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Traill County Water Resource District.*

**Traill County Water Resource District  
March 3, 2026 – 8:00 a.m.**

The Traill County Water Resource District met on Tuesday, March 3, 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; Sean Fredricks, the Board's attorney; 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 amended. Manager Halvorson seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

**Minutes**

Manager Thompson moved to approve the minutes of the Board's meeting on February 17. Manager Halvorson 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 Halvorson seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

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

**Elm River Joint WRD Project Update**

The Elm River Joint WRD will meet at 8:30 a.m. on March 17.

**Traill County Bridges**

Nathan Trosen reported that the culvert materials for Murray Drain No. 17 Bridge Nos. 223, 292, and 304 have been ordered. Moore Engineering will coordinate culvert material delivery.

**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**

Mr. Trosen reported that the trash rack has been ordered. Moore Engineering will coordinate delivery and installation with KRB Gravel, Inc.

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

Nathan Trosen reported that the culvert materials for Murray Drain No. 17 Bridge Nos. 223, 292, and 304 have been ordered. Moore Engineering will coordinate culvert material delivery.

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

Civil Specialties, Inc. continues to remove trees along the entire length of the drain. Mr. Trosen reported that the preliminary results of the model to determine impacts of installing intercept culverts with flap gates along the drain indicated that there would be minimal impacts to the water elevation in the Drain. The results are under final review and more information will be available for review at a future meeting.

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

Mr. Trosen reviewed the North Dakota Department of Agriculture's Agriculture Infrastructure Grant Program application for the Bridge No. 55 repair project. Manager Lovas moved to authorize the Chairman and Secretary/Treasurer to sign the application. Manager Halvorson seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Trosen reported that the purchase agreement with Susan Bell for acquisition of the necessary right-of-way for Bridge 55 is being negotiated.

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

Sean Fredricks reported that Ohnstad Twichell will mail letters and ballots on Friday. Ballots must be returned by April 30. The Hearing will be held Tuesday, March 31 at 8:30 a.m. at Traill County WRD Office.

### **Complaints**

Sean Fredricks provided an update regarding the Hoplin/McLaughlin complaint, and on the parties' revised agreement to settle the matter. The Board previously directed Fredricks to prepare some modifications to the agreement to ensure the Hoplin parties are responsible for all permitting for any cleanout project and to limit the Hoplin parties' liability under the agreement to any damages caused by their activities, as opposed to any and all damages caused by the existence of the natural watercourse. Fredricks prepared some proposed modifications and provided them to the parties. At the Board's January 20 meeting, the parties all agreed the Board should hold the Complaint in abeyance to afford the parties the opportunity to negotiate a mutually-acceptable resolution to the matter. At this point, Mr. Fredricks has recommended that the parties contact each other directly.

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

Mr. Fredricks reported that Dacotah Bank withdrew the complaint against Mr. Breidenbach. The Board will keep this matter 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, namely, obtaining written consent from the Buxton Township Board of Township Supervisors and landowners along the course of the project.

### **Solicitation of Views Application No. SL2576 – East Central Regional Water District**

The Board has no comment.

**Koenig Lawsuit**

Mr. Fredricks noted that there have been motions to dismiss regarding the lawsuit filed by La Verne Koenig related to the obstruction complaint proceedings in 2017 and 2018.

**2027-2029 Water Development Plan**

The Board reviewed the list of potential projects for the upcoming biennium. Ms. Spaeth to contact the Department of Water Resources to clarify projects and budgeting for the 2027-2029 Water Development Plan.

**Bond/Assessment Discussion**

A full financial report will be available at the March 17 meeting for review.

**CD Redemption**

Manager Lovas moved to redeem 11 CDs at Dakota Heritage Bank at their maturity dates and deposit them into the general checking account. Manager Neset seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:01 a.m.

APPROVE:

Jason Siegert, Chair

ATTEST:

Jessica Spaeth, Secretary-Treasurer