

**TRAILL COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
RECURRENT MEETING
JUNE 15, 2021 ~ HILLSBORO, ND**

The District Board convened on this date and came to order at 8:00am at the office of the Trill County Water Resource District in Hillsboro, ND. Manager's present were Joel Halvorson, Jason Lovas, and Andy Neset with Jason Siegert presiding as Chairman. Gary Thompson was absent. Also present virtually were Attorney Sean Fredricks and Chris Gross of Moore Engineering, Inc.

AGENDA

Manager Lovas moved to approve the agenda as amended. Manager Neset seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES

Manager Lovas moved to approve the June 1 and June 3, 2021 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 Lovas to approve payment of the June 2 - 15, 2021 bills and the electronic funds transfers as presented. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Manager Lovas and seconded by Manager Neset to approve the May 2021 bank statements. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

GRAND FORKS-TRAILL JOINT WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT

(6-15-21) Chris Gross went over current project costs that have accumulated to date on this project. The Board has determined that a new cost-share request for additional funding will have to be submitted to the State Water Commission to cover cost-overruns. The Notice to Award the contract to Davidson Construction (who was determined the low bidder on June 3rd at the bid opening) will be on hold until a new cost-share request can be submitted, and a new agreement received back by the SWC.

(6-15-21) Pat Downs, Right-of-Way Acquisitions Coordinator, Moore Engineering, Inc. met virtually with the Board to discuss a recent conversation he had with landowner Carolyn Heskin. The topic they discussed were related to intercept culverts and crop damage. The Board has filed the eminent domain action against Ms. Heskin and deposited the Board's offer with the Clerk of Court. The District now has access to the right of way to commence construction and will be moving ahead as planned.

SNAGGING & CLEARING

(6-15-21) The Board all agreed that the contractor to use for snagging and clearing both rivers will be American Enterprises, Inc. Attorney Fredricks will draft the necessary contract for the projects and present to the Board for approval at the next meeting on July 6th. Snagging & clearing efforts will commence for both the Goose and Elm Rivers in the fall/winter of 2021 through March 31, 2022.

DRAIN BUSINESS

Camrud Drain No. 79

(6-15-21) Chris Gross indicated that equipment is being mobilized today to commence with construction. There is still a water line to be relocated by ECRWD which will hopefully be performed soon.

(6-15-21) Discussion was held on an approach and culvert issues in the NE ¼ of Section 21 of Stavanger Township. No action was taken.

Hong Drain No. 81

(6-15-21) The Board discussed the proposed assessment district for the Hong 81 Drainage Improvement District No. 81 Project. Sean Fredricks explained the legal process required to commence the process, approve the preliminary assessment list, set the initial hearing, and related matters. The Board reviewed the preliminary assessment list and the Ballot Instructions Ohnstad Twichell will provide to landowners with the assessment mailings and ballots. Manager Lovas moved to approve the Resolution of Necessity (and attached project map), Resolution Approving Engineer's Report, and Resolution Determining Benefitted Property and Setting Hearing. Manager Halvorson seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. The hearing will be at 9:30 on July 20, during the Board's regularly scheduled meeting.

Stavanger-Belmont Drain No. 52

(6-1-21) The Board discussed when this task can be completed. Manager Siegert stated that the original contractor (JAV) has indicated that he will get to it, but it may be a while yet. Chris Gross told the Board that another contractor is in the vicinity and that they can possibly complete the work. Manager Siegert said he will contact them.

(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

(6-15-21) The Board has proceeded with the RESOLUTIONS that were approved at the June 1st meeting to commence the assessment district process for the Blanchard-Norman vote. The public hearing has been scheduled for June 29th at 9:30am at the District office.

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.

Greenfield-Bohnsack Drain No. 57A

(6-15-21) Discussion was held on the outlet that is in need of repair which has resulted in channel damage. Chris indicated that he is still awaiting an estimate from the contractor (KRB) at this time for outlet work. An estimate for \$110,000.00 has been provided by the contractor to clean the drain for 11 miles and level the spoil when the crops are off. Manager Siegert suggested that a few managers take another look at the drain to determine how much work is actually needed on this drain and if the Board will seek a new bid from the contractor.

Garfield Drain No. 32

(6-15-21) Discussion was revisited on 2 complaints brought forth from Darrell and Jared Stormoe against Elkhorn Farms, Walhalla, ND. The Stormoe's are claiming that the Garfield Drain No. 32 has been filled in with dirt and does not allow water to flow south from their residence and yard due to Elkhorn Farms not maintaining their fields properly. The Board looked the drain on their drain tour on June 3rd and determined that the drain is indeed silted in and the culvert plugged. No action was taken and will be tabled until further notice.

ELM RIVER DAMS

(6-15-21) Chris Gross provided updates on the status of the Elm River Watershed Study which involves the Augastadt Dam in Traill County, the Steele County Dam, and the North Cass County Dam. A joint board meeting will be held on today at 3:00pm in Hillsboro in order to prepare for another informational meeting with involved landowners on June 23rd at 9:00am in Galesburg.

TRAILL COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

(6-15-21) Corey Martin, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board to discuss several bridges that are in need of replacement in the county. The water board shares responsibility for repairs or replacement with bridges that involve its legal drains. Chris Gross provided pipe material costs for the Board to review for several of these bridges. It was determined that some of these bridges will have to wait until maintenance funds can be built up allowing for any work to be done but bridges 87 and 59 are a priority and are anticipated to be replaced this year.

COMPLAINTS AND PERMITS

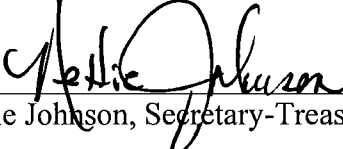
(6-15-21) The Board revisited a Surface Drain Permit Application submitted by Earle Lien. The Office of the State Engineer (OSE) has reviewed the application and has determined that the proposed application may be drainage of statewide or inter-district significance. The OSE requires that any comments or information regarding the application be submitted to the OSE. After further discussion, the Board directed the Secretary-Treasurer to respond to the OSE that the Board holds "no comment". The OSE will move forward with the review and if no statewide or inter-district significance is discovered then the permit will be approved and issued.

OTHER BUSINESS

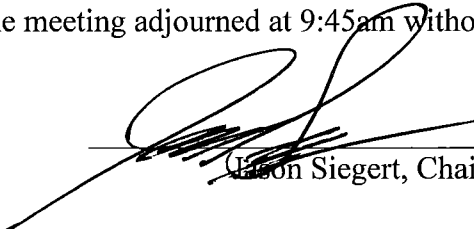
(6-15-251) Mike Manstrom, Colliers International, Inc. and Katie Bertsch, Ohnstad Twichell, P.C. met virtually with the Board today to discuss the 2016 bond (Buxton Drain No. 68 and Thoreson Drain No. 64) and its current bond solution for the refunding of this bond. After further discussion, Manager Lovas moved to approve the *Resolution Providing for the Issuance of Definitive Improvement Warrants and Exchanging them for Refunding Improvement Bonds of 2021* and to allow Colliers Int'l to enter into a bond with parameters set for the 2016 bond. Manager Halvorson seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

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



Nettie Johnson, Secretary-Treasurer



Jason Siegert, Chair