

**TRAILL COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
RECURRENT MEETING
APRIL 17, 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 Lovas moved to accept the agenda as amended. Manager Neset seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES

Manager Lovas moved to approve the April 3, 2018 meeting minutes as presented. Manager Thompson 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 April 4 – April 17, 2018 bills and the electronic funds transfers, as presented. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

DRAIN BUSINESS

Chris Gross gave **updates** on the Elm River **snagging & clearing projects**. He indicated that the contractor is mobilizing and will commence work on the river today.

Discussion was held on the **work that remains** on the **Stavanger-Belmont Drain No. 52** between Sections 17 and 20 of Belmont Township which includes extending the short culvert at the end of the drain that was previously installed incorrectly. Chris presented bid estimates from Bohlman Trenching Services for \$40,369.00; JAV Construction, Inc. for \$40,464.00; and Comstock Construction, Inc. for \$54,280.00. The work is estimated to be under \$150,000.00 so an informal bid process is deemed legal. Manager Neset moved that it be in the Board's best interest to issue a change order to the original contract and award the contract to JAV Construction Inc. in the amount of \$40,464.00 to complete the drainage improvements. Manager Lovas seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Chris Gross told the Board that his office will have final figures this week along with mapping for the **new Norway Drain No. 38 Improvement Project**. He will be in contact with the Contractor for the project and keep the Board updated on any progress. Staking is anticipated to begin around May 1st.

Chris handed out **preliminary plans** for the proposed cleanout in the **Morgan Drain No. 36** along county road 21. Discussion was held on right-of-way issues and what to do with the spoil. Chris' office will contact landowners involved in the project and offer payment for right-of-way easements if necessary. Manager Lovas moved to set the temporary construction easement at

\$150.00 per acre. Manager Siegert seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. Bids will be going out in the near future.

Discussion on the **Blanchard-Norman Drain 23-40 drop structures** was revisited. This drain will be surveyed and a vote conducted in the near future. The Board all agree that work is necessary due to the structures being undersized and failing.

At 9:00am, **Leon Sand** met with the Board to discuss water issues in the Elm River Diversion and Knudsvig Diversion and where they connect in Section 22 north of Clifford. The Board asked if he would consider giving us a permanent easement for some of his land in order to maintain and clean it when necessary. Mr. Sand was adamant and stated that he already has to deal with too much water and won't consider giving us an easement at this time.

At 9:30am, **Paul and Sandy Fossum** met with the Board to discuss **right-of-way issues** pertaining to upcoming work that is going to be done on the **County Road 11** and the **Hillsboro Drain No. 26** in Eldorado and Hillsboro Townships. Chris Gross described the existing right-of-way and told the Fossum's that the purchase of additional right-of-way may be necessary in the future once a new survey can be completed. Land trade was discussed as another option to be considered. Rusted culverts at the outlet will also need to be replaced. Chris stated that he will try to have the survey and design complete in the next month and then run the calculations and provide the best option for all parties involved.

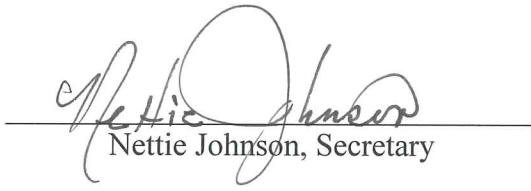
OTHER BUSINESS

The Board discussed and set expenditures for the **2019 preliminary budget** which is due on May 1st. The formal budget will be forwarded to the County Commissioners in August for their approval. After further discussion, Manager Lovas moved to approve the budget. Manager Thompson seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held on the **selling of the Board's survey equipment**. Nate at Frontier Precision gave an estimate of the equipment to be valued approximately at \$3,000.00. Manager Lovas moved to sell the data collector, 2 receivers, and a battery pack to Cole Neset in the amount of \$2,500.00. Manager Thompson 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