

**TRAILL COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
RECURRENT MEETING
MARCH 20, 2018 ~ 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, Andy Neset, Joel Halvorson, and Vice-chair Jason Lovas with Chairman Jason Siegert presiding. Also present was: Chris Gross, Moore Engineering, Inc.

AGENDA

Manager Halvorson moved to accept the agenda. Manager Thompson seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES

Manager Thompson moved to approve the February 20, 2018 meeting minutes as presented. Manager Halvorson seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL

It was moved by Manager Neset and seconded by Manager Lovas to approve payment of the February 21 – March 20, 2018 bills and the electronic funds transfers, as presented. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

DRAIN BUSINESS

Don Dufner stopped in this morning to talk to the Board about **equipment** that he has built to **clean snow out of drains** and ditches. Mr. Dufner has asked if the Board would be interested in hiring him to do any snow removal in any of our legal drains. Concerns were raised regarding liability issues relating to the damage of our drains and any culverts within. Mr. Dufner assured the Board that the blade that removes the snow does not go deep enough into a ditch or drain to do any damage. Joel Halvorson stated that he would like to speak to the attorney of our Board regarding the legality of allowing Mr. Dufner to perform such work in our legal drains. This topic will be tabled until our attorney is present.

Gary Thompson told the Board that **Paul Sproule** has approached him about **cleaning dirt out** of the **Carson Drain No. 10** in Section 34 of Belmont Township. After further discussion, Gary said he will have to speak to Mr. Sproule to obtain more specifics and bring them to our next meeting.

Corey Martin, Traill County Highway Superintendent, went over county road and bridge issues with the Board.

Gary Thompson told the Board that the **meeting with the County Commissioners** went well a few weeks ago when they met at the **Goose River to discuss snagging and clearing issues**. Mr. Thompson said that he is optimistic that the Commissioners see the need for continued snagging and clearing in the future. Corey Martin added that the main concern for the Commissioners is about raising taxes on the landowners that are assessed in the snagging and clearing districts.

Lindsay Koeffler, American Enterprises, informed the Board that the snagging and clearing is complete on the Goose River and that they will be commencing work on the Elm River soon.

Discussion was held on the **status** of the possible **Norway Drain No. 38 Improvement Project**. Chris Gross said that Craig Odenbach of the State Water Commission has notified Chris that his office will be re-addressing the issue of funding for this project and will keep Chris informed of their decisions.

Engineer Chris Gross gave updates to the culvert issues of the Stavanger-Belmont Drain No. 52, the Hillsboro Drain No. 26 cleanout, and the culvert work that remains on the Murray Drain No. 17 project.

Discussion was revisited on the topic of a **new drop structure** in the NE ¼ of the NE Corner in Section 15 of Norman Township (**Blanchard-Norman Drain 23-40**). He expressed his concerns regarding the hydrology of the drop structure. He said it is very steep and getting high flow results. With today's standards, they are looking at a stand pipe with a side pipe placed next to each other. Questions were asked about large rain amounts and spring melt and where the water goes to. The Board decided that they would like to see how sound the drop structure actually is when they can inspect it after the snow melt.

Chris Gross gave right of way information for the **cleanout** of 2.5 miles of the **Morgan Drain No. 36** in Sections 26, 23 and 14. He will have additional information for us at our next meeting.

PERMITS AND COMPLAINTS

The Board reviewed a ND Department of Transportation **Request for Drainage** on Highway Right of Way submitted by **Dave and Paul Mueller** of PDM Farms, Cummings, ND. After further discussion, Jason Lovas moved to acknowledge the application and hold no objection to the application. Andy Neset seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

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



Jason Siegert, Chairman

Nettie Johnson, Secretary