TRAILL COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING JULY 18, 2017 ~ HILLSBORO, ND

The District Board convened on this date and came to order at 7:00am at the office of the Traill County Water Resource District in Hillsboro, ND. Managers present were: Andy Neset, Joel Halvorson, Jason Lovas and Gary Thompson with Chairman Jason Siegert presiding. Also present were: Chris Gross, Moore Engineering, Inc., and Robert Boone.

Manager Halvorson moved to accept the **agenda** as amended. Manager Thompson seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Bills: It was moved by Manager Neset and seconded by Manager Lovas to approve payment of the July 12, 2017 – July 18, 2017 bills and the electronic funds transfers, as presented. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held on **legislation issues** and the recent development of **funding water projects**. The State Water Commission staff has removed WRD cost-share funding requests from the General Water Management bucket to the flood control bucket which means that WRD's will now have to compete for cost-share in the flood control pot of funds, dollars already accounted for. Our attorney Sean Fredricks will be meeting with several state Senators to discuss these water project funding matters further and will keep us informed of the outcome of the discussion.

Mike Staber, American Enterprises, met with the Board this morning to discuss jobs that he is recently working on with the water board in Traill County. Snagging & clearing issues were talked about.

Joel Halvorson mentioned areas in several legal drains that are in need of cleaning. After further discussion, Manager Halvorson moved to direct American Enterprises to **remove and grind trees** at the exit end of a culvert in the **NE** ¼ **of Section 21 of Greenfield Township** in the Greenfield-Bohnsack **Drain 57A**. Manager Lovas seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Manager Lovas moved to direct American Enterprises to clean the Red Owl Drain 55 in the SW ¼ of Section 29 of Blanchard Township. Manager Neset seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Manager Lovas moved to direct American Enterprises to **clean** along the Mayville Airport road in **Section 7 of Mayville Township in the S. Mayville Drain No. 9.** Manager Neset seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Having no further discussion, Chairman Siegert closed the meeting at 8:00am.

Jason Siegert, Chairman

Nettie Johnson, Secretary

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Mayville-Blanchard Drain No. 39

At 8:00a.m. Chairman Siegert opened the Mayville-Blanchard Drain No. 39 Reassessment Hearing.

Land patrons present were: Wayne Koenig (Dalrymple Farms), and Wayne Garrett.

Chris Gross provided maps showing the existing assessment district area and benefits, the watershed area of each drain facility, and the land use along with the land productivity index.

Mr. Gross asked the land patrons for comments on the boundary and benefit areas:

Wayne Koenig:

Section 11, NE 1/4 - Drain outlet needs cleaning, not enough benefit

Section 12, West ½ - Gets no benefit

Wayne Garrett:

Section 2 – Needs cleaning

Hearing no further comments Chairman Siegert closed the meeting at 8:30a.m.

Jason Siegert, Chairman

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Roseville Drain No. 19

At 8:30a.m. Chairman Siegert opened the Roseville Drain No. 19 Reassessment Hearing.

Land patrons present were: Curtiss Hovde, Pete Haugen, Steve Fugelberg, Don Thuen, Sheila Anderson, Shawn Knudson, Clint Koppang, Eric Knudsvig, and Jon Chandler.

Chris Gross provided maps showing the existing assessment district area and benefits, the watershed area of each drain facility, and the land use along with the land productivity index.

Mr. Gross asked the land patrons for comments on the boundary and benefit areas:

Ross Fugelberg (by letter): Parcel#: 22-0000-03566-010. E ½ S ¼ S ½ S ½ NE ¼ less pt parcel #7 10-146-56 consists of approximately 97.23 acres. "This land is located in the part of the district that is assessed at 75%. He is requesting that his land be excluded from the assessment district. The reason for this is that none of the water (surface or subsurface) flows into Drain #19. He installed drain tile in this land several years ago and originally wanted it to flow into Drain #19, but the elevation would not allow for it so he had to take it to a different outlet that is not part of the assessment. Also, due to the elevation of the land, he does not believe that Drain #19 provides flood protection. If there are verifiable facts that prove that his land does somehow benefit from Drain #19 that he is not aware of, he would like to learn about them and hope that the water board would at least consider reducing his assessment percentage benefit accordingly". (This letter can be found in the office of the Secretary).

Shawn Knudson: SE ¼, Section 34 – Losing 20-30 acres every year due to standing water.

Water won't flow through township road. He is assessed 100%, but gets no benefit, just damages. Would like to see a deduction in percentage benefit as he feels he is being hurt by Drain #19. He would like to see a

bigger culvert installed between Sections 34 & 27.

