

**TRAILL COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
RECURRENT MEETING
AUGUST 21, 2018 ~ HILLSBORO, ND**

The District Board convened on this date and came to order at 7:00am at the office of the Traill County Water Resource District in Hillsboro, ND. Managers present were: Gary Thompson, Joel Halvorson, Jason Lovas and Andy Neset, with Chairman Jason Siegert presiding. Also present was: Chris Gross, Engineer for the Board.

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 Neset moved to approve the August 7th, 2018 meeting minutes as presented. Manager Lovas seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL

It was moved by Manager Neset and seconded by Manager Halvorson to approve payment of the August 8 – August 21, 2018 bills and the electronic funds transfers, as presented. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

DRAIN BUSINESS

Updates were given on the following drains:

Stavanger-Belmont Drain No. 52:

Jason Siegert informed the Board that he has spoken to contractor Jim Viele of JAV Construction who has requested that the installation date of the concrete headwall be extended. After consideration, the Board moved the install date to November 15, 2018.

S. Mayville Drain No. 9 (Mayville Airport)

(As of May 2015) The Airport operates its airport facilities on property owned by Airport adjacent to Drain 9; portions of the Drain 9 berm are located on property owned by Airport. The Airport was in the process of constructing an access road immediately west of Drain 9, on portions of the berm along the west side of Drain 9 (the “Access Road”). The Airport has agreed to convey to the District a permanent easement for purposes of operation and maintenance of Drain 9 subject to a reservation of the right for the Airport to maintain a portion of the Access Road upon a portion of the berm along the west side of Drain 9. Currently, Ohnstad Twichell Law Firm continues to work on modifying easement documents to accommodate area landowners and get them signed.

Hillsboro Drain No. 26:

Chris Gross informed the Board that he has been communicating with the landowners and is anticipating correspondence from them by September 4th. The landowners are interested in installing a crossing in the SE corner off of County Road 11, but the Board has concerns that this could have extensive costs. Chris will have more information for the Board by our next meeting.

Blanchard-Norman Drain 23-40:

Chris Gross handed out preliminary plans for the BN Drains 23-40 and the Mayville-Blanchard Drain No. 39 for a possible reconstruction project which included assessment and watershed boundaries. Box culvert elevations, etc. were also talked about. Further discussion will take place at our next scheduled meeting.

Holmen Drain No. 43:

Chris Gross presented preliminary plans for the drop structures located in the SE ¼ of Section 27. He commented that the drain is very flat. Re-grading the drain in the E ½ of Section 27 and possibly lowering both drop structures was considered. The Board asked Gary Thompson to communicate with the contractor (Flaten Construction) to cut down and armor the drop structures with rock and fabric but to obtain an estimate on the cost to do this first.

Greenfield-Bohnsack Drain 57A Extension (Halvorson Drain):

The Board approved the landowner agreement between Joel and Bonnie Halvorson and the Board on August 7th. Once the Halvorson's sign and notarize said agreement, Sean's office will update their abstract, prepare the warranty deed, etc. and then apply for a state permit. When those steps are completed, the Board will issue an Order (and publish) legally extending Drain 57A.

At 9:30am, Chairman Jason Siegert left the meeting and Vice-chair Lovas presided.

Kelso Floodway:

Chris Gross presented preliminary plans and survey data for the planned improvements to the Kelso Floodway. Discussion was held on an arch culvert through Highway 81 that is 12" higher than the interstate ditch. The possibility of having the Traill County Highway Department lower this pipe or to bore a new squash pipe this year depends on if the road will be paved next year. A reassessment hearing is being considered to be held this winter.

Drain Reassessments:

Chris provided maps containing reassessed drains and drains that have not been reassessed. The drains that the Board decided to hold meetings and possibly reassess in 2019 are the Kelso Floodway, McCoy Drain No. 4, and the McCrady Drain No. 14.

PERMITS AND COMPLAINTS

Neil Breidenbach met with the Board this morning regarding a surface permit he is trying to obtain to construct drainage in a township road ditch in Section 12 of Morgan Township which the township is objecting to. It appears the State Water Commission is not requiring an engineering design but just a delineation map to show the watershed of Neil's project. The Board cannot act on this as it is not their jurisdiction and suggested that one of advocate's prepare a map on his behalf.

OTHER BUSINESS

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

Having no further topics to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 10:15am without objection.



Jason Siegert, Chairman

Nettie Johnson, Secretary