

**TRAILL COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 15, 2017 ~ HILLSBORO, ND**

The District Board convened on this date and came to order at 7:00am at the office of the Trill 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 Lovas moved to accept the **agenda** as amended. Manager Halvorson seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Manager Lovas moved to approve the August 1st and August 3rd, 2017 **meeting minutes** as presented. Manager Neset seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Bills: It was moved by Manager Neset and seconded by Manager Halvorson to approve payment of the August 2nd – 15th, 2017 bills and the electronic funds transfers, as presented. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Brady Woodard, Moore Engineering, Inc., presented an existing cross sections graph and a legend with geotagged photos for the **Murray Drain No. 17 cleanout** that is currently taking place. The County Commissioners contacted Jason Siegert with concerns about said cleanout. Jason, Andy, Brady and Chris Gross will be meeting with the Commissioners this morning to explain the purpose for the cleanout and address any concerns they may have.

Dave Knudsvig and Ray Leddige met with the Board this morning to discuss the **lowering of a culvert** in the **Buxton Drain No. 68**. There is an apparent hump at this culvert that will need repairing in order for the culvert to perform correctly. The Board discussed options including the additional costs to fix this problem. Chris Gross said that there will most likely be added costs, but the work will have to be done outside of Adelman's contract. Brady told the Board that he will speak to Ross Johnson, Agassiz Drainage to stay out of the drain until the work is complete. In conclusion the Board will have the culvert set at three tenths off of the bottom of the drain.

With an Adelman representative in attendance, Chris Gross relayed updates for the **Buxton 68 Drain project**. He said that there are several areas where the rain has created wash-outs in the drain and has destroyed the seeding that was done in those places. These areas will need to be repaired. Warranty issues were talked about.

Chad Hanson, Chad's Excavation, Inc. met with the Board to discuss the **2017 mowing of the drains**. The Board will be putting together a priority list for the drains that need mowing and will also consider hiring a contractor to spray the drains as well. A list of drains will be compiled at our drain tour next week. Brady Woodard gave the Board a reference for a contractor and an estimate sheet for the spraying of the drains. After further discussion, Manager Lovas moved to direct Moore Engineering, Inc. to inspect trees in our legal drains in need of spraying and put together a cost estimate and mapping for the Board to review and consider. Manager Halvorson seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Wayne Larson, Darrell Larson, Trevor Larson, and Ken Knutson were here to continue conversation on **possible re-routing of the outlet on the Stavanger-Belmont Drain No. 52**. Contractor Jim Viele was also in attendance. Tree removal and land swap issues were talked about. Chris Gross presented a description of changes to the present work being done on Drain No. 52. After further discussion, Manager Lovas motioned to move the Larson crossing to the west 500 feet and to approve the change order #1 in the amount of \$2,400.00. Manager Neset seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. The net change to the contract price will be in the amount of \$104,196.00. Justification: The channel improvement will improve Drain No. 52 conveyance to the Buffalo Coulee outlet. Manager Siegert moved to initiate a change order in the amount of \$104,196.00. Manager Lovas seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Manager Lovas moved to approve the **Stavanger-Belmont Drain No. 52** Contractor's Application for **Payment No. 1** payable to JAV Construction in the amount of \$187,375.50. Manager Neset seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

The Board discussed **concerns** by landowner **Amy Anderson of Reynolds** who is worried the **Drain No. 52 Project** may affect her farmstead negatively next spring. She indicated that she would like to see a cutout at the half mile mark so that it's lower on the south side. Brady Woodard indicated that he spoke to Mrs. Anderson and Kelly Fox. In conclusion, it was determined it would be in their best interest to keep the existing elevation as is and not raise the berm any higher. Per Brady, there should not be any problems in the spring. Brady added that both Amy Anderson and Kelly Fox are satisfied with Brady's comments and answers to their concerns.

At 8:50 am, Jason Siegert, Andy Neset, and Chris Gross and Brady Woodard of Moore Engineering, Inc. left the meeting to meet with the County Commissioners regarding the Murray Drain No. 17 Project.

Discussion was held on the status of the **Thoreson Drain 64 Project**. Bob Boone stated that the Project is complete, but the seeding is yet to be established. The Board received an estimate from Chad's Excavation for the tiling of the bottom of the drain for \$6,215.00 (labor only). The cost of the tile will be an additional cost. Bob Boone stated that once we receive the final utility invoice from Breidenbach Excavating, he can determine if the installation of the drain tile can be afforded or not.

At 9:10am, Siegert, Neset, Gross and Woodard returned to the meeting.

Dennis Peterson was here this morning to ask questions about a **complaint** placed against him by **Larry Thompson** of Hillsboro. The Board explained that Mr. Peterson is being accused of changing the water flow of the natural flow of the water in the N ½ of Section 16 of Bohnsack Township. The Board told Mr. Peterson that he is required to apply for a surface drainage permit if he alters the flow of water and to send it to the State Engineer's Office for their review. When the WRD receives it back from the State, the Board will make their decision and act on it.

Corey Martin, Trail County Highway Superintendent, met with the Board to go over county road and bridge issues with the Board. Corey told the Board that the County Highway Department has plans of paving the road that runs next to our **Hillsboro Drain No. 26, in 2020**. Jason Siegert mentioned he would like to see Drain No. 26 cleaned at the same time to bring it back to its original slope. A permit will be necessary if there isn't one in place. After further discussion, Manager Lovas moved to direct Moore Engineering, Inc. to prepare a cost-estimate for a **possible reconstruction to the outlet** of the Hillsboro Drain No. 26 and bring to the Board for their review and approval. Manager Thompson seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Chris Gross informed the Board that the **Carson Drain No. 10 Project** may be complete in a few weeks. The bridge on the county road will be replaced this week. Right of way issues were discussed. The contractor has requested an extension to be moved ahead to September 1st, 2017 with a completion date of September 22nd, 2017. Manager Thompson moved to allow the extension requested by the contractor and to have a change order drafted. Manager Neset seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

The status of the new **Camrud Drain No. 79 Project** was talked about. The Board is awaiting an answer from the State Water Commission on whether or not they will provide cost-share for said Project. No preliminary engineering will be executed until we hear back from the SWC. If cost-share will not be provided by the SWC, the Board will work with the petitioners on other options to building this drain.

Mayville Airport easement and abstract issues were revisited. Andy Neset told the Board that the Airport representative has signed off on the quick claim deed. The Board will wait for the documentation from the Airport before moving on.

Chris Gross provided an Engineer's Opinion of Probable Cost for the **Norway Drain No. 38** Channel Improvement Project reflecting a total cost of \$172,000.00. A copy of this document can be found in the Secretary's office files. Bids were received from three contractors and are as follows:

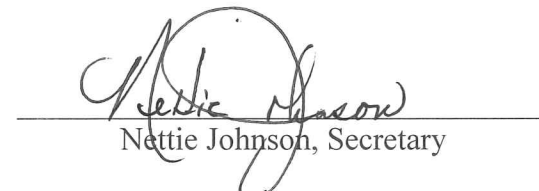
JAV Construction	\$133,511.00
H & S Contracting	\$129,167.25
Comstock Construction	\$125,800.00

Manager Lovas moved to accept the lowest bid from Comstock Construction contingent on receiving a cost-share agreement from the State Water Commission.

Bob Boone told the Board that he looked at the **Red Owl Drain No. 55** and found that it contains a large number of **cattails**. This will be added to the mowing and/or spraying list after it is looked at on our drain tour next week.

Having no further topics to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 11:00am without objection.



Jason Siegert, Chairman

Nettie Johnson, Secretary