

**TRAILL COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
RECURRENT MEETING
OCTOBER 20, 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 Siegert presiding as Chairman. Also present were Attorney Sean Fredricks (virtual), and Chris Gross of Moore Engineering, Inc. Those absent: Jason Lovas.

AGENDA

Manager Neset 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 Thompson moved to approve the October 6, 2020 meeting minutes as presented. Manager Halvorson 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 October 7 - 20, 2020 bills and the electronic funds transfers as presented. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Manager Neset and seconded by Manager Thompson to approve the September 2020 bank statements as presented. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

GRAND FORKS-TRAILL JOINT WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT

A special meeting of the joint board was called to order by Chairman Siegert this morning 9:30am for the purpose of discussing updates for the Thompson Drain No. 72 and the Grand Forks Drain No. 59.

Manager Siegert moved to have the Grand Forks-Traill Joint WRD officially authorize the respective individual WRDs to approve contracts for the Drain 59 and Drain 72 projects. Manager Purdue seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Rich Axvig, Grand Forks WRD, provided updates on the Drain No. 59 Improvement Project. He stated that their office has received all purchase agreements back with signatures, and that their project is on the December 11th State Water Commission agenda to approve cost-share for this project.

Chris Gross reported on the Thompson Drain No. 72 Improvement Project. Manager Neset moved to approve the signing of ten purchase agreements that have been received back by landowners involved in this project along with the utility relocation agreements 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. Manager Halvorson seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Gross added that there are six purchase agreements remaining that need to be returned and signed by landowners.

Having no further business to discuss, Chairman Siegert closed the meeting at 9:50am.

DRAIN BUSINESS

Camrud Drain No. 79

(10-20-20) Chris Gross stated that there are four purchase agreements that remain to be received back by landowners involved in the project.

Norway Drain No. 38

(10-20-20) Chris Gross specified that there is approximately 1.5 miles of spoil to be spread. After this has been performed, the project can then be deemed complete.

(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

(10-20-20) Chris Gross told the Board that the 2-30" x 80' inlet culverts (see below) remain to be installed by Northern States Excavating.

(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.

Preston Floodway

(10-20-20) Chris Gross said that it is in the best interest of the District that the work to repair 3 erosion sites wait until 2021 to be completed due to current weather conditions.

(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 (estimate later rejected). 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

(10-20-20) Chris Gross indicated that the contractor is anticipating completion of site 4 today or tomorrow.

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

(10-20-20) Chris informed the Board that the contractor (KRB) is currently on site on the north side of the drain and is anticipating that the work should be completed next week, weather permitting. The County has their work on the drain yet to be completed.

Blanchard-Norman Drain 23-40

(10-20-20) Chris Gross told the Board that culverts will be delivered and stored on the contractor's land until they can be installed; most likely in 2021. The contractor's agreement will be revised to change the deadline date of the completion of the project.

(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.

Nelson Drain No. 28

(10-20-20) The Board agreed that due to the current weather conditions, this work will wait to be performed in 2021. The contractor's agreement will be revised to extend the deadline for the completion of the project.

(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.

Hatton Drain No. 45

(10-20-20) Gary Thompson indicated that there is an 18" x 15' culvert to be installed in the SW ¼ of Section 15. Mr. Thompson will contact Naastad Excavating to do the work

DRAIN SPRAYING FOR WEED CONTROL / TREE REMOVAL

(10-20-20) Chris Gross told the Board that the applicator (Dakota Helicopters) has submitted their invoice for the spraying of the drains this fall. He indicated that there are several discrepancies with the work that was done. He will be bringing forth a report to the next meeting to be reviewed and for the Board to decide on what a fair payment to the applicator should be.

PERMITS AND COMPLAINTS

(10-20-20) Jason Siegert said that there will be a potential drainage complaint coming from Paul Marshall for the SW ¼ of Section 8 of Ervin Township. He will investigate the complaint further and bring his findings to the next board meeting.

TRAILL COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

(10-20-20) Corey Martin, Traill County Highway Superintendent, met with the Board to go over county road and bridge issues with the Board. He indicated that there will be 5 bridges to be replaced in 2021: Bridge #'s: 55, 87, 290, 292, and 332.

OTHER BUSINESS

(10-20-20) Discussion was held on the new GIS web map that Moore Engineering is creating for the purpose of assisting water managers find land parcels, etc. The purchase of an I pad for each water manager for the use of the web page was considered. This will be revisited at the next board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further topics to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 10:10am without objection.



Jason Siegert, Chairman

Nettie Johnson, Secretary