

**Trail County Water Resource District  
January 6, 2026 – 8:00 a.m.**

The Traill County Water Resource District met on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, at 8:00 a.m. at its office in Hillsboro, ND. Present were Chairman Jason Siegert, and Water Managers Joel Halvorson, Jason Lovas, Andy Neset and Gary Thompson. Nathan Trosen and Andrew Smith, the Board's engineers; and Jessica Spaeth, Secretary-Treasurer, were also in attendance. Corwyn Martin, Traill County Highway Department, was present for a portion of the meeting.

**Agenda**

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

**Minutes**

Manager Halvorson moved to approve the minutes of the Board's meeting on December 16. Manager Thompson seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

**Bills**

Manager Neset moved to approve payment of the bills and electronic fund transfers as presented in the check detail report. Manager Lovas seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Manager Neset moved to approve the December bank statements and general journal entries as presented. Manager Lovas seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

**Elm River Joint WRD Project Update**

Final cost share reimbursement requests will be sent to Red River Joint WRD and Cass County Flood Sales Tax Committee.

**Traill County Bridges**

Murray Drain No. 17 - Bridge Nos. 223, 292, and 304 improvements. Corwyn Martin provided 2026 rates for excavation, materials, and equipment for bridge projects. The Board directed Moore to work with Traill County to determine cost and cost share amounts.

**Hatton Drain No. 45**

Some culverts sustained damage and will be repaired in 2026 by Naastad Bros. Inc.

**Miller Drain No. 29 -- Upper Outlet Structure Repair Project**

The upper outlet structure repair has been completed, except for seeding, which will be completed in Spring 2026. There was discussion regarding snow fence installation around the newly constructed drop structure and re-grading road slope with excess material. Andrew Smith reviewed a quote from TrueNorth Steel for a trash rack. Manager Neset moved to approve and authorize Chairman Siegert to sign the quote from TrueNorth Steel in the amount of \$9,653.34. Manager Thompson seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, Managers Halvorson, Neset, Thompson, and Siegert voted in favor; Manager Lovas voted opposed. Motion carried.

### **Morgan Drain No. 36**

The 40' x 84" culvert replacement has been completed. Ms. Spaeth to contact Glenn Johnson for reimbursement for KRB, Inc. invoice for the culvert installation.

### **Murray Drain No. 17**

Corwyn Martin provided 2026 rates for excavation, materials, and equipment for bridge projects. The Board directed Moore to work with Traill County to determine cost and cost share amounts for Bridge Nos. 223, 292, and 304.

### **Nelson Drain No. 28**

Mr. Trosen reported that the purchase agreement with Susan Bell for acquisition of the necessary right-of-way for Bridge 55 has been sent and is awaiting signatures.

The Board previously directed Moore to reach out to the grant administrator of the North Dakota Department of Agriculture's Agriculture Infrastructure Grant Program to determine if it would be reasonable for the District to apply for funds for the Bridge No. 55 repair project. Mr. Trosen reported that the application for Bridge No. 55 will be submitted soon.

### **N. Mayville Drain No. 8**

Civil Specialties, Inc. continues to remove trees along the entire length of the drain.

### **S. Mayville Drain No 9-18-29**

Ms. Spaeth will send a copy of the approved NDDOT permit and an invoice to Mr. Garrett for engineering costs incurred on the permit.

### **Roseville Drain No. 19**

Mr. Smith reviewed maps showing preliminary results of the benefit estimations and made notations of the Board's feedback regarding benefit determination.

### **Complaints**

Hoplin/Overmoen/Bakkum/McInnes Complaint - Moore has forwarded the Complaint for Water-Related Issues Investigation Report to the attorney for the McLaughlins and requested that they attend the Board's January 20<sup>th</sup> meeting to discuss. The Board will also invite the complaining parties.

### **Surface Drain Permit No. 6710 – Neil Breidenbach**

The Board will keep this matter, and Dacotah Bank's Complaint, on its meeting agendas and will otherwise maintain contact with the parties to monitor Mr. Breidenbach's ability to satisfy the conditions of the permit. Chairman Siegert to contact Mr. Breidenbach for a status update.

Koenig Lawsuit - There was no update on the lawsuit filed by La Verne Koenig related to the obstruction complaint proceedings in 2017 and 2018.

### **2026 Engineering Rates**

Moore Engineering's rates will be available at a future meeting.

**Reorganization / Officer Elections**

Manager Thompson moved to retain the current board organization. Manager Halvorson seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Manager Thompson moved to appoint Andy Naset to the Elm River Joint WRD with Jason Siegert as alternate. Manager Halvorson seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Manager Thompson moved to appoint Manager Naset to the Red River Joint WRD with Gary Thompson as alternate. Manager Halvorson seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Manager Thompson moved to appoint Jason Siegert (as Chairman), Andy Naset, and Gary Thompson to the Grand Forks-Traill Joint WRD. Manager Halvorson seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

**Approve Depositories of Public Funds**

Manager Lovas moved to approve Dakota Heritage Bank, Goose River Bank, and First State Bank as depositories of public funds for the District. Manager Naset seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

**Approve Pledge of Assets List**

Manager Lovas moved to approve the pledge of assets list as presented. Manager Naset seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

APPROVE:

Jason Siegert, Chair

ATTEST:

Jessica Spaeth, Secretary-Treasurer