

**TRAILL COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
RECURRENT MEETING
OCTOBER 6, 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 Gary Thompson, Joel Halvorson, and Andy Neset with Jason Lovas presiding as Chairman. Also present were Attorney Sean Fredricks (virtual), and Chris Gross of Moore Engineering, Inc. Those absent: Jason Siegert.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Manager Halvorson moved to approve the September 15, 2020 meeting minutes as presented. Manager Neset 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 September 16 – October 6, 2020 bills and the electronic funds transfers as presented. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

GRAND FORKS-TRAILL JOINT WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT

(10-6-20) Chris Gross presented an estimate from Nodak Electric Cooperative for boring, relocations, and cables in the amount of \$23,500.00, \$3,650.00 from the East Central Rural Water District (ECRWD) for connections and cables, and \$26,591.72 from Midcontinent Communications for relocations, etc.

Signed purchase agreements have been received by the following parties:

Bradley & Sara Vaagene	Joshua & Kassandra Axt
Dawn Pladson, et al	Laurel & Ellen Hanson
Gene & Cathryn Thompson, Trustees	Mardelle Tollefson, Trustee
Gerald Bye	Mark Thompson
Rodney & Juliann Thompson	Sproule Real Estate Ltd Partnership

A meeting of the joint board will take place on October 20th at 9:30am to approve all of the above estimates and purchase agreements.

DRAIN BUSINESS

Camrud Drain No. 79

(10-6-20) Chris Gross presented an estimate from Nodak Electric Cooperative to move boxes, cables, and to bore the road and lower 2 lines in the amount of \$36,500.00. The East Central Rural Water District (ECRWD) gave an estimate for boring and connection costs in the amount

of \$102,950.00. After further discussion, Manager Thompson moved to approve both cost estimates from NEC & ECRWD. Manager Halvorson seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

(10-6-20) Manager Neset moved to approve the purchase agreements for the following parties:

Caroline E. Camrud	Rogenes & Rye Farms
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George Gunderson	Matthew J. Roller
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Christopher Hong	Lorry Waslien
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Scott Hong	Catherine Ingwalson
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James E. Moss and Laurie E. Moss, Trustees of the Moss Living Trust, dated March 14, 2013

Manager Halvorson seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Norway Drain No. 38

10-6-20) Chris Gross specified that the project is nearing completion.

(9-1-20) Manager Neset informed the Board that the contractor (KRB) has approximately 4-5 miles of the cleanout left to do on this drain. Jason Siegert told the Board that he ordered an 18" culvert to be replaced in the SE ¼ of Section 15 of Norway Township. KRB will do the work while he is in the area doing the cleanout.

Kelso Floodway

(9-15-20) Discussion was held on placing 2 new culverts during the work that is currently underway. Manager Neset moved to install 2-30" x 80' intercept culverts in the NE corner of Section 23 of Kelso Township. Manager Halvorson seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

(8-18-20) The contractor (No. States Excavating) has completed the majority of the work on the floodway. The work that is yet to be completed is to replace 2-48"x60' culverts and to level the spoil. He anticipates the work to be completed by mid-September. Jason Lovas told the Board that he noticed 3 culvert caps that have fallen off culverts in Section 22. He added that he believes the culverts needs to be replaced. After further discussion, Manager Lovas moved to have the contractor install 2-18" x 60' culverts, 1-2'x18" extension, 1 band, and 3 flap gates. Chris Gross will order these items on behalf of the contractor. Manager Thompson seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

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.

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

(8-18-20) 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

(9-15-20) Jason Siegert stated that he has spoken to Ken Nesvig, County Commissioner regarding the subject below. After their discussion, Mr. Nesvig said that he will approach the rest of the Commission and ask them to reconsider their decision of denying payment per the agreement made between the County Hwy Dept and TCWRD on February 20, 2018.

(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

(10-6-20) Gary Thompson stated that he has spoken to Spencer Endrud who indicated he is performing the survey work for the culvert that is to be installed in Section 30 of Lindaas Township.

