

19 February 2014 - Walton Schuler Ditch Co Annual Meeting Minutes.

The meeting was called to order. Due to minutes not being available did not read minutes of previous year.

Unfinished business:

1. Work still in progress at Loren Knittle's place.
2. BHSU Drawing from Randal Fisher were brought in and an update on the designs and work that will start soon as possible in spring. Treasurer David Rossi stated that we still had not received a letter of indemnification for this work. It was stated that this letter could not be legally made but a Memo of Understanding could be made and would be and submitted to the ditch lawyer prior to the work being conducted. Virgil Dobson brought up if the ditch lining will also be straightened back out after the other work is going to be done. John Rombough of BHSU will look into it.
3. Continued work along Meyer Ave cleaning out silt and debris. This work will all continue in spring and need to be done.

Motion to close unfinished business Woody Hayes, second by Russ Crago.

New Business:

Russ Crago brought up that there is a lot of work that now need to be done at the head gate due to storm in October. Dennis Page had gone down to look at it and there is many trees down in the out flow of the gate and will need to be removed.

Kelly Barthel brought up that there is a reshaping of the ditch just on the other side of the ditch will need to be done at some point as well because it is just about filled in and hard to clear debris during ditch turn on.

President Kelly Barthel put to the members in attendance that voting on President Treasurer and board members needed to be done. I was looking to step down as president as I know longer own any property on the ditch and no longer work in Spearfish, and by summer may not even live in Spearfish in more. There were no volunteers to accept the post. I very hesitantly agreed to stay on but only temporarily. David Rossi agreed to stay on as treasurer. The other board members agreed to stay on as well. Almost every person in attendance had in years past acted as president of the ditch.

Woody Hayes did state we will need to look into paying the management of the ditch in order to get people to come forward and accept these posts. It will be taken up by the board in the near future.

It was brought up that we would need to increase the ditch dues to \$100 for the first acre and \$35 for every acre after that. This is due to the amount of work that needs to be done, and having fewer and fewer volunteers helping and so having to pay people to do that work.

Dennis Page motioned to vote on all new business at once due to time constraints to be approved, seconded by Russ Crago and approved by all in attendance. The meeting was adjourned by the President.