

**TRAILL COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT  
RECURRENT MEETING  
JUNE 4, 2019 ~ 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: Joel Halvorson, Gary Thompson, Jason Lovas, and Andy Neset with Jason Siegert presiding as Chairman. Also present were: Sean Fredricks, Attorney for the Board, and Chris Gross, Moore Engineering, Inc.

**AGENDA**

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

**MINUTES**

Manager Lovas moved to approve the May 7, 2019 recurrent 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 Halvorson to approve payment of the May 7 ~ June 4, 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:

**Proposed Grand Forks WRD/Traill County Legal Drain:**

Discussion was held on the status of the JPA (Joint Powers Agreement). Sean Fredricks told the Board that he will be in contact with Grand Forks WRD attorney Dan Gaustad regarding this and will keep us informed of the status.

**Proposed Thompson Drain No. 72:**

Engineer Gross provided the Board with copies of the Engineers Preliminary Opinion of Probable Cost report. Because the project will benefit properties in Grand Forks County, the project assessment district must include those properties, a process that will require a joint powers agreement with the Grand Forks County WRD. Sean Fredricks stated that the JPA will be sent out by his office to all involved parties for their review and consideration.

**Proposed Camrud Drain No. 79:**

Chris Gross said that he has been in contact with drain petitioner Chris Hong on preliminary engineering issues. An informational meeting and/or a public hearing will be set at our next meeting.

**Snagging & Clearing:**

Jason Siegert told the Board that he will meet with the County Commissioners to express to them the importance of snagging and clearing projects for the protection of the county's infrastructure and encourage them to continue in assisting in funding these projects.

**Stavanger-Belmont Drain No. 52:**

Contractor Jim Viele, JAV Construction, is tentatively scheduled to begin the replacement of the culverts and installation of a new headwall for this drain sometime in July as it is still too wet to access the area.

Sean Fredricks updated the Board regarding the Saure right of way issue. He said that he is still waiting to hear back from the Saure Trust attorney regarding our land purchase offer. His office will continue negotiations with Mr. Saure's counsel and keep the Board posted.

Chris Gross provided a drain fund summary for the Board to review.

**Murray Drain No. 17:**

Chris Gross provided a drain fund summary for the Board to review.

A culvert is to be installed by the County in Section 32 of Mayville Township sometime in the near future.

The Board all agreed this drain is performing well and will initiate a final inspection at which time this project can be deemed complete and closed.

Manager Lovas moved to approve final payment to Chad's Excavation in the amount of \$21,019.63 contingent upon when SWC overrun funding becomes available. Manager Thompson seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

**Mayville Airport (S. Mayville Drain No. 9):**

At the last meeting, the Board approved a quit claim deed to convey the balance of the property lying north and west of Highway 18 to Arvid Michalis. Ohnstad Twichell, P.C., is working on completing that transaction. Once that right of way is complete, the Board will be in a position to engage the airport. Sean Fredricks reported that the Traill County Recorder's Office may require a survey for this transaction. He will keep us informed as to the outcome.

**Hillsboro Drain No. 26:**

Chris Gross informed the Board that the culverts for the outlet and approach have been ordered. Sean Fredricks presented the Resolution of Necessity for the improvement of Drain 26. This Resolution would authorize the Board to work with the County for the County's portion of the Project under ND law, to conduct the Board's share of the project, and to prepare a bond issue to finance the Board's share of the project. Sean's office will also have it published in the Traill County Tribune newspaper. Manager Lovas moved to approve the Resolution of Necessity. Manager Halvorson seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

**Blanchard-Norman Drain No. 23-40:**

Ballots were counted on May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Chris Gross provided the vote tally summary which reflected the no votes, and the yes votes. The vote failed therefore the project will not move forward.

**Greenfield-Bohnsack Drain No. 57A:**

Sean Fredricks presented the Order to Extend Drain 57A. After review and discussion, Manager Lovas moved to approve the Order. Manager Thompson seconded the motion. Roll call taken: Neset-yea, Thompson-yea, Siegert-yea, Lovas-yea, Halvorson abstained. Motion carried. This venture has now been deemed complete.

