

**TRAILL COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT  
RECURRENT MEETING  
AUGUST 20, 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: Chris Gross, Moore Engineering, Inc.

**AGENDA**

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

**MINUTES**

Manager Halvorson moved to approve the August 6, 2019 recurrent meeting minutes as presented. Manager Thompson 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 7 ~ August 20, 2019 bills and the electronic funds transfers, as presented. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

**DRAIN BUSINESS**

**Proposed Grand Forks WRD/Traill County Line Project**

(No new updates) Discussion was revisited on the status of the JPA (Joint Powers Agreement) between Grand Forks and Traill County. Sean Fredricks told the Board that he has been in contact with Grand Forks WRD attorney Dan Gaustad regarding this and will keep us informed of the status.

**Proposed Thompson Drain No. 72**

(No new updates) Discussion was revisited on the JAP (Joint Powers Agreement) between the Traill and Grand Forks WRDs. Sean Fredricks, Traill County Attorney, asked Grand Forks Attorney Dan Gaustad to take a look at the draft JPA several weeks ago and let him know if he had any thoughts or concerns. At this time, Mr. Gaustad has not replied due to a federal case he is involved with. Chris Gross suggested that Gary Thompson speak with Rich Axvig, Grand Forks WRD and inform him of the importance of having the JPA in place so that a cost-share request can be submitted to the State Water Commission before their December 2019 meeting. Chris said he will speak to Sean Fredricks about working with Dan Gaustad to get this done in a timely manner.

**Proposed Camrud Drain No. 79**

Chris Gross presented an Engineer's Report containing an Engineer's Opinion of Probable Cost for the Board to review. The total estimated project cost is: \$2,362,000.00. The estimated project cost to assess is: \$1,278,419.43. The Resolution to Set the Public Hearing will be prepared and ready for approval at our September 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

**Snagging & Clearing**

(No new updates) Public hearings for the Goose and Elm Rivers and the Buffalo Coulee will be held in early 2020 to stress the importance of snagging and clearing projects to the Commissioners and the land patrons. The ND State Water Commission is allowing for cost-sharing these projects again.

**Stavanger-Belmont Drain No. 52**

(No new updates) Chris Gross stated that he would like to see a culvert crossing in place for this drain before harvest. Jim Viele, JAV Construction, told the Board that he anticipates the work on the headwall to be started after the work on the Hillsboro Drain is complete sometime this month.

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

Andy Neset told the Board that he has spoken to Lance Fugelberg, Mayville Airport Authority, who indicated that they are willing to give the TCWRD a permanent easement to perform any work that needs to be done on the property since FAA's regulations do not allow them to convey ownership of any airport land. Sean Fredricks will have the Permanent Easement Agreement prepared and ready for signatures at our September meeting.

**Hillsboro Drain No. 26**

Jason Lovas said that he has been in contact with Paul Fossum about some concerns Mr. Fossum is having with culvert and berm issues. The Board will be addressing these issues.

Jason Siegert said that the culvert has been installed and the dirt work at the outlet is complete. The County Highway Department dirt work is yet to be done and vegetation still needs to be established.

**Murray Drain No. 17**

The Board discussed a recent denial by the SWC for a cost overrun request made by the board. Chris Gross said that he plans on having a meeting with the SWC staff to determine the reasons why the request was denied.

Corey Martin, Traill County Highway Department, said that they will be installing the culvert in Section 32 of Mayville Township in the near future.

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

(No new updates) Discussion continued on what options are viable for this drain to function properly. Chris Gross said he will be preparing a cost estimate for 2.5 miles of channel improvements to include one road crossing and one drop structure.

**Paulson Drain No. 7**

(No new updates) 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 it to Kelsey's attention, and she will do what she can to work it into her current workload.

**Buxton Drain No. 68**

Discussion was revisited on the washouts that have occurred next to the railroad in Section 23 of Buxton Township. The Board directed Chris Gross to have cost estimates to repair the washouts prepared for our next meeting.

**Kelso Floodway**

Jason Lovas presented drone imaging showing a problem with a blockage in the Kelso Floodway near the drop structure in the NE corner of Section 23 into 24. The imaging reflected that the drain is in dire need of cleaning. After further discussion, the Board agreed that the entire drain, approximately 4 miles, should be cleaned. Jason Lovas will contact several contractors for estimates to do the work.

