

**TRAILL COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT  
RECURRENT MEETING  
MARCH 2 , 2021 ~ 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, Jason Lovas, 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 Lovas moved to approve the agenda as amended. Manager Thompson seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

**MINUTES**

Manager Halvorson moved to approve the February 16, 2021 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 February 17 – March 2, 2021 bills and the electronic funds transfers as presented. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

**GRAND FORKS-TRAILL JOINT WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT**

(3-2-21) The Board reviewed amended purchase agreements from Sproule Real Estate Ltd and from Mark & Eileen Johnson regarding the Thompson Drain No. 72 Project. After discussion, Manager Thompson moved to approve both agreements. Manager Neset seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Fredricks described what the next step will be in obtaining land from patrons unwilling to sign their purchase agreement for the Project. Mr. Fredricks stated that the Notice of Intent will be forthcoming followed by a meeting with the County Commissioners to discuss the District's statutory authorities to acquire right of way in order to move forward with the Project.

**SNAGGING & CLEARING**

(3-2-21) At 8:20am Managers Lovas and Halvorson left the meeting to meet with the County Commissioners to discuss the recent decision of the Commission to deny the funding of the snagging and clearing of the Elm River. (The Goose River project was approved on January 19<sup>th</sup>) Following the public hearing that was held on January 19<sup>th</sup> several landowners have approached the water board disappointed that the Commission will not approve the Project when it is considered a necessity for the purpose of protecting county infrastructure. At 9:00 Managers Lovas and Halvorson returned and informed the rest of the Board that they have reconsidered

and will now allow the Project to be funded. Work will move forward for both the Goose and Elm Rivers in 2022.

### **DRAIN BUSINESS**

#### **Camrud Drain No. 79**

(3-2-21) The bid opening took place on February 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm with a total of 10 bids. RJ Zavoral & Sons, Inc., East Grand Forks, MN, presented the lowest bid. Engineer Chris Gross stated that the Notice to Proceed will occur at the end of March, weather permitting. A preconstruction meeting with the contractor will take place prior to the commencement of construction.

#### **Hong Drain No. 81**

(3-2-21) Chris Gross informed the Board that his office continues to work on utility issues and has been communicating with the petitioners regarding these issues. The petitioners will be asked to attend the next board meeting to discuss further. He added that the design is ongoing and a preliminary cost estimate will be prepared and ready to present at that meeting.

#### **Norway Drain No. 38**

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

#### **Stavanger-Belmont Drain No. 52**

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

#### **Blanchard-Norman Drain 23-40**

(3-2-21) Engineer Gross provided an Engineers Preliminary Opinion of Probable Cost and a Plan and Profile to be reviewed and considered by the Board for the improvements to this drain. An informational meeting will be held on March 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 to gage the interest from landowners in going forward with this project.

#### **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.

**Leirness-Steenerson Drain 34-20**

(3-2-21) Jason Lovas provided the Board with an estimate from Ellingson Companies for the installation of this tile lateral (see below). It was determined that obtaining additional information is necessary before moving forward with this project. No action was taken.

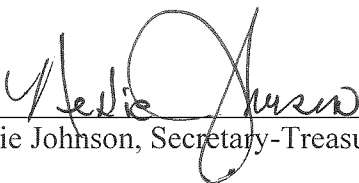
(8-4-20) Jason Lovas and the Board held a discussion on a possible new tile lateral being built in Section 21 of Hillsboro Township under Highway 200. Mr. Lovas will obtain more information from the Department of Transportation and Ellingson Drainage.

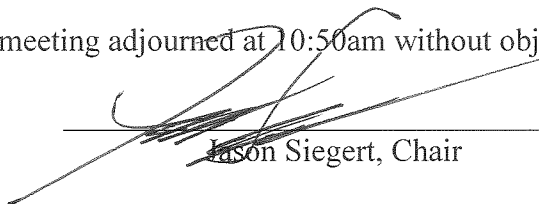
**OTHER BUSINESS**

At 9:00am Shawn and Derek Morten with Morten Aero-Service of Larimore, ND met with the Board regarding their interest in providing the Board with the spraying of trees and weeds in legal drains throughout Traill County. After further discussion, the Board asked that they provide an estimate to spray the drains per mile, chemical included in the cost.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further topics to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 10:50am without objection.

  
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Nettie Johnson, Secretary-Treasurer

  
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Jason Siegert, Chair