

**TRAILL COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
RECURRENT MEETING
SEPTEMBER 18, 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, Joel Halvorson, Jason Lovas and Andy Neset, with Chairman Jason Siegert presiding. Also present was: Chris Gross, Engineer for the Board.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Manager Thompson moved to approve the September 4, 2018 meeting minutes as presented. Manager Halvorson 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 September 5 – September 18, 2018 bills and the electronic funds transfers, as presented. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

DRAIN BUSINESS

Updates were given on the following drains:

Snagging & Clearing:

Gary Thompson spoke about a Water Topics Committee meeting that is being held on September 26th that he will be speaking at involving flood control projects. He told the Board that he thinks it would be a good idea to provide photos of the rivers we maintain for the Committee to see the importance and necessity of snagging and clearing. The Board directed the Secretary to forward the most recent photos of the snagging and clearing of the Goose River to Claire Ness, Legislative Council for the Committee, for presentation during the public comment period. The same will be asked of the Traill County Highway Department who agrees that maintaining the rivers is important to protect the county's bridges, culverts and roads.

Stavanger-Belmont Drain No. 52:

Contractor Jim Viele of JAV Construction will be commencing the repairs to the headwall soon.

Murray Drain No. 17:

Chris Gross informed the Board that the seeding was completed last week and once the seeding has been established this project can be deemed complete. The budget and balance of the project costs were discussed.

Paulson Drain No. 7

Jason Siegert reiterated that he is waiting for contractor Jim Viele of JAV Construction, to provide the Board with an estimate for the cleanout of the drain.

Hillsboro Drain No. 26:

Chris Gross told the Board that he is waiting on legal documentation which will be sent to the Fossum's and west landowners. Discussion was held on an electrical box that was installed by Nodak Rural Electric that should be moved. Chris noted that it should be moved at least 20 feet to the west and that the cost would be approximately \$8,500.00. The Board contended that it would be difficult for the budget to support this. An option would be for the County Highway Department to excavate around it. The Board held discussion on an approach and decided to move it south with a minimum of 40 feet on top. Chris will have updates for the Board at our next meeting.

Blanchard-Norman Drain 23-40:

Chris Gross went over the project development with the Board. Options for improving the channel were talked about. Hearings will be held this fall with landowners to obtain input and opinions on the proposed project. Chris will have a full set of plans to review at our next meeting.

N. Mayville Drain No. 8:

Glenn Johnson met with the Board this morning to talk about a problem he is having with water sitting in a corner of his field next to a county road on the north side of Section 23, Lindaas Township. Mr. Johnson said that this is causing a buildup of alkali and weeds. The Board suggested installing an 18" culvert to alleviate the problem. Mr. Johnson said he will continue to work with the County Highway Department on this issue. The Board holds no objections to him cleaning the ditch and draining into the N. Mayville Drain No. 8.

Managers Siegert and Neset left the meeting at 8:40am to meet with the County Commissioners in regard to the proposed Blanchard-Norman 23-40 improvement project. Vice-chair Lovas presided over the meeting.

Kelso Floodway:

Discussion was revisited on the Kelso Floodway and the problems with the water not getting through due to a buildup of cattails. Manager Lovas moved to accept Contractor Andy Grothman's bid of \$3,000.00 to clean out the Kelso Floodway in Section 21 of Kelso Township after the crops are taken off. Manager Neset seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Holmen Drain No. 43:

Chris Gross and Contractor Rod Flaten are working together on the repair of two drop structures in the SE ¼ of Section 27. Thompson reiterated that the contractor will provide the Board with an estimate prior to performing the work. Mr. Flaten will forward the estimate to our office as soon as he is able.

Managers Siegert and Neset returned to the meeting at 9:20am.

Greenfield-Bohnsack Drain 57A Extension (Halvorson Drain):

Chris Gross told the Board that the application for surface drainage has been prepared to be sent to the State Engineer's office for their review and approval. Manager Lovas moved to direct Moore Engineering, Inc. to submit the application to the State Engineer's office on the Board's behalf. Roll call taken: Neset-yea, Thompson-yea, Lovas-yea, Siegert-yea, Halvorson-abstained. Motion carried.

PERMITS AND COMPLAINTS

Discussion was held on the pending permits and drainage complaints.

OTHER BUSINESS

Corey Martin, Traill County Highway Superintendent, met with the Board to go over county road and bridge issues with the Board.

Drain Spraying:

Chris Gross informed the Board that there are 3 drains that remain to be sprayed and they should be completed this week.


Goose River:


Gary Thompson told the Board that he had spoken to someone who said that he witnessed Waste Management dumping possible chemical liquids into Goose River near the Mayville-Portland Park recently. Gary added that he has spoken to Commissioner Larry Young who indicated he will look into the matter.

2017 Audit Report:

At 9:30am, Brian Opsdahl with Brady Martz & Associates, met with the Board to review and discuss the 2017 Audit Report and 2017 Management Report. After discussion and careful consideration, Manager Lovas moved to approve both reports. Manager Thompson seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Having no further topics to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 10:50am without objection.



Jason Siegert, Chairman

Nettie Johnson, Secretary