

**TRAILL COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
RECURRENT MEETING
JULY 20, 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. Manager's present were Joel Halvorson, Jason Lovas (virtual), Gary Thompson, and Andy Neset with Jason Siegert presiding as Chairman. Also, present were Attorney Sean Fredricks (virtually) and Josh Hassell of Moore Engineering, Inc.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Manager Thompson moved to approve the July 6, 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 Halvorson to approve payment of the July 7 – July 20th, 2021 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 Halvorson to approve the June 2020 checking and savings bank statements as presented. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Secretary-Treasurer Johnson presented the semi-annual reports for the Pledges of Assets and Journal Entries. Manager Thompson moved to approve the reports as displayed. Manager Neset seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

GRAND FORKS-TRAILL JOINT WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT

(7-20-21) A new cost-share request for additional funding has been submitted to the State Water Commission to cover cost-overruns for the Thompson Drain No. 72 Improvement Project. The SWC Sub-Committee reviewed the request and next it will go before the SWC on August 12 for their review/approval. 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 this new cost-share request will be approved, and an amended agreement received back by the SWC.

SNAGGING & CLEARING

(7-6-21) The Board has opted for the contractor AEI, Inc. to perform the snagging and clearing work on both the Goose and Elm rivers for the 2021-2022 season. Attorney Fredricks has drafted the necessary agreement for both projects. 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

(7-20-21) Josh Hassell provided a construction progress update. As of July 15th, the main channel excavation has been completed and work has commenced on the lateral. As of July 16th, all drain crossing culverts have been installed and the intercept culverts have been installed in Section 22 of Stavanger Township.

Jason Siegert stated some concerns he has with a bridge in Section 20 of Belmont Township. He said he would like to see riprap placed on the abutment of the bridge to protect it. Josh Hassell said he will work with the contractor on this issue.

A Contractor's Application for Payment No. 1 was presented to the Board in the amount of \$296,210.31. After further discussion, Manager moved to remit payment to the contractor for the application amount indicated. Manager Neset seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

TRAILL COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT HONG DRAIN NO. 81 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT PUBLIC HEARING JULY 20, 2021 ~ HILLSBORO, ND

The District Board convened on this date and came to order at 9:30am. Managers present were managers Neset and Thompson with Chairman Siegert presiding. Also present were Sean Fredricks, Attorney for the Board, and Chris Gross of Moore Engineering, Inc.

Landowners and renters present were Kyle Olson, Bobbie Hepper-Olson, Phyliss Smith, Vicki Smith, Eric Smith, Chris Hong, and Nancy Friese.

At 9:30am Jason Siegert opened the Hong Drain No. 81 Public Hearing.

Josh Hassell presented the history, maps, project goals, and a Sections Plan and Profile for the proposed project.

Josh provided information of the right of way summary, project costs summary, assessment breakdown, and the voting process.

Addressing all questions and hearing no further comments, Chairman Siegert closed the meeting at 10:45am.

Stavanger-Belmont Drain No. 52

(7-6-21) Jason Siegert told the Board that there is an intercept pipe in Section 15 of Stavanger Township that is rusted out. He added that he will look at it closer and bring his findings back to the next Board meeting.

(7-6-21) The Board questioned when the task for repairing a leak in a culvert in Section 8 will be completed. There is another contractor in the vicinity that can possibly complete the work. Manager Siegert said he will be contacting them or another contractor to gauge their availability.

Blanchard-Norman Drain 23-40

(7-20-21) The Board conducted a public hearing on June 29, 2021, preceded by all required notices. The Board set 5:00 p.m., on July 19, 2021, as the deadline for filing votes. Votes were tabulated in the Secretaries office by the deadline.

The tabulation of the votes received is as follows:

Votes Yes: \$632,378.03

Votes No: \$488,417.95

More than 50% of the votes filed were in favor of the proposed project.

Manager Thompson moved to approve the following:

1. Certificate of Secretary-Treasurer
2. Resolution Regarding Vote
3. Resolution Authorizing Entry of Order Est. Project and Setting Assessment Hearing
4. Order for the Establishment of the Blanchard-Norman Drain 23-40 Improvement Project
5. Notice of Entry of Order (for publication in the Tribune on July 31).
6. Notice of Assessment Hearing (for publication in the Tribune on July 31 and for mailings to landowners).

Manager Halvorson seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Manager Thompson moved to direct the Board's engineer to submit the project's Application for Surface Drainage to the State Engineer for their review/approval. Manager Halvorson seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Preston Floodway

(7-20-21) Discussion was revisited on the status of repairing three erosion sites in the Floodway. This project is deemed complete. After further discussion, Manager Thompson moved to submit final payment to the contractor (KRB) in the amount of \$39,625.00. Manager Halvorson seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Red Owl Drain No. 55

(7-20-21) KRB Contracting, Inc. has submitted a proposal for 4.5 miles of dirt work and removal of trees in this drain in the amount of \$25,000.00. Manager Thompson moved to accept the proposal. Manager Halvorson seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Greenfield-Bohnsack Drain No. 57A

(7-20-21) Discussion was revisited on the outlet that is in need of repair which has resulted in channel damage. Managers Siegert and Halvorson looked at the drain to determine how much work is actually needed and if the Board will accept the bid from the contractor in the amount of \$213,000.00. They discovered that there is extensive work to be done to include washout and plunge pool repair as well as outlet work. A maintenance bond will be necessary to do the work. The Board directed Attorney Fredricks to draft a contractor agreement for the project and proceed with the bond process.

Burke Drain No. 16

(7-20-21) Jason Lovas said that Court Hanson approached him about an excessive amount of cornstalks and trees in Section 30 of Bloomfield Township. Manager Halvorson moved to hire Chad's Excavation to do the work. Manager Lovas seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Mayville-Blanchard Drain No. 39

(7-20-21) Andy Neset said that a farmer had contacted him about an approach in Section 35 of Mayville Township between the NE and SE ¼'s. He stated that the approach is too narrow for his farm equipment to use and he would also like to see longer culverts placed there. The Board asked Andy to investigate it further and bring his findings back to the next meeting.

Murray Drain No. 17

(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 is a culvert project that would be cost-shared with the County.

ELM RIVER DAMS

(7-6-21) 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. He stated that because of the substantial costs to conduct this Study an amendment to the previously approved cost-share agreement has been submitted to the State Water Commission (SWC) for their review/approval in the amount of \$108,000.00 (an increase of \$36,000.00). Upon completion of the Study, the JWRD will evaluate alternatives and determine the next steps in addressing the deficiencies.

TRAILL COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

(7-20-21) Corey Martin, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board this morning to discuss road and bridge issues. Discussion was revisited on Bridge No. 59 that is in need of being replaced with a culvert. Josh Hassell told him that they are working on expediting the materials necessary but the order has been delayed indefinitely and the prices have increased due to the pandemic. It was decided that the County will patch over it for the next few years instead with the anticipation of the price of steel culverts decreasing.

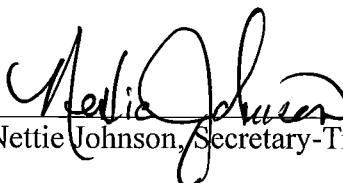
Jason Siegert asked Mr. Martin for a status of a rusted-out culvert in the Murray Drain (see above). Mr. Martin said that nothing has been done with this culvert, but it is on his list.

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.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further topics to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 10:30am without objection.



Nettie Johnson, Secretary-Treasurer



Jason Siegert, Chair

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