

**TRAILL COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
RECURRENT MEETING
JULY 16, 2019 ~ 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: Joel Halvorson, Gary Thompson, and Andy Neset with Jason Siegert presiding as Chairman. Those absent: Jason Lovas. Also present was: Chris Gross, Moore Engineering, Inc.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Manager Halvorson moved to approve the July 2, 2019 recurrent 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 July 3 ~ 16, 2019 bills and the electronic funds transfers, as presented. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

DRAIN BUSINESS

Proposed Grand Forks WRD/Traill County Line Project:

(No new updates) Discussion was revisited on the status of the JPA (Joint Powers Agreement) between Grand Forks and Traill County. Sean Fredricks told the Board that he has been in contact with Grand Forks WRD attorney Dan Gaustad regarding this and will keep us informed of the status.

Proposed Thompson Drain No. 72:

Discussion was revisited on the JAP (Joint Powers Agreement) between the Traill and Grand Forks WRDs. Sean Fredricks, Traill County Attorney, asked Grand Forks Attorney Dan Gaustad to take a look at the draft JPA several weeks ago and let him know if he had any thoughts or concerns. At this time, Mr. Gaustad has not replied due to a federal case he is involved with. Chris Gross suggested that Gary Thompson speak with Rich Axvig, Grand Forks WRD and inform him of the importance of having the JPA in place so that a cost-share request can be submitted to the State Water Commission before their December 2019 meeting. Chris said he will speak to Sean Fredricks about working with Dan Gaustad to get this done in a timely manner.

Proposed Camrud Drain No. 79:

Chris Gross said that his office continues to be in contact with drain petitioner Chris Hong on preliminary engineering issues. For the Board's review, Chris Gross presented maps of the assessment areas for the Belmont-Stavanger Drain 52 and the proposed Camrud Drain 79 which overlaps into Drain 52. Sean Fredricks will have the Resolution Setting a Public Hearing prepared for the Board to review and approve at our August 6th meeting.

Snagging & Clearing:

Jason Siegert told the Board that he has had several calls from landowners concerned about the debris building up in the Buffalo Coulee. The Board rehashed conversation about the County Commissioners being adamant in allowing the water board to initiate any more snagging and clearing projects. The Board managers all agree it's extremely important to keep the rivers clear of any debris for the purpose of protecting infrastructure. Public hearings for the Goose and Elm Rivers and the Buffalo Coulee will be held in early 2020 to stress the importance of these projects to land patrons.

Stavanger-Belmont Drain No. 52:

Chris Gross stated that he would like to see a culvert crossing in place for this drain before harvest. Jim Viele, JAV Construction, told the Board that he anticipates the work on the headwall to be started in approximately 3 weeks. He revealed his concerns about how much rain has fallen and his inability to complete any other projects on time.

Jason Siegert reminded the Board that Rick Camrud approached him about washouts on his land due to last winter's snow melt in the SE ¼ of Section 17 of Stavanger Township. Jason said he will be looking at the damage and will bring his findings back to the Board for recommendations on how to repair the area.

Mayville Airport (S. Mayville Drain No. 9):

(No new updates). Ohnstad Twichell, P.C., is working on concluding this issue.

Hillsboro Drain No. 26:

(No new updates). The culverts for the outlet and approach have been ordered and the bond is yet to be set for the work.

Blanchard-Norman Drain No. 23-40:

Discussion continued on what options are viable for this drain to function properly. Chris Gross said he will be preparing a cost estimate for 2.5 miles of channel improvements to include one road crossing and one drop structure.

Nelson Drain No. 28:

Discussion continued on a non-formal complaint by Tom McNamee regarding a culvert that Dalrymple Farms installed that is too small and is causing water to go over a township road in Hillsboro Township. Mr. Gross provided a map showing the peak storage area involving 60 – 80 acres and added that his office analyzed drone data by Jason Lovas and said that flow data is very close. The Board all agreed that another 36" culvert would help alleviate the problem.

Paulson Drain No. 7:

(No new updates) The Board was informed that the Surface Drainage Permit Application was submitted to the ND SWC for their review on May 10, 2019. Upon a recent request made to the OSE for the status of this permit, they replied that they have not yet processed the application due to their current backlog of reviews. Matt Lindsay said that it was brought it to Kelsey's attention, and she will do what she can to work it into her current workload.

McCoy-McCradie Drain 4-14:

Chris Gross said that the Hearing to open bid packets submitted by 5 contractors will be done this Friday July 19th at 10:00am in his office. A special meeting may be called to award the contract to the lowest bidder.

Norway Drain No. 38:

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Buxton Drain No. 68:

Jason Siegert told the Board that there are washout issues next to the railroad in Section 23 of Buxton Township. He asked Chris Gross to have Brady Woodard of Moore Engineering work with the complainant Dave Knudsvig on this issue.

Mowing and Spraying of Drains:

Chris Gross provided a price sheet reflecting the costs to spray the drains for a total of \$17,811.07. The spraying will commence sometime in August.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Secretary-Treasurer Johnson presented the semi-annual reports for the Pledges of Assets and Journal Entries. Manager Thompson moved to approve the reports as displayed. Manager Neset seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Having no further topics to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:00am without objection.



Jason Siegert, Chairman

Nettie Johnson, Secretary