Blanchard-Norman Drain 23-40

(9-1-20) Chris Gross presented bids from two contractors to do the work on this drain. After further discussion, Manager Lovas moved to award the contract to KRB Contracting to do the work for the amount of \$44,835.56 and to order the drop structure from TruNorth Steel in the amount of \$9,313.18. Manager Neset seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

(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.

Nelson Drain No. 28

(10-6-20) Manager Neset moved to approve the contractor agreement to do the work as stated below. Manager Halvorson seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

(9-15-20) Discussion was revisited on the existing culverts in Section 25. Manager Lovas moved to award the bid to Bohlman Trenching, Inc. and choose Option No. 1 to replace the culverts between Section 25 of Hillsboro Township and Section 30 of Herberg Township with 3-71" x 47" corrugated culverts and accept the contractor cost of \$57,990.00 to do the work. Manager Neset seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Leirness-Steenerson Drain 34-20

(8-18-20) Jason Siegert informed the Board that an outlet culvert has failed on County Road 2 where it enters the river. Manager Lovas moved to hire Chad's Excavation to order a band that is large enough to reattach the culvert and to also place rip rap at the outlet. Manager Halvorson seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

(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.

Moen Drain No. 27

(10-6-20) Manager Thompson moved to approve the Utility Permit for Dakota Natural Gas, LLC to install a 4" steel natural gas pipeline along the Moen Drain No 27 and accept payment for the permit in the amount of \$1,500.00. Manager Halvorson seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Hatton Drain No. 45 / Goose River

(10-6-20) Gary Thompson indicated that there is a washout under a township road between Section 16 & 17 of Garfield Township and 5 beaver dams that need to be removed in the Goose River. Manager Thompson said that Pete Naastad can perform both projects for \$1,500.00. The Board directed him to contact Mr. Naastad to do the work.

DRAIN SPRAYING FOR WEED CONTROL / TREE REMOVAL

(10-6-20) Chris Gross told the Board that the applicator (Dakota Helicopters) has three small drains, approximately 8 miles, of spraying to be done.

PERMITS AND COMPLAINTS

The Board invited Scott Krogstad in to discuss his complaint against Jeff Eliason for water related issues in the NW ¼ of Section 16 of Morgan Township. His complaint is that Mr. Eliason built an obstruction in the drain on the west side of the west tree row to prevent water from flowing through the drain thus backing water up on his land. After further discussion and to aid Mr. Krogstad with his drainage issues, Manager Neset moved to install a 36" x 60' intercept culvert with a flap gate in the SW ¼ of the SW corner of Section 16 of Morgan Township. Manager Halvorson seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. Gary Thompson said he will contact Chad Excavating, Inc. to do the work. The complaint will also be further investigated with the findings brought back to the Board for further discussion and decisions.

OTHER BUSINESS

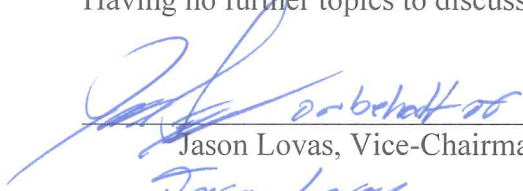
Attorney Fredricks reminded the Board that the State Water Commission requires WRD's to conduct an engineering services selection process every three years if they want to be eligible for SWC cost-share for engineering. He added that we are close to the three-year mark since we last conducted the process and suggested we go through the process this fall. Manager Halvorson moved to approve the Initial Report for the ESS. The Report includes the RFQ that we will publish in the Tribune. Manager Thompson seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

The Board went over the current drain assessments and the recommended 2020 assessments. After discussion and review, Manager Halvorson moved to approve any and all changes made to the 2020 assessment list. Manager Thompson seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Chris Gross informed the Board that his firm is wrapping up the GIS web map that is being created for the Board's use which contains landowner parcels, etc.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further topics to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:45am without objection.


Jason Lovas, Vice-Chairman
Jason Lovas


Nettie Johnson, Secretary