

Trall County Water Resource District
October 5, 2021 – 8:00 a.m.

The Trall County Water Resource District met on Tuesday, October 5, 2021, at 8:00 a.m. at the Board's office in Hillsboro, North Dakota. Present were Chairman Jason Siegert and Water Managers Joel Halvorson, Jason Lovas, and Andy Neset. Water Manager absent was Gary Thompson. Chris Gross, the Board's engineer, was also present. Sean Fredricks, the Board's attorney, attended virtually. Jessica Spaeth, interim Secretary/Treasurer was also in attendance.

Approval of Agenda

Chairman Siegert requested the addition of Miller Drain update under Drain Business. Manager Lovas moved to approve the agenda with the addition. Manager Neset seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Minutes

Manager Halvorson moved to approve the meeting minutes from the Board's meetings on September 21. Manager Lovas seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Bills

Manager Neset moved to approve payment of the bills and electronic funds transfers, as presented. Manager Lovas seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Elm River & Goose River Snagging and Clearing Projects

There was no update on the Elm River and Goose River Snagging and Clearing Projects.

Camrud Drainage Improvement District No. 79 Project

Chris Gross reported the project came in \$19,000 under budget, while the change order increased the contract price by \$21,000, making the net change of \$2,256.04 for the project. Manager Lovas noted lack of grass growing in ¼ mile section due to a seeding issue. Contractor RJ Zavoral submitted Pay Application No. 3 for the Board's consideration, in the amount of \$170,973.98. \$5,000 remains in project retainage. Manager Lovas moved to approve Pay Application No. 3 for RJ Zavoral in the amount of \$170,973.98. Manager Neset seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Thompson Drainage Improvement District No. 72 Project

Chris Gross distributed a Construction Progress Update (reporting period from 6/26/21 – 10/5/21) showing recent activity including channel excavation, road crossing installation, and clearing & grubbing, along with photos of the work completed. Gross noted that there are no potential change orders at this time. Box culverts are on site, both county roads are complete. The remaining 1.75 miles should be done in 2.5 weeks if the weather cooperates. The tile system plan received from Rodney Thompson was only a proposal from Ellingson. Per Corey, Ellingson contact, they will perform a pump relocation only.

Hong Drainage Improvement District No. 81 Project

A letter and invoice were sent to Mr. Hong about the remaining balance of \$7,962.

Stavanger-Belmont Drain No. 52 Outlet & Between Section 5 & 8 Culvert Status

Moore Engineering is currently conducting a culvert analysis for the WRD and updates will be provided as they become available.

Elm River Watershed Study

A draft report of the Elm River Watershed study will be available early next week. The Elm River Joint WRD will meet next on Monday, October 25, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. in Galesburg.

Blanchard-Norman Drain No. 23-40 Improvement Project No. 2021-01 Project

Chris reported the State Water Commission meeting is on October 14, 2021 at 1:00 pm in Bismarck, and the Commission will consider the Board's cost-share request for this project. Conference call options are available. The Commission responds well to project sponsors appearing in person so if any of the Board members are willing to attend, that will be helpful. As a note, all Solicitation of Views (SOVs) should be forwarded to Sean Fredricks and Chris Gross. On this project, the Board did not feel the necessity to respond to the SOV regarding the Board's permit application.

Traill County Bridges

Moore Engineering will have written recommendations for Bridges 69 and 328 at the next meeting.

Red Owl Drain No. 55 – Cleanout Project

KRB Gravel has completed the project, including the additional segment in Section 32 of Blanchard Township.

Greenfield-Bohnsack Drain No. 57A – Repair Project

The Board's construction contract with KRB Gravel contains a November 15 deadline. The culverts are expected to be delivered on October 13th.

Burke, Kaufman, Viking, Nelson 28 Excavation Work Status

The project has been completed by Chad's Excavating.

Miller Drain 29, Sect 29 Bohnsack Township – Culvert Status

The culvert in Section 29 is completed. Manager Lovas moved to replace the intercept culvert in the NE corner of NW quarter of Section 30 in Norway Township in lieu of installing a culvert in the NW corner of NW quarter of Section 30, 24" diameter, length TBD, cost not to exceed \$6,500. Manager Neset seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. Moore to investigate and develop cost estimate for replacement of the two drop structures near the outlet of the legal drain.

Grand Forks 59 Progress

Industrial Builders is working on an outlet. The Magellan Pipeline was lowered. Manager Siegert will contact Grand Forks County Engineer regarding changes to the project and potential changes to benefits to Traill County landowners. The Board is curious if the permit from the State was updated to reflect elevation and depth changes. Rich Axvig emailed a picture of progress on the project. The picture was forwarded on to the Managers.

Complaints

Reimer vs. Koenig – No updates.

Elkhorn Farms vs. Stormoe – November deadline.

Secretary/Treasurer/Office Manager

One application has been received to date. The voucher process will be updated.

Final Payment of Maintenance Bond

Final payment was made for Maintenance Bond Bloomfield 46, Christopherson 50, Garfield 32, and Roseville 19. Goose River Bank will mail bonds back to our office.

Other

Moore Engineering emailed the assessment lists October 4 and 5.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 am.

APPROVE:

Jason Siegert, Chair

ATTEST:

Jessica Spaeth, Interim Secretary-Treasurer