**Nelson Drain No. 28**

Jason Lovas reiterated that Tom McNamee approached him about a culvert that Dalrymple Farms installed that is too small and is causing water to go over the township road in Section 31 of Hillsboro Township. The Board discussed several options. No action was taken at this time.

**Paulson Drain No. 7**

The Board was informed that the Surface Drainage Permit Application was submitted to the ND SWC for their review on May 10, 2019.

**Holmen Drain No. 43**

Gary Thompson told the Board about erosion that has occurred towards the bottom of this drain at the 2<sup>nd</sup> drop structure in Section 26 of Garfield Township. After further discussion, Manager Thompson moved to direct Moore Engineering to look at the plans to see what can be done about this damage. Manager Halvorson seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

**McCoy-McCradie Drain 4-14:**

The Board discussed an issue about a report of a farmer farming through Drain 4-14 in Section 36 of Kelso Township. It was determined that this is not in our jurisdiction. No action taken.

Discussion was held regarding the McCoy-McCradie reassessment. Chris' office researched right of way in Section 36 of Kelso Township based on comments at the reassessment hearing from landowners west of Section 36. Chris' office found there is no right of way in Section 36 and that may limit the Board's ability to conduct a cleanout in that area (for the benefit of landowners to the west). After further discussion, Manager Lovas moved to rescind the May 7<sup>th</sup> motion to approve the Resolution Confirming the Reassessment for the McCoy-McCradie Drain 4-14 and to approve the Final Reassessment List. Manager Halvorson seconded the motion. Manager Neset moved to reduce the assessment from 100% to 50% in Section 35 into 26 in the McCoy Drain No. 4. Manager Lovas seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

The Board talked about an outlet in Section 27 of Elm River Township in the McCoy Drain No. 4 that is failing because the pipes have separated. The Board suggested replacing both pipes and to connect them to the original cement headwall which is still in good shape. Manager Thompson moved to direct Chris Gross to prepare a bid packet and ask for bids from several contractors to do the work. Manager Lovas seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

**Norway Drain No. 38**

Chris Gross provided a drain fund summary for the Board to review. He then informed the Board that several washouts have occurred due to snow-melt in this Drain. Chris recommends packing clay into those areas and also placing additional rip-rap. Manager Lovas moved to direct Moore Engineering to prepare a bid packet and ask for bids from several contractors to do the work. The Board would like to see the same contractor perform this work at the same time the work is being done on the McCoy Drain No. 4. Manager Halvorson seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

**North Mayville Drain No. 8**

Gary Thompson told the Board that a washout has been discovered in the SW ¼ of Section 28 of Morgan Township; 1 mile east of County Road 14 and ¼ mile north. Manager Siegert moved to direct Gary Thompson to contact Rod Flaten to do the work and not to exceed \$10,000.00. Manager Lovas seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

**Viking-Lindaas Drain No. 44**

Gary Thompson told the Board that Spencer Endrud approached him for a request to install a culvert in Section 30 of Lindaas Township. After further discussion, the Board agreed to table this request until Mr. Endrud comes in to speak to the Board about it.

**Carson Drain No. 10**

Chris Gross provided a drain fund summary for the Board to review.

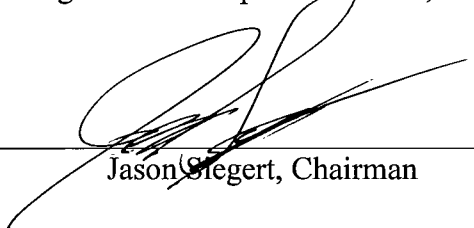
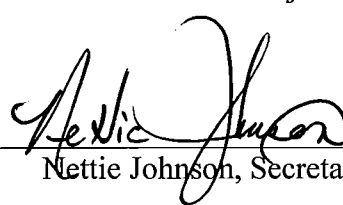
**PERMITS AND COMPLAINTS:**

None.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

The Board discussed and set expenditures for the **2020 preliminary budget** which is due on June 4<sup>th</sup>. 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 Halvorson seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Having no further topics to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:55am without objection.

  
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Jason Siegert, Chairman  
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Nettie Johnson, Secretary