**Mayville-Blanchard Drain 39**

Andy Neset told the Board that Mark Osland contacted him about extending 2 culverts in an approach in Section 3 of Blanchard Township. After further discussion, Manager Halvorson moved to have Andy hire a contractor to do the work. Manager Lovas seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

**Preston Floodway**

Joel Halvorson said that spoil has been washed out in the northwest corner of Section 7 of Bohnsack Township. After further discussion, Manager Lovas moved to hire Chad's Excavation to do the work. Manager Neset seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

**Greenfield-Bohnsack Drain 57A**

Joel Halvorson told the Board that there is a washout on the north side of Section 20 of Bohnsack Township. Manager Siegert moved to hire Chad's Excavation to remove 2 culverts in the field approach and fill it in with dirt for costs not to exceed \$8,000.00. Manager Lovas seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

**Mowing and Spraying of Drains**

Dakota Helicopters will commence with the spraying of the legal drains next week.

**PERMITS**

Ron Hefta met with the Board this morning regarding water issues west of Portland, ND. He stated that there is a lot of ponding along Highway 200 which is causing negative soil structure and plant issues because of buffers that have been placed in the ditch by the ND DOT. Mr. Hefta has spoken to them about the situation and they referred him to our office to complete a Request for Drainage in Highway Right of Way application which will grant him permission to clean the ditch if approved. After review, Manager Lovas moved to acknowledge the application brought forth. Manager Neset seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. After the Chairman's signature, the Secretary will forward to Troy Gilbertson at the ND DOT for his review and approval.

Mr. Hefta added that the water in the ditch is not flowing into the south branch of the Goose River as it should. Mr. Hefta would like to see a culvert installed in the northeast corner of Section 32 of Viking Township to the highway ditch on the south side of Highway 200 going downhill into the southeast corner of the NE ¼ of Section 33. The Board suggested that Mr.

Hefta complete a Construction Permit application and submit it to the State Engineer's office for their review.

### **COMPLAINTS**

Wayne Koering met with the Board this morning regarding a culvert that Dalrymple Farms installed that is too small and is causing water to go over a township road in Section 36 of Hillsboro Township. (A formal Complaint for Water-Related Issues was submitted by Tom McNamee against Dalrymple Farms). Jason provided drone imaging of the area on Dalrymple's land that is causing the water to go over the road. Mr. McNamee would like to see a another culvert installed under the field approach to help alleviate the problems there. Wayne Koering said that Dalrymple Farms is willing to place an additional diagonal culvert there to help the water move out faster from the area. Elevations, etc. were discussed. Manager Lovas moved to allow Dalrymple Farms to install a 36" diagonal culvert from Section 36 of Hillsboro Township into Section 31 of Herberg Township going into the Nelson Drain No. 28 with the water board and Dalrymple Farms splitting the cost for the work. Manager Neset seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Keith Knudsvig met with the Board this morning to discuss water issues he is having in Blanchard Township. The water is coming from Kylo's land. It was determined that this is a township issue and the Board suggested that he work with them on this issue.

Mr. Knudsvig also commented that he is also getting too much water along a prairie road (Texas crossing) in Section 2 of Norman Township and would like to see a culvert installed as it's damaging his corn crop. The Board determined this is also a township issue and suggested he work with them on this issue as well.

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

The Board and Chris Gross reviewed the drain assessments in preparation for the upcoming tax year. Manager Thompson moved to authorize Chris to make changes to the assessments for the following drains:

Blanchard-Norman 2340 from \$4.00 to \$2.00

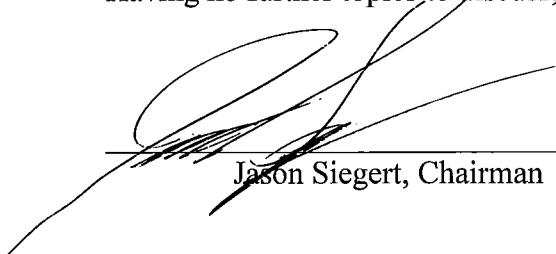
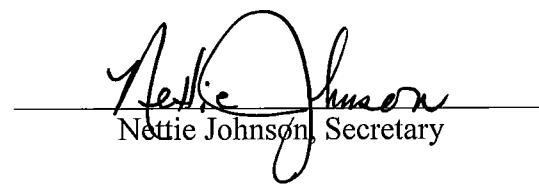
Kelso Floodway 70 from \$0.00 to \$4.00

Paulson Drain 7 from \$.25 to \$4.00

Manager Halvorson seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Jim Viele, JAV Construction, met with the Board on several drain project issues.

Having no further topics to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 11:00am without objection.

  
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Jason Siegert, Chairman  
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Nettie Johnson, Secretary