

**TRAILL COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT  
RECURRENT MEETING  
JUNE 18, 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 was: Josh Hassell, Moore Engineering, Inc.

**AGENDA**

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

**MINUTES**

Manager Thompson moved to approve the June 4, 2019 recurrent 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 June 5 ~ 18, 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 Line Project:**

Discussion was revisited on the status of the JPA (Joint Powers Agreement) between Grand Forks and Traill County. Sean Fredricks told the Board at the last meeting 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:**

Sean Fredricks sent an email to Grand Forks attorney Dan Gaustad and relayed to him that because the project would have to include assessments to some Grand Forks County properties, he drafted a proposed Joint Powers Agreement between the Traill and Grand Forks WRDs. He asked Mr. Gaustad to take a look at the draft JPA and let him know if he had any thoughts or concerns. Mr. Gaustad replied that he will not have time to review the JPA as he is preparing for a federal case at this time. Mr. Fredricks will let us know when he hears back from Mr. Gaustad regarding his review and opinion.

**Proposed Camrud Drain No. 79:**

Josh Hassell said that his office continues to be in contact with drain petitioner Chris Hong on preliminary engineering issues. An informational meeting and/or a public hearing will in the near future.

**Snagging & Clearing:**

Jason Siegert told the Board that he has met 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. Jason said that they are adamantly opposed to funding these projects because of landowner complaints. The commissioners all agreed that to see these projects be funded they suggest the landowners come to them with their requests to initiate the 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.

Jason Siegert told the Board that Rick Camrud approached him about washouts on his land due to last winter's snow melt in the SE ¼ of Section 17 of Stavanger Township. Jason said he will be looking at the damage and will bring his findings back to the Board for recommendations on how to repair the area.

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

No new updates. Ohnstad Twichell, P.C., is working on concluding this issue.

**Hillsboro Drain No. 26:**

No new updates. The culverts for the outlet and approach have been ordered and the bond is yet to be set for the work.

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

Since the Improvement Project recently voted on failed, the Board looked at other ways of improving this drain. Several options were discussed and will be talked about further at the next meeting.

**Holmen Drain No. 43:**

Discussion was revisited about the erosion that has occurred towards the bottom of this drain at the 2<sup>nd</sup> drop structure in Section 26 of Garfield Township. Drone imaging reflected a berm that has eroded and is diverting the water near this drop structure. This is a wooden drop structure that is deteriorating and will need to be repaired or replaced. This will be revisited again at the next meeting.

**Nelson Drain No. 28:**

From the original discussion from June 4<sup>th</sup>, 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 a township road in Hillsboro Township. After reviewing a culvert delineation presented to the Board by Josh Hassell, the Board agreed to have Jason approach the Dalrymple's and ask that they install a 36" culvert in the NE ¼ of Section 36 of Hillsboro Township.

**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. Upon a recent request made to the OSE for the status of this permit, they replied that they have not yet processed the application due to their current backlog of reviews. Matt Lindsay said that it was brought to Kelsey's attention, and she will do what she can to work it into her current workload.

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

The Board revisited discussion about an outlet in Section 27 of Elm River Township in the McCoy Drain No. 4 that is failing because the pipes have separated. Josh Hassell provided copies of as-built plans to reflect existing culverts and cross sections along the principal spillway. Recommendations to replace or repair the drop structure were talked about. Moore Engineering will be doing additional exploratory work to find the correct solution and will bring their findings to the Board for discussion and review.

**Norway Drain No. 38:**

(Copied from June 4<sup>th</sup> meeting): 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. Moore Engineering will 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.

**Mowing and Spraying of Drains:**

Manager Lovas moved to direct Moore Engineering to create map of the legal drains that are in need of mowing and/or spraying. This map will be reviewed by the Board in the upcoming weeks.

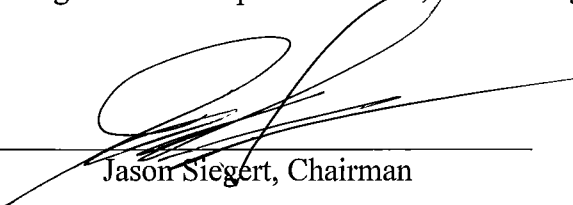
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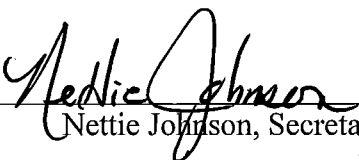
No new updates.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

None.

Having no further topics to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:30am without objection.

  
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Jason Siegert, Chairman

  
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Nettie Johnson, Secretary