

**TRAILL COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
RECURRENT MEETING
DECEMBER 15, 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 Gary Thompson, Joel Halvorson, and Andy Neset with Jason Lovas presiding as Chairman. Also present was Chris Gross of Moore Engineering, Inc., and Attorney Sean Fredricks (virtually). Jason Siegert and Nettie Johnson were absent.

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 Neset moved to approve the December 1, 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 Halvorson to approve payment of the December 2 - 15, 2020 bills and the electronic funds transfers as presented. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Manager Neset moved to approve the November 2020 bank statements as presented. Manager Thompson seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

GRAND FORKS-TRAILL JOINT WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT

(12-15-20) Chris Gross provided an update on right of way acquisition for the Thompson Drain No. 72 project. Pat Downs worked with Ohnstad Twichell to prepare a response letter to Ms. Heskin and Pat recently sent it (and emailed it) to Ms. Heskin. Sean Fredricks indicated the Board could proceed with formal negotiations regarding the hold-out landowners if the Board were prepared. Farmers National has updated appraisals regarding the Heskin, Johnson, and Bohlman properties. Manager Halvorson moved to approve the appraisals for Heskin, Johnson, and Bohlman as offers of just compensation; to commence "formal negotiations" with Heskin, Johnson, and Bohlman; to authorize Moore Engineering and Ohnstad Twichell to submit formal offers to Heskin, Johnson, and Bohlman in the amounts of their respective appraisals, as prepared by Farmers National; and to otherwise direct Moore Engineering and Ohnstad Twichell to prepare and provide all communications to complete the formal negotiation process. Manager Neset seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

SNAGGING & CLEARING

(12-15-20) 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, Manager Thompson moved to approve the Resolution setting the public hearings for both the Elm River and Goose River for January 19, 2021 at 9:00am and to place the advertisement for said hearings in the legal newspaper. Manager Halvorson seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

DRAIN BUSINESS

Camrud Drain No. 79

(12-15-20) 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. This process takes time.

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

(12-15-20) Chris Gross informed the Board that the survey has been completed. The next step is to hold an informational meeting in the near future with the petition procedures following.

Norway Drain No. 38

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

Kelso Floodway

(12-15-20) This project has been deemed complete.

(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.

Blanchard-Norman Drain 23-40

(12-15-20) Culvert has been installed in Section 14 & 15 of Norman Township. No seeding has been done.

(12-15-20) Discussion was revisited on the possible reconstruction of this drain including costs of performing improvements from Section 10 & 11 of Blanchard Township through Section 15 of Norman Township.

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

(12-15-20) The Board reviewed the rental agreement prepared by Sean Fredricks (see below). The agreement will be recorded as a 10-year lease. Manager Neset moved to approve the agreement as presented. Manager Halvorson seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

(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

(12-15-20) Ron Porter approached the Board with a complaint with water that is too slow in leaving his land in the NE ¼ of Section 19, Bohnsack Township. Discussion was held on the installation of 2-30" culverts that was performed in Drain 57A. The Board asked Manager Halvorson to contact Mr. Porter to come to the Board with further details.


OTHER BUSINESS

(12-15-20) The Board discussed the selling of the company Ford pickup. This will be addressed at the next meeting on January 5th.

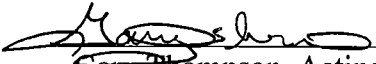
(12-15-20) Talk was held on continuing to hold the Red River Joint WRD meeting in Hillsboro.
No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further topics to discuss, the meeting adjourned without objection.



Jason Lovas, Vice-Chair



Gary Thompson, Acting Secretary