

**TRAILL COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
RECURRENT MEETING
FEBRUARY 5, 2019 ~ 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: Joel Halvorson, Gary Thompson, Andy Neset, and Jason Lovas with Jason Siegert presiding as Chairman. Also present were Sean Fredricks, Attorney for the Board and Josh Hassell, Moore Engineering, Inc.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Manager Halvorson moved to approve the January 15, 2018 meeting minutes as presented. Manager Lovas seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL

It was moved by Manager Halvorson and seconded by Manager Thompson to approve payment of the January 16 ~ February 5, 2019 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:

Blanchard-Norman Drain 23-40:

Josh Hassell provided maps of the reassessment areas for the proposed project. He asked the Board for additions or changes to the maps. The maps will be updated and then presented with the changes at the next meeting. Josh then presented mapping for the "Thompson Slough" containing GIS information. Eric Knudsvig stated that he would like to clean the ditch going west in the Elm River Diversion in Section 18 of Norman Township. Culvert issues were talked about. Sean Fredricks said that the Board does not have jurisdiction over culverts (this is a township issue) and that no permit is required for silt removal although any other work done would require a permit. This topic will be discussed further at our next meeting.

The Board discussed combining the Blanchard-Norman Drain 23-40 and the Mayville Blanchard Drain No. 39 into one drain. After further discussion, the Board agreed to combine the drains and to call it the Blanchard-Norman Drain No. 74.

The Board chose the date of April 2, 2019 at 9:00am to hold the public hearing for this drain. Sean Fredricks will have the Resolutions, etc. available for the Board to review and approve at the March 5th meeting.

Kelso Floodway 70 and McCoy-McCradie Drain 4-14:

The Board chose April 16th, 2019 at 9:00am as the Reassessment Hearings for these drains. Sean Fredrick's office will prepare the necessary notices, etc.

Thompson Drain No. 72 Proposed Project:

Gary Thompson, Engineer Josh Hassel, and petitioners will be discussing this project further today at 10:00am. At this time, this project is still in the planning stages.

Greenfield-Bohnsack Drain 57A (Halvorson Drain):

Still awaiting abstract and permit.

Other Business:

Discussion was held on the status of drain tile permit no. 2019-01 submitted by Eric Knudsvig. A "technical evidence" letter was submitted to the Board by the engineer for Leon Sand as an objection to Eric Knudsvig's tile application. By law, as a result of Mr. Sand's timely submission of an adverse impacts report, the Board can next consider whether or not the project "will flood or unreasonably harm" Mr. Sand. If so, the Board can require Knudsvig to obtain a letter of consent from Sand (not an easement but a consent letter). Upon further review, the Board found that the County Highway Department was not mailed a 30-day notice, so by the Board's direction, a second Thirty-day Notice regarding the Knudsvig tile application will be mailed out. The applicant neglected to provide ownership information regarding the County 16 right of way so we proceeded under the assumption that the County was relying on its statutory easement right of way. At our meeting this morning, Cory confirmed the County actually owns its right of way (and does not rely on statutory 33' easement) for Highway 16. With that in mind, a supplemental 30-day Notice is necessary. The Board will make a final decision on March 5th as to whether or not to approve Eric Knudsvig's application.

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 10:10am without objection.



Jason Siegert, Chairman

Nettie Johnson, Secretary