

Traill County Water Resource District
February 7, 2023 – 8:00 a.m.

The Traill County Water Resource District met on Tuesday, February 7, 2023, at 8:00 a.m. at its office in Hillsboro, ND. Present were Chairman Jason Siegert and Water Managers Jason Lovas, Joel Halvorson, Andy Neset, and Gary Thompson. Nathan Trosen, the Board's engineer; Sean Fredricks, the Board's attorney; and Jessica Spaeth, Secretary-Treasurer were also in attendance.

Agenda

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

Minutes

Manager Thompson moved to approve the minutes of the Board's meetings on January 17. Manager Halvorson seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Bills

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

Manager Neset moved to approve the bank statements and general journal entries as presented. Manager Lovas seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Blanchard-Norman Drain No. 23-40 Project Status

Per the Board's agreement with the NDDOT, the local sponsor is required to obtain all necessary permits for the project at their own expense. The NDDOT crossing will only require a "Nationwide Permit," but NDDOT is suggesting the Board should obtain a 404 permit for the entire project. Moore to submit a 404 permit application for the entire project, likely before the end of the week.

Manager Lovas moved to approve easements for Williams Land Holdings, Donat Trust, Ann Ewen, Beth Ewen, and Kevin Braaten. Manager Neset seconded. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Fredricks provided a Right of Way update.

The Blanchard-Norman Drain No. 23-40 construction is anticipated to begin in late Spring 2023.

Camrud Drainage Improvement District No. 79 Project

Mr. Fredricks provided a Right of Way update: The DeRider matter remains in process. Ohnstad Twichell filed a motion for summary judgment and Fredricks provided a copy to the Board. Mr. Fredricks will keep the Board posted.

Thompson Drain No. 72 Project Status

Grand Forks – Traill Joint WRD met today to discuss assessments of Drain No. 59 and Drain No. 72. Grand Forks County WRD has administered Drain No. 59 and assessments, and Traill County WRD has administered Drain No. 72 and assessments, in accordance with the WRDs'

agreement. There may be an issue with Drain 59 assessment levies. The Grand Forks County WRD's secretary-treasurer will contact the two County Auditors, and has indicated that, despite the issue, there will be sufficient funds to make the Drain 59 bond payments.

Elm River Joint WRD Project Update

Elm River Joint WRD meets today at 9:30 a.m.

Traill County Bridges

Bridge 69 / Leirness-Steenerson Drain No. 34-20 –Traill County Highway Department will mark culverts with orange fencing as a safety precaution over the winter; culverts will be installed by the County in Spring 2023. Bridge 290 / Miller Drain No. 29 – Contech provided a quote for three 117' x 79" CSPA totaling \$150,910. An updated quote with minor modifications will be available at the next meeting. Discussion with county highway department to determine culvert material preference. Bridge 59 / Nelson Drain No. 28 – updated quotes provided by Hancock and Forterra came in at \$159,758 and \$164,364, respectively.

Stavanger-Belmont Drain No. 52 Belmont 5/8 Culvert; NE Stavanger 16 Culvert

The Board and Engineers will continue to monitor the outlet and culvert status between sections 5 and 8 of Belmont Township and culverts in section 16 of Stavanger Township. Repairs will be determined by guidance provided by FEMA.

Miller Drain No. 29 – Norway 20 – Outlet Repair; Roseville 13

Contech provided a quote for three 117' x 79" CSPA totaling \$150,910. Contech to provide an updated quote with new lengths and lifting hook.

Norway Drain No. 38

Repairs to Section 35 outlet and culvert washout between Sections 22 and 27 will be completed later this year.

McCoy-McCradie Drain No. 4-14

The District will invite landowners to the March 7 meeting to discuss a possible reconstruction.

N. Mayville Drain No. 8

Moore to develop cost estimates for possible reconstruction.

Leirness-Steenerson Drain No. 34-20

Herberg Township to place markers around the slide as a safety precaution over the winter months.

Red Owl Drain No. 55

Repairs to drop structure washout in sections 29 and 32 to be performed in 2023.

Kelso Floodway Drain No. 70

Manager Lovas moved to direct Moore to work with the contractor to determine culvert repair needs and place order for CSPA culvert materials in sections 23 and 24 (168th Ave SE). Manager Naset seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Kelso Diversion Study

The Department of Emergency Services is awaiting funding for potential projects. Department of Emergency Services offers hazard mitigation grant funding for which a diversion study may be eligible. Moore drafted and submitted a letter to Department of Emergency Services committing to the local share.

Greenfield-Bohnsack Drain No. 57A

KRB Gravel to complete minor warranty repairs needed. Repairs will be completed along with Red Owl Drain No. 55 repairs.

Carson Drain No. 10

The Board has not yet reached out to the Carson Drain No. 10 landowners to see if there is interest in pursuing such a project or if a smaller cleanout and culvert replacement project would be preferred.

Moen Drain No. 27

There was no update on debris removal on Moen Drain No. 27.

Roseville Drain No. 19

Manager Lovas will meet with the landowners to develop a plan regarding installation of seven intercept culverts in Section 15 of Roseville Township.

Borke Drain No. 15

Moore to develop cost estimates for possible reconstruction.

Multiple FEMA Washouts

FEMA continues to work on documentation to submit for reimbursement.

Complaints

Reimer vs. Koenig: There was no update.

Other Business

The Board reviewed a Drain Reassessment Status map provided by Moore. It was determined that no reassessments are needed at this time.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

APPROVE:

Jason Siegert, Chair

ATTEST:

Jessica Spaeth, Secretary-Treasurer