

**TRAILL COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
RECURRENT MEETING
OCTOBER 1, 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 Halvorson moved to approve the September 17, 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 September 18 – October 1, 2019 bills and the electronic funds transfers, as presented. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

GRAND FORKS-TRAILL JOINT WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT

Discussion was revisited on the Agreement between the Traill and Grand Forks WRDs for the creation of a joint board to construct new drainage in both counties. Sean Fredricks, Traill County Attorney, has been in communication with Grand Forks Attorney Dan Gaustad who is suggesting that forming a joint board between Traill and Grand Forks WRD's would be in the best interest of both counties. Gary Thompson has also been communicating with the Grand Forks Water Board on various issues regarding this proposed drain.

At the Traill County WRD meeting this morning, Manager Thompson moved to approve the Joint WRD Agreement between Traill and Grand Forks Counties. Manager Lovas seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. The Board appointed Jason Siegert, Gary Thompson, and Andy Neset as joint board members, with Jason Lovas and Joel Halvorson as alternates. The Traill WRD will prepare to meet next Wednesday, October 9, at 9:00 a.m., with the Grand Forks WRD at Traill's office to organize, etc. contingent on Grand Forks' availability to meet with us.

SNAGGING AND 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.

Discussion was held on several areas that are having problems with beaver dams. Depending on the status of funds in the snagging and clearing accounts, the managers will work with Mike Thompson, Thompson, ND on removing the beaver from the rivers and coulee.

DRAIN BUSINESS

McCoy McCradie 4-14

(No new updates) Chris told the Board that the culverts are on order for the McCoy Drain No. 14. He anticipates the project will be completed this fall.

Stavanger-Belmont Drain No. 52

Ken Knutson, Ryan Knutson, and Darrell Larson met with the Board this morning to talk about several concerns they have about this drain. Questions were asked if a lateral exists in Sections 16 into 17. The Board replied that none exist there. There is also a culvert there that they would like to see capped or cut back with a band put on it to help the water flow more efficiently. Darrell Larson said that there are problems of breakouts occurring in Sections 6 and 7 in Belmont Township on the east end and crossing over a township road into his yard. Berm issues were also discussed. All issues stated will be investigated by Chris Gross and the Board.

Updates were given on the current status of the improvement project. Seeding is yet to be established.

Mayville Airport (S. Mayville Drain No. 9)

Manager Neset has brought the easement to the Airport Authority for their review and signatures. He indicated that they have not met on it at this time.

Paulson Drain No. 7

(No new updates) The Board discussed a set of culverts in the last mile of the drain that were set incorrectly. Manager Siegert stated that he would like to see them replaced. After further discussion, Manager Lovas moved to install two new squashed culverts in the SE ¼ of Section 5 and the NE ¼ of Section 8 of Eldorado Township. Manager Thompson seconded the motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was also held on the possibility of putting in some approaches in Section 5. (This was a request made by Neil Pulskamp). Jason Siegert said he will provide an estimate to have the work done.

Hillsboro Drain No. 26

(No new updates) 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

(No new updates) Corey Martin, Traill County Highway Department, said that they were intending to install the culvert in Section 32 of Mayville Township this fall, but discovered that there is a fiber optic cable that will need to be relocated first.

Blanchard-Norman Drain No. 23-40

Eric Anderson spoke with Manager Halvorson about adding rock to the culvert that will be installed in Sections 12 and 1 of Norman Township (see September 17 minutes). After further discussion, the Board held no objection to his request and will pay for the rock as well.

Proposed Camrud Drain No. 79

The public hearing was held this morning at 9:00am with Engineer Josh Hassell officiating.

The roster of the attendees for the meeting can be found in the Secretaries office.

At 9:00a.m. Chairman Siegert opened the Camrud Drain No. 79 Public Hearing.

Mr. Hassell described the project goals to include: The plan and profile of the proposed project, projected cost summary, preliminary assessment districts, cost estimate-assessment breakdown, voting process, and State Water Commission cost-share participation. Also presented were maps showing the preliminary assessment district and charts containing cross section information, etc.

Questions and comments were addressed.

After hearing no further questions or comments, Chairman Siegert closed the Camrud Drain No. 79 Improvement Project Public Hearing at 10:00a.m.

Proposed Hong Drain No. 81

Chris Hong met with the Board this morning to discuss the bond amount to be set for preliminary engineering costs to survey 3.5 miles for this proposed drain. Manager Neset moved to set the bond at \$15,000.00. Manager Halvorson seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Kelso Floodway

Marlin Stokke met with the Board this morning regarding a ponding problem that is occurring in Section 16 of Kelso Township due to a blockage. He stated that he would like to see the water flow east and have the state highway raised. The Board told Mr. Stokke that raising the road is not within our jurisdiction. After further discussion, it was discovered that the State will be raising the road there next year along with increasing the culvert size.

In addition to the cleanout project which Northern States Excavating is performing (see September 3 minutes), Manager Lovas moved to have him fill in the washout of the spoil bank in the NE ¼ of Section 24 of Kelso Township. Manager Neset seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Nelson Drain No. 28

(No new updates)

Norway Drain No. 38

Comstock Construction will commence with the washout repairs in 2020.

Preston Floodway and Greenfield-Bohnsack Drain No. 57A

Chris Gross provided the results of the bid tabulation for both projects. Manager Lovas moved and Manager Thompson seconded the motion to accept KRB Gravel's bid of \$34,991.56 to

complete both projects including the option of installing 2 – 30” culverts in the SE ¼ of Section 18 of Bohnsack Township (Drain 57A). Below is the breakdown of KRB’s bid:

Preston Floodway – drain cleanout - \$27,500.00

Drain No. 57A – intercept pipe install - \$7,491.56

Total bid - \$34,991.56

\$2,000 worth of seeding is not being awarded at this time.

Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Red Owl Drain No. 55

Manager Halvorson informed the Board that there is erosion occurring at the intersection in Sections 12 into 13 of Galesburg Township. It was found that it needs both rock and fabric. Manager Neset moved to hire Chad’s Excavating to do the work not to exceed \$10,000.00. Manager Lovas seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Harland Erickson approached Manager Halvorson with a request to increase the size of the culvert at the outlet in Section 32 of Blanchard Township. Manager Thompson moved to direct Chris Gross to perform the survey for one mile and bring his findings back to the Board. Manager Lovas seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Elm River Diversion

Manager Halvorson told that the berm is eating away and sending water straight north in the SE ¼ of Section 26 of Norman Township. Manager Siegert moved to install a culvert with a flap gate. Manager Lovas seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. The size of the culvert will be determined.

Mowing and Spraying of Drains

Chris Gross updated the Board on the status of the drains that were sprayed for cattails and trees. It was discovered that there was a misunderstanding of the instructions and mapping by the applicators so the majority of the drains were sprayed beyond what was indicated on the maps thus the Board was exceedingly overcharged. Payment is being withheld at this time until it can be figured out and settled.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

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



Jason Siegert, Chairman



Nettie Johnson, Secretary