

**TRAILL COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
RECURRENT MEETING
NOVEMBER 19, 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, Jason Lovas, Gary Thompson and Andy Neset with Jason Siegert presiding as Chairman. Also present was Chris Gross, Moore Engineering, Inc.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Manager Lovas moved to approve the November 5, 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 November 6 ~ November 19, 2019 bills and the electronic funds transfers, as presented. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

GRAND FORKS-TRAILL JOINT WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT

A Public Hearing of the proposed Thompson Drain No. 72 project is scheduled for November 26th at 9:00am at the TCWRD office in Hillsboro. Ballots were mailed to all landowners involved in the proposed assessment district. The vote tally will be conducted on December 26, 2019 at 5:00pm.

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.

DRAIN BUSINESS

Proposed Hong Drain No. 81

(No new updates) Chris Gross said that he has been in contact with Chris Hong who is still in the process of trying to collect signatures for this project.

Camrud Drain No. 79

Chris Gross informed the Board that the County's share for this project is \$95,000.00. The Board will discuss funding this project with Corey Martin next time he visits with the Board.

The assessment documents will be mailed to landowners on November 27th. The Assessment Hearing is scheduled for January 7, 2020.

Chris' office is working on the economic analysis that is required to be included in the cost-share application for this project.

McCoy Drain No. 14

(No new updates) Chris told the Board that Comstock Construction has requested an extension for the project due to inclement weather. Manager Halvorson moved to approve Change Order No. 1 for the request to extend the completion date of the contract which will most likely transpire in 2020. Manager Neset seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Stavanger-Belmont Drain No. 52

(No new updates) Chris Gross indicated that he is waiting for a pay application by contractor JAV Construction for the improvement project. Inclement weather has caused a delay in the completion of this project. Seeding is yet to be established.

Mayville Airport (S. Mayville Drain No. 9)

(No new updates) 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

Jason Siegert said that the berm-spoil needs to be levelled on this drain and he has asked Chad's Excavation to do the work.

(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.

(No new updates) Discussion was revisited 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

Discussion was held on the status of obtaining a bond to help with engineering costs and the improvement work that has been performed on this drain. Manager Lovas moved to authorize the District's bond council to issue a maintenance bond for the maximum allowed for the work that is to be done on this drain.

Viking-Lindaas Drain No. 44

(No new updates) Spencer Endrud has requested a culvert be installed in Section 30 of Lindaas Township. Chris Gross provided a map of contours for the Board to review.

Nelson Drain No. 28

Discussion was revisited on the status of the culvert install in the NE ¼ of Section 31 of Hillsboro Township. (See August 20th minutes). Contractor Chad Hanson has completed the work and Secretary Johnson has sent a request to Wayne Koering to submit payment for 50% of the costs for the work.

Red Owl Drain No. 55

(No new updates) Chris Gross told the Board that the survey has been completed for the request to increase the size of the culvert at the outlet in Section 32 of Blanchard Township. More information will need to be obtained before making a decision on the culvert. Joel Halvorson said he will speak to Harlan Erickson and try to get more details.

Carson Drain No. 10

A culvert in an approach in the NW ¼ of Section 34 of Belmont Township is failing and causing flooding in a farmstead. The Board and Chris Gross will put a plan together to replace 2 culverts and clean the ditch from County Road 2 west and proceed one and a half miles through the farmstead.

Leirness Drain No. 34

(No new updates) Jason Siegert told the Board that he has contacted Chad Hanson to repair a washout in the SW ¼ of Section 17 into Section 20 in Herberg Township.

Norway Drain No. 38

Dan Overmoe met with the Board this morning regarding land he is selling which will need an approach built in order for the new owners to have access to the land through this legal drain. The Board informed Mr. Overmoe that it will be investigated after the sale to determine what can be done.

Roseville Drain No. 19

Discussion was revisited on Pete Haugen's request to find a solution to drainage problems that are occurring on his land due to the condition of this drain. Chris Gross provided a quad map of the area of the drain that was proposed to be reconstructed in 2007, but failed. The Board suggests having Mr. Haugen visit with landowners who are assessed into this drain and gauge the interest in reconstructing it. Chris will work with Pete Haugen on these issues and report back to the Board.

Mayville-Blanchard Drain No. 39

Gary Thompson said he has spoken to Jacob Osland who is interested in the possibility of constructing an approach with a culvert in the NE ¼ of Section 3 of Blanchard Township. The Board agreed that this will need to be looked at before making a decision. Gary will speak to Jacob and ask him to meet with the Board to provide additional information.

COMPLAINTS

The Board revisited the Reimer vs. Koenig complaint. Attorney Sean Fredricks drafted a *Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order* for the Board to review for the purpose of attempting to recover expenses incurred regarding this Complaint under Section 61-16.1-51, as of November 5th, 2019 in the amount of \$12,746.89. The District is entitled to assess the Koenig property to recover its costs. After further discussion, Manager Lovas moved to approve the Findings Report and proceed with the attempt to recover these costs. Manager Neset seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

PERMITS

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

Having no further topics to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:00am without objection.



Jason Siegert, Chairman

Nettie Johnson, Secretary