

**TRAILL COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
RECURRENT MEETING
DECEMBER 1, 2020 ~ HILLSBORO, ND**

The District Board convened on this date and came to order at 8:00am 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 was Chris Gross of Moore Engineering, Inc., and Attorney Sean Fredricks (virtually).

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Manager Halvorson moved to approve the November 17, 2020 meeting minutes as presented. Manager Thompson 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 Lovas to approve payment of the November 18 – December 1, 2020 bills and the electronic funds transfers as presented. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

GRAND FORKS-TRAILL JOINT WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT

(12-1-20) The purchase agreement for Dawn Pladson, Laura Lake, and Robin Thompson has been signed and received along with the purchase agreement for Courtney Amb and Tristan Tangen. Manager Lovas moved to approve both agreements. Manager Neset seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. Chris Gross told the Board that three purchase agreements remain to be signed and returned. They include David & Amy Bohlman, Carolyn Heskin, and Mark and Ilene Johnson. The Board directed Attorney Fredricks to proceed with the appraisal for these landowners.

SNAGGING & CLEARING

(11-17-20) Discussion was revisited on the snagging and clearing for both the Goose and Elm Rivers for the 2020 – 2021 season. The SWC has approved cost-share for both projects. After further discussion, the Board chose January 19, 2021 to hold public hearings for both rivers with the County Commissioners and landowners involved in the assessment district. Attorney Fredricks will have the Resolutions prepared and ready to be approved at the next meeting on December 15th. His office will also place the public hearing notices in the newspapers.

DRAIN BUSINESS

Camrud Drain No. 79

(12-1-20) The purchase agreement for Steve Nesvig has been signed and received. Manager Neset moved to approve the agreement. Manager Lovas seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. Chris Gross said that two purchase agreements for the Ken & Mary Knutsvig property and the Marc Derider property are still to be received. The Derider agreement has been signed but is currently going through the probate process.

Discussion was held on when construction of this drain will commence. Chris Gross told the Board that he will be preparing bid packets to be distributed to several contractors in the near future.

Hong Drain No. 81

The Board recently received the State Water Commission cost-share agreement for preliminary engineering which will provide 45% of actual costs up to and not to exceed \$15,075.00. After further discussion, Manager Lovas moved to approve and accept said agreement. Manager Thompson seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Norway Drain No. 38

(12-1-20) Chris Gross told the Board that he is currently working on right of way issues.

Kelso Floodway

(11-17-20) Discussion was held on culvert work that is being planned. It has been decided because of the lateness of the year, the two intercept pipes will have to wait until next year to be installed.

(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.

Stavanger-Belmont Drain No. 52

(11-17-20) The Board all agreed that the Project (below) will have to wait until next spring to be completed by the contractor.

(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

(11-17-20) Chris Gross told the Board that the contractor has completed site 4. Talk was held on the erosion that is occurring on the east end and downstream of the drop structure. This work will be completed by the contractor in 2021.

Paulson Drain No. 7

(12-1-20) Jason Siegert said that the drain has completed except for the 3 approaches that remain to be built next year.

Hillsboro Drain No. 26

(12-1-20) The Traill County Highway Department and the contractor (KRB) have completed their work on this drain. The Board discussed the payment that is due to the District with Corey Martin, TC Hwy superintendent as part of the cost-share agreement. After further discussion, it was agreed that approximately \$70,700.00 will be paid to the District at which time this project will be deemed complete.

Blanchard-Norman Drain 23-40

(12-1-20) The contractor (KRB) is working there this week. Apparently, the contractor mistakenly broke a water line there yesterday and is being repaired by the utility company. The Board asked that Chris Gross tell the contractor to perform a compaction test between Sections 14 and 15 of Norman Township.

Chris Gross provided several Engineer's Opinions of Probable Cost to clean out sections 4, 5, and 12 along with the drop structure which also included costs for culvert crossings. This topic will be revisited at a later date.

Nelson Drain No. 28

(12-1-20) This project has been deemed complete except for the establishment of the seeding which will occur next summer.

Murray Drain No. 17

(11-17-20) This work will be performed in 2021.

(11-3-20) Discussion was held on a rusted culvert in the NE ¼ of Section 33 of Mayville Township through County Road 11. Manager Neset said that the culvert is 30" x 50' but thinks it should be longer. This will be investigated further.

Viking-Lindass Drain No. 44

(12-1-20) Randy Garrett approached the Water Board for a request to rent .64 acres of land in the NW1/4 of this drain. After further discussion, the Board directed Attorney Fredricks to prepare a rental agreement for both parties to sign.

Leirness-Steenerson Drain 34-20

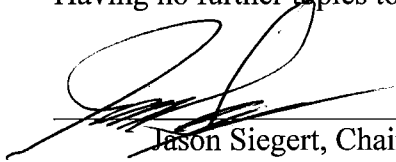
(8-4-20) Jason Lovas and the Board held a discussion on a possible new tile lateral being built in Section 21 of Hillsboro Township under Highway 200. Mr. Lovas will obtain more information from the Department of Transportation and Ellingson Drainage.

PERMITS AND COMPLAINTS

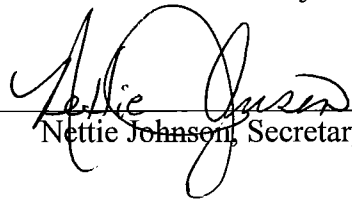
OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further topics to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 10:45am without objection.



Jason Siegert, Chairman



Nettie Johnson, Secretary