recruiting someone from the Highway Department and reaching out to the Kathryn Fire Department. Jamie on behalf of the city of Kathryn asked the board for a letter of support to receive a grant to install emergency sirens in Kathryn. Manager Legge made a motion to have the secretary work with Jamie on a letter of support. Manager Anderson seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Sheyenne River Bank stabilization Study

Mike informed that that the Corp of Engineers provided sample applications for their programs to potentially sponsor and fund a study.

Svea Drain

No update at this time.

Cornell 80 Project

No update at this time.

Sheyenne River Snagging and Clearing

IBI started at highway 46 and is moving North to where they stopped 2 years ago. Once that stretch is complete they will be moving 2 miles downstream from Baldhill Dam and work through that area.

Snow Removal Legal Drain 2

Discussed during the Advisory board meeting.

Hobart Lake

Jamie Smith informed the board that the Highway Department intends to clean out the county's right of way this spring.

Dam Inventory

Mike presented a priority list of the dams in Barnes County to be addressed. Discussion was held regarding the location of these dams and next steps.

NEW BUSINESS

Jamie Smith- Highway Department

Discussion was held during Hobart Lake and Clausen Springs Dam.

Sanborn Lake Outlet

Discussion was held on what steps are to be taken to open the outlet. Mike stated that the secretary received paperwork regarding the stormwater permit from the Department of Environmental. Because the project is complete, the Board directed Secretary-Treasurer Didier to terminate the permit.

Rory Gabel- Tile Issue

Sean Fredricks answered several questions from Mr. Gabel regarding tile applications, under-80 notifications, and complaints.

Engineer Report

Mike had nothing more to report.

Legal Report

Sean gave a brief update on the legislative session.

With nothing more to be discussed the meeting was adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

APPROVED:

By: _____
Jerry Hieb, Chair

ATTEST:

Cara Didier
Secretary-Treasurer

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BC Hwy Dept.

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Legal Drain #2
(Stewart – Anderson Drain)
Annual Meeting
Barnes County Highway Dept. Conference Room
2-10-25

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