

**TRAILL COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
RECURRENT MEETING
October 16, 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: Jason Siegert (phone), Gary Thompson and Joel Halvorson with Andy Neset presiding as Chairman. Also present was: Chris Gross, Engineer for the Board.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Manager Halvorson moved to approve the September 18 and October 2, 2018 meeting minutes as presented. Manager Siegert 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 September 18 – October 16, 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:

Chris Gross informed the Board that he has one shop drawing left to review for the headwall and anticipates the contractor to commence with the work next week.

Murray Drain No. 17:

Chris Gross reiterated that the seeding has been completed but still needs to be established. After further discussion, Manager Thompson moved to approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion dated September 17, 2018, the Final Balance Change Order, and the Contractor's Application for Payment No. 6 in the amount of \$44,865.35. Manager Halvorson seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

S. Mayville Drain 9-18-29:

Updates on the ongoing Mayville Airport issue were discussed.

Mr. Bart Fisher who resides in Michigan, is "representing" his mom, Janice Fisher, and his aunt, Kirsten Scarborough. Luke Andrud has modified documents several times to accommodate his requests. Most recently, Mr. Fisher suggested they will want some sort of payment to resolve this issue. He has not provided a definitive offer, but he contends land in that area is worth \$4K to \$5K per acre. The Board received a "Right of Way Deed" (basically an easement) for a little

more than 9 acres; then the Board attempted to convey 6 of those acres in fee by Warranty Deed (even though the Board did not own those acres in fee).

This topic will be revisited when our attorney is present at our next meeting.

Paulson Drain No. 7

Jason Siegert reminded the Board that he is waiting for contractor Jim Viele of JAV Construction, to provide the Board with an estimate for the cleanout of the drain.

Hillsboro Drain No. 26:

The purchase orders are being reviewed by Ohnstad Twichell Law Firm at this time and are hoping to have the documents signed by the end of this week. Chris' office continues to work with the landowners on culvert issues, etc. A quote for the outfall should be complete and ready to present at our November 6th meeting.

Blanchard-Norman Drain 23-40:

Chris Gross went over the project development with the Board. He told the Board that he is in the process of completing the survey of the Mayville-Blanchard Drain No. 39. He said it appears to be very flat in that area. He will have more information available at our next meeting. Hearings will be held this fall with landowners to obtain input and opinions on the proposed project.

Holmen Drain No. 43:

Chris Gross and Contractor Rod Flaten are working together on the repair of two drop structures in the SE ¼ of Section 27. The plan would be to cut down the cement on the drop structure 9" on the east side and 6" on the west side. Thompson reiterated that the contractor will provide the Board with an estimate prior to performing the work. Mr. Flaten will forward the estimate to our office as soon as he is able.

Elm River Diversion:

Manager Halvorson has spoken to Leon Sand who indicated that there is a problem with sediment build up in Section 35 of Norman Township on the Elm River. Manager Lovas has drone imaging of the area and will have it available for the Board to review at our next meeting at which time a solution can hopefully be found.

PERMITS AND COMPLAINTS

Harlan Erickson and Seth Erickson met with the Board this morning to discuss installing drain tile in the SE ¼ and NE ¼ of Section 29 of Greenfield Township. The Board offered advice and suggestions. Once all required information is received by the applicants, it will be reviewed by the attorney and engineer and be brought forth for approval after the 30 day notice period has expired.

OTHER BUSINESS

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

Proposed Grand Forks WRD/Traill County Legal Drain

Jason Siegert told the Board that he met with the Grand Forks WRD who appeared receptive to working with our Board and landowners in the creation of a legal drain along the county line of County Road 25. Chris provided a map of the potential legal drain and laterals. A JPA (Joint Powers Agreement) is being considered with the GFWRD who would ultimately have control over the drain when completed. Managers Neset and Siegert will be visiting with the GFWRD again tomorrow to continue discussion on moving the plans forward.

Having no further topics to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 10:00am without objection.



Andrew Neset, Acting Chairman



Nettie Johnson, Secretary