

**TRAILL COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
RECURRENT MEETING
AUGUST 4, 2020 ~ 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 Jason Lovas, Gary Thompson, Joel Halvorson, and Andy Neset with Jason Siegert presiding as Chairman. Also present were Attorney Sean Fredricks (virtual), and Chris Gross of Moore Engineering, Inc.

AGENDA

Manager Lovas moved to approve the order of the agenda as amended. Manager Neset seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES

Manager Halvorson moved to approve the July 21 and July 28, 2020 recurrent meeting minutes as presented. Manager Lovas seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

It was moved by Manager Neset and seconded by Manager Halvorson to approve payment of July 22 – August 4, 2020 bills and the electronic funds transfers as presented. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

GRAND FORKS-TRAILL JOINT WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT

(8-4-20) Chris Gross told the Board that the profile, cross sections, and alignments have been finalized for the Thompson Drain No. 72 Improvement Project. Legal descriptions, etc. are being drafted and will be reviewed by Ohnstad Twichell staff. Offer prices for land will then be mailed out after Ohnstad Twichell drafts the purchase agreements. Construction is questionable this year unless right of way transactions are settled in the next few weeks.

DRAIN BUSINESS

Camrud Drain No. 79

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McCoy-McCradie Drain No. 4-14

(8-4-20) Discussion was held on the status of the seeding for the McCradie Drain. Manager Lovas moved to accept the seeding as established. Manager Thompson seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. Chris Gross will prepare the final payment to the contractor (Comstock) and present it for approval at the next board meeting on August 18th.

Norway Drain No. 38

(8-4-20) Chris Gross informed the Board that the contractor (KRB) has completed 2 miles of work on this drain with 6-7 miles yet to complete.

Kelso Floodway

(8-4-20) Chris Gross told the Board that the contractor (Grothman) has completed most of the cleaning on the Kelso. On the drain tour the managers found that 2-48" x 60' culverts need replacement in Sections 23 & 24.

Preston Floodway

(8-4-20) Most of the work has been completed on the Preston. Chris Gross presented a map reflecting areas that have erosion which the contractor (KRB) found in addition to the work already done in Sections 12 of Greenfield twp. and Sections 7, 8 & 5 of Bohnsack twp. After further discussion, Manager Neset moved to hire the contractor (KRB) to repair the 3 erosion sites for a cost not to exceed \$25,000.00. Manager Lovas seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Greenfield-Bohnsack Drain No. 57A

(8-4-20) Joel Halvorson mentioned that there is a large washout in the NW ¼ and a small washout in the NE ¼ of Greenfield Township. Manager Lovas moved to hire Chad's Excavation to repair the washouts at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.00. Manager Neset seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

(7-21-20) Ron Porter has placed a complaint for the problems he is having with drainage in the N ½ of Section 19 of Bohnsack Township. Chris Gross has attempted to contact him and invite him in to talk with the Board about it. Mr. Porter has not responded. (8-4-20) This matter is tabled until he meets with the Board.

Stavanger-Belmont Drain No. 52

(8-4-20) Discussion was revisited on a culvert in Section 8 that is leaking and has caused a hole in the road on the west side of the north culvert. On the drain tour the Board discovered that the leaks are occurring due to inadequate bands. Mr. Siegert said that he has spoken to the contractor (JAV) who said he will dig back the dirt to get a better look at what can be done. It will most likely have to be filled in with CDF (flowable cement). The contractor was also asked to place 3 caps on culverts that are missing in the drain.

Buxton Drain No. 68

(8-4-20) Chris Gross indicated that the contractor has completed Sites 1 – 3 with site 4 in the process of being worked on.

Paulson Drain No. 7

(9-17-19) Jason Siegert said that most of the berm-spoil has been levelled on this drain with only a mile and a half mile left to clean, spoil, and place a culvert.

(9-17-19) Discussion was revisited on the possibility of putting in some approaches in Section 5. (This was a request made by Neil Pulskamp). Jason Siegert said he will provide an estimate to have the work done.

Hillsboro Drain No. 26

(8-4-20) Corey Martin, County Highway superintendent, met with the Board this morning to inform them that work has halted on this project due to the County Commissioners denying payment for any further work to be done there. The Board all agreed that they should speak to the Commissioners about this because there was an agreement between the County and the Water Board made on February 20, 2018 for the County to perform the work. The Board is concerned that if the money from the County is not received the bond may be in jeopardy of being repaid. The Board asked Attorney Fredricks to look into the matter on where the Board stands on this matter.

