

**TRAILL COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT  
RECURRENT MEETING  
JUNE 19, 2018 ~ 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: Gary Thompson, Andy Neset, and Jason Lovas with Chairman Jason Siegert presiding. Joel Halvorson was absent. Also present was: Engineer Chris Gross, Moore Engineering, Inc.

**AGENDA**

Manager Lovas moved to accept the agenda. Manager Thompson seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

**MINUTES**

Manager Lovas moved to approve the June 5, 2018 meeting minutes as presented. Manager Neset seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

**FINANCIAL**

It was moved by Manager Neset and seconded by Manager Halvorson to approve payment of the June 6 – June 19, 2018 bills to include check # 15164 payable to Moore Engineering, Inc. and the electronic funds transfers, as presented. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

**DRAIN BUSINESS**

Discussion on the **Kelso weir box** was revisited from June 5<sup>th</sup>. The town of Kelso is saying that they believe the weir box is causing the flooding problems there. Minutes from 1998 reflect that the TCWRD did indeed install the box but no mention was made about who actually owns it. Jason Siegert will meet with Corey Martin, Road Superintendent, and the County Commissioners to discuss how to remedy the problem in Kelso.

Jason Siegert left the meeting at 8:00am and returned at 8:40am.

Mr. Siegert said that after discussing it with Martin and the Commissioners, it was agreed by all that the O & M of the weir box should be given to the County. After further discussion, Manager Lovas moved to hold no objection to giving up any responsibility in the future for the weir box and to ask the County to take over operating and maintaining it. Manager Thompson seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Jason Siegert told the Board that he met with Kevin Sondrol, and Wayne and Darrell Larson to investigate **drainage problems** along County Road 25 and **Grand Forks County WRD Drain No. 27A**. There was more water than the drain can handle in Drain 27A and was moving water east along the south side of County Road 25 where it flooded farmland. Mr. Siegert stated that he will meet with the Grand Forks County WRD to discuss the problem.

Discussion was held on the status of the **Buxton Drain No. 68 washout and culvert work** between Sections 22 and 23 of Buxton Township. Chris Gross informed the Board that Comstock Construction has completed the culvert washout repairs.

Updates were given on the **Stavanger-Belmont Drain No. 52 project**. Chris Gross provided an inspection report which revealed that approximately 85% of the warranty items are minor issues. Chris recommended telling the contractor (JAV Construction) to finish the work by a determined date. Concerns about ice and snow damaging the culverts in this drain were talked about. The Board discussed several options to address this problem. A flat, cement head wall to protect the culverts was considered. After further discussion, Manager Lovas moved to approve a change order to the existing contract to construct a head wall on a culvert located at 17<sup>th</sup> St NE between Sections 5 and 8 at the culvert crossing, not to exceed \$15,000.00. If the work exceeds agreed amount, Chris Gross will let the Board know. Manager Neset seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

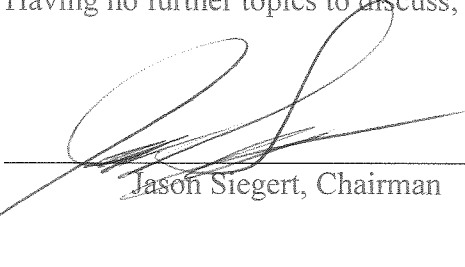
Chris Gross told the Board that sheet piling for the **Norway Drain No. 38** project has been completed and the contractor (Comstock Construction) will be wrapping up the channel this week.

Jason Siegert informed the Board that he has spoken to the **Paulson Drain No. 7** land patrons and the cleaning of 2 miles of the drain will commence in about 2 weeks.

Updates were provided for the **Blanchard-Norman Drain 23-40 drop structure** work. American Enterprises has inspected the drop structure (near Randy Kylo's). Culvert issues were talked about. Chris Gross provided alignment options for the Board to review. After further discussion, Manager Lovas moved to direct Chris Gross to prepare the plans for said project and allow the survey crew to begin surveying today. Manager Neset seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. The proposed project will end at 155<sup>th</sup> Ave SE. A letter has been sent to the Chairmen of the Blanchard and Norman Township advising them to close their roads until the improvements can be made.

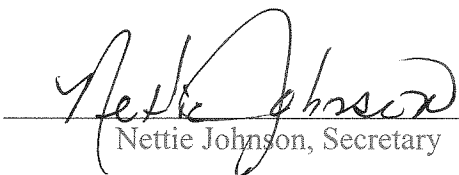
The Board discussed the status of the **spraying of the legal drains**. Chris Gross provided a map of the drains that have been inspected and are in need of spraying cattails and trees. Manager Lovas moved to accept the drains that are to be sprayed by Dakota Helicopters. Manager Neset seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. Attorney Fredricks has drafted an agreement to be signed by Dakota Helicopters and the Water Board.

Having no further topics to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 10:40am without objection.



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Jason Siegert, Chairman



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Nettie Johnson, Secretary