Sheila Anderson: W ½, Section 3 – Had questions on what benefits she's receiving from

Drain #19.

Don Thuen: NW ¼, Section 17 – His assessment changed in 2015.

Steve Fugelberg: S ½, Sections 17 & 18 – Water can't get to the drain, goes south instead.

He's too far away to get any protection. No benefit.

Section 15, W $\frac{1}{2}$ - Water overflows the drain and goes into the fields.

He would like to see the intercept culverts capped.

Section 10, E $\frac{1}{2}$ - Feels 75% is too high. Water does not get to the drain. No benefit.

Sections 4 & 9 – No comment.

Pete Haugen:

Section 10, SW ¼, North side – Gets no benefit. Water can't get to the

drain.

Jon Chandler:

Section 27, S ½, East side – Holding pond. 20 acres and another 30 acres

under water a day or two after it rains. He would like his benefit

percentage reduced.

Curtiss Hovde:

Section 7, SW 1/4 - He would like to see culverts installed in the

intersection between Sections 7 & 8. He questioned his benefit.

Eric Knudsvig:

Section 32, E ½ - No culverts go east there. Sandy soil. Very seldom sees

water standing.

Hearing no further comments Chairman Siegert closed the meeting at 9:10a.m.

Jason Siegert, Chairman

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Murray Drain No. 17

At 9:30a.m. Chairman Siegert opened the Murray Drain No. 17 Reassessment Hearing.

Land patrons present were: Eric Knudsvig, Wayne Garrett, Randy Rust, and Dallas Boedekker.

Chris Gross provided maps showing the existing assessment district area and benefits, the watershed area of each drain facility, and the land use along with the land productivity index.

Mr. Gross asked the land patrons for comments on the boundary and benefit areas:

Eric Knudsvig:

Section 32, E 1/2 - Questioned overlap with the Blanchard-Norman Drain

23-40.

Section 32, North end – Intercept culvert should be placed on the quarter

line.

Wayne Garrett:

Section 26, SE ¹/₄ - Would like to see intercept culverts installed.

Randy Rust:

Section 31, SE ¼ & Section 32, SW ¼ - Had questions regarding

reconstruction.

Dallas Boedekker:

No comment.

Hearing no further comments Chairman Siegert closed the meeting at 9:50a.m.

Jason Siegert, Chairman

The District Board convened on this date and came to order at 10:30am originating at the office of the Traill County Water Resource District. Managers present were: Halvorson, Neset, Thompson and Lovas with Chairman Siegert presiding. Also present were: Chris Gross of Moore Engineering, Inc. and Robert Boone.

S. Mayville Drain No. 9-18-29 (S. Mayville 9, Hanson 18, Miller 29)

At 10:30a.m. Chairman Siegert opened the S. Mayville Drain No. 9-18-29 Reassessment Hearing.

Land patrons present were: Dan Gadberry, Ron Gadberry, Gregg Kaldor, James Skarperud, Arlen Hefta, Wayne Garrett, Stephanie Dale, David Peterson, Luke Peterson, Clarence Klabo, Steve Fugelberg, Joanne Munson, and Eileen Hillesland.

Chris Gross provided maps showing the existing assessment district area and benefits, the watershed area of each drain facility, and the land use along with the land productivity index.

Mr. Gross asked the land patrons for comments on the boundary and benefit areas:

Ilene Hillesland:

Section 1, S ½ - Questions on blockages in Drain No. 9.

Steve Fugelberg:

Section 12 – A lot of cattails. Needs cleaning.

David & Luke Peterson:

Section 2, NE ¼ - Water drains north. There is an apparent discrepancy where the water flows into the city. A pump station pumps the water in that direction. There is a blocked natural drain there. The water board is working on this issue with the City of Portland Maintenance Department.

Clarence Klabo:

Section 2, S ½ - West 100 acres goes north, the rest goes east.

Jim Skarperud:

Section 15, N ½ & Section 16, NW ¼ - Questions on where the

maintenance dollars are spent.

Gary Kaldor:

Section 19 (entire section) – 20 acres in the N $\frac{1}{2}$ flows north, not into the Hanson Drain 18. 120 acres in the N ½ of Section 19 utilizes the outlet. He would like to see a reduction in benefit

percentage.

Ron & Dean Gadberry:

Section 25, NE ¼ - Questioned how benefits are determined.

Hearing no further comments Chairman Siegert closed the meeting at 11:15a.m.

Jason Siegert, Chairman