Viking-Lindaas Drain No. 44

(8-4-20) Gary Thompson said that he recently spoke to Spencer Enrud who informed Gary that he will be doing the survey himself for this culvert after bean harvest.

(4-21-20) Discussion was held on the replacement of a culvert from this drain in the NW ¼ of Section 30 of Lindaas Township. Manager Neset moved to direct Gary Thompson to hire Rod Flaten to do the work, not to exceed \$10,000.00. Manager Lovas seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

(10-15-19) Spencer Enrud has requested a culvert be installed in Section 30 of Lindaas Township. Chris Gross provided a map of contours for the Board to review.

Red Owl Drain No. 55

(10-1-19) Chris Gross specified that he has sent Harlan Erickson maps, preliminary drawings, and a cost estimate for the possible reconstruction of this drain. Mr. Erickson will be speaking to landowners to gage their interest in moving forward with this project.

Carson Drain No. 10

(7-21-20) Chris Gross told the Board that they are currently working on bond issues for the work on this drain. An issue regarding a crossing through a driveway was talked about. Jason Siegert said he will speak to the landowner about it.

Blanchard-Norman Drain 23-40

(8-4-20) On the drain tour the Board discovered that there is a need for a 36' x 100' culvert and headwall in Sections 14 & 15 of Norman Township along with being filled in with sand. Chris Gross does not recommend this as there may be a threat that it may cave in. Chris recommends installing a 48" culvert to comply with downstream standards. The Board asked Chris to ask for bids from several contractors to do the work.

(7-21-20) Chris Gross told the Board that he has received no replies to the request for bids that he sent out to several contractors to do the work to repair the drop structure. A few of the contractors asked for an extension to the deadline to submit the bids and Chris told them that we will give them until July 31st to get them mailed in.

Roseville Drain No. 19

(8-4-20) The Board has decided to table this matter until Mr. Haugen meets with the Board about his drainage concerns.

(11-5-19) Discussion was revisited on Pete Haugen's request to find a solution to drainage problems that are occurring on his land due to the condition of this drain. Chris Gross provided a quad map of the area of the drain that was proposed to be reconstructed in 2007 but failed. The Board suggests having Mr. Haugen visit with landowners who are assessed into this drain and gauge the interest in reconstructing it. Chris will work with Pete Haugen on these issues and report back to the Board.

Nelson Drain No. 28

(8-4-20) Discussion was revisited on the existing culverts that are in need of replacement in Section 25. The Board directed Chris Gross to put together a culvert recommendation and present it at the next board meeting.

(7-21-20) Chris Gross presented a hydraulic analysis for the upstream crossing in Section 25 of Hillsboro Township and Section 30 of Herberg Township. This will be revisited at the next meeting when Managers Siegert and Lovas can be present to engage in the conversation.

(7-7-20) Jason Lovas mentioned to the Board that there are 2 – 3 culverts in the NE ¼ of Section 25 of Hillsboro Township and the NW ¼ of Section 30 of Herberg Township that should be replaced. Manager Lovas moved to direct Chris Gross to provide culvert recommendations for these sites. Manager Neset seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Leirness-Steenerson Drain 34-20

(8-4-20) Jason Lovas and the Board held a discussion on a possible new lateral being built in Section 21 of Hillsboro Township under Highway 200. Mr. Lovas will obtain more information from the Department of Transportation and Ellingson Drainage.

TRAILL COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT


(8-4-20) Corey Martin, Traill County Highway Superintendent met with the Board to go over county road and bridge issues with the Board. The Board informed Mr. Martin that Bridge 290 should be replaced with 2 culverts on the Miller Drain No. 29. The Board directed Chris Gross to provide a recommendation for culvert sizes, etc.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mike Kozojed met with the Board this morning concerning a culvert in Section 14, 2 miles west of Taft, that is causing drainage problems. Discussion was held on whether to remove or add another culvert to solve the problems there. Corey Martin suggested creating a lateral. The Board determined that this is not our jurisdiction but agreed that the water is supposed to flow south, and that a cap should be installed on the culvert. Corey said that he will discuss this issue with County Commissioner Ken Nesvig and landowner Richard Mueller to attempt to conclude this matter.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further topics to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 11:30am without objection.



Jason Siegert, Chairman

Nettie Johnson, Secretary