

Notice of Meeting and Agenda
Walsh County Water Resource District
Tuesday, April 4th, 2023
Walsh County Courthouse Lower Level Office #3

Cancelled
due to
weather

- 2:00 p.m.** Call to Order
Roll Call
Agenda Approval
- 2:15 p.m.** Consent/Approval
- Minutes March 28th Meeting
 - Bills
- 2:30 p.m.** Jacob Wognum, HEI- Monthly Report
- Other items**
- Miscellaneous Correspondence
- 3:30 p.m.** Adjourn
Set up in the Farmers Room for the Park River Snag & Clear public hearing taking place at 4:00 pm

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9:00 a.m. FEMA

Other items

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April 11th, 2023 – 8:00 a.m.

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Motion to approve the agenda was made by Manager Jallo; 2nd by President Campbell. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the minutes of the March 28th Board meeting was made by Chairman Campbell; 2nd Manager Jallo. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the bills as presented was made by Manager Jallo; 2nd Chairman Campbell. Motion carried.

FEMA- During the meeting, the board returned ND DES's Cole Baker call regarding pending claims and mitigation from 2022 declaration. Board expressed the need for additional work above and beyond original build on site 5 of Drain 4A. Discussed differences in culvert types and approach needed. Because this is work yet to be completed and in mitigation, it has the potential to receive damages in the next flood event. Baker said a new disaster would allow for new damages to be reported, and that it should be documented and sent to them. Photo verification needed on Drain 27 and Drain 28, and Vice Chairman Tanke will work on submitting additional photos.

Later, Brent Kahl from ND DES contacted us to notify us that projects have come back ready for signatures, as well as to address some of the issues raised during the preceding conversation with Cole Baker. Kahl stated that any new damages on work that needs to be completed can be changed after the fact if new damage is discovered while the culvert is being repaired. Damage should be brought into the appeal process. New damages are brought in the next claim process if there is a new emergency declaration. If no declaration, Kahl will support the replacement of it assuming damages were caused by the last event. Sarah Johnston asked if the WRD should indicate that an extension is needed on processing these claims as the deadline is approaching. Kahl thought the claims would all be in within the existing deadline and an extension can be given to get the work done. Dollar amounts on mitigated sites is 100% of original repair costs, but can be capped and the remainder would be our cost. CRC in Denver FEMA will decide on it and WRD will have two opportunities to approve or decline the numbers being presented. Vice Chairman Tanke asked about flood plain permits, and Kahl confirmed that permits are needed for work that was completed so the office will check in the county emergency manager. Kahl said only items that can be seen in photos can be repaired. Tanke brought up challenges that occur with hidden damages, and Kahl said those hidden damages can be turned in. Kahl would write a letter to FEMA presenting those items on our behalf as long as they are documented in pictures. Kahl will be the contact person for all future mitigation questions. He will send along additional resources for more info on rules and regulations.

Miscellaneous:

Drain clearing:

- Jeff Duray from Triple D Construction called in to the meeting. The board requested he dig out the snow at Highway 81 and Drain 98 intersection, next to the farmstead west of that intersection. Right of way easement for this work was presented to the contractor


along with the landowner information. The parcel belongs to Len Wysocki. Duray also mentioned he was taking a tree out on the South Branch of the Park River by the 138th Ave Bridge.

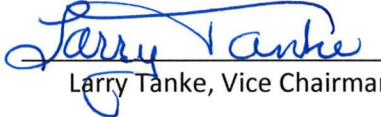
- Tom McCann called on behalf of Walsh Centre township and was given permission to clean along N. side of Section 5 near Stephan Stark's. The township will pay for the work.
- Terry Novak will be cleaning out a spot on Drain 97 at the bird cage near Jim Kjelland's. Manager Jallo had been by the spot.
- Wayne Lessard called in to the meeting to request permission to clean snow from ditch along 67th St NE, near John Carlson's on S 36 of Grafton Township a mile west of Hwy 81
- Advertisement in newspaper is needed to indicate that all tile pumps need to be shut off until further notice.

The next meeting will be held on April 18th at 2:00 pm. The Park River Snag & Clear meeting will take place in the Farmers Room at 4pm thereafter.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Attest:


Sarah B. Johnston, Administrative Assistant


Larry Tanke, Vice Chairman

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2:00 p.m. Call to Order
Roll Call
Agenda Approval

2:10 p.m. Consent/Approval

- Minutes April 11th Meeting
- Bills

2:15 p.m. Carol Brekke of rural Grafton, Flood

2:25 p.m. Jason Johnston, Walsh Co. Hwy Dept

2:45 p.m. Jacob Wognum, HEI- Monthly Report

Other items

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3:30 p.m. Adjourn

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Motion to approve the agenda was made by Manager Jallo; 2nd by President Campbell. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the minutes of the April 11th Board meeting was made by Chairman Campbell; 2nd Manager Jallo. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the bills as presented was made by Manager Jallo; 2nd Chairman Campbell. Motion carried.

Carol Brekke, rural Grafton flood - Carol has concerns over the amount of flooding that has taken place at Sections 8/9 and 16/17 of Grafton Township. She is looking to find out the history of this channel project that involved diverting the water and has only heard that the project may have been done in the 1920's. There was much discussion on the possible origins of the project. The issue now she stated is that no party is willing to take responsibility for the flooding there. Carol questions if the height of the channel in this stretch is an appropriate elevation for this channel. There are also a lot of issues with ice jams and she mentioned that some people may need ring dikes that were proposed in the City's mitigation. She also pointed out issues with water near Highway 17 Section 21 of Grafton Township since the City of Grafton's diversion project was implemented. Jim Tallackson accompanied Carol to the meeting and added to the list of issues that Carol presented. Jim is concerned that the Park River portion that's straightened on Section 8 has berms that will not hold. He said a shelterbelt was removed from along the drain on neighboring land and he is noticing much more snow loading into the channel as a result. He also mentioned that the releases of water from Homme Dam cause issues with ice dams and that the Army Corp should consider changing their releases. After much discussion, the board decided it would be best to continue the search for information on the origins of this straightened river channel and how that project originally came to be. In addition, they provided information on the general process she would follow to bring the issue to the city and the timeline of events that would likely happen if she should want to pursue it further.

Jason Johnston, Walsh Co. Hwy. Dept-

Johnston provided a Highway Department permit application for Jeremy Fricke along County Rd 6 and the constructed channel of the Park River, along the NE ¼ of Section 17 of Grafton Township. He is removing the old approach here. No culverts other than the old culvert that was part of that approach would be removed. Johnston also made mention of County Roads 6 and 8 now being open. He also mentioned issues with wood debris on the Park River channel between Hwy 18 thru Olson's Bridge near Grafton. He said what many people thought were ice jams are actually very hard blocks of snow, and there were also many areas of wood debris as well that wreaked havoc on water levels at bridges in that span of miles. Jacob Wognum of Houston Engineering provided onscreen aerial maps during Johnston's discussion with the board. Johnston asked about dikes that are higher than the roadway along County Rd 6 and 67th Street. The dikes are creating issues because the water is held along the roadway and creates road

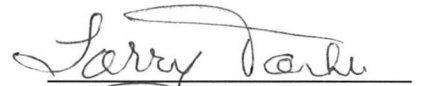
flooding. The group discussed how the right of way for dikes along township roads. Dike issues come down to contacting the dike owner if there are issues with dikes because they are privately owned.

Miscellaneous:

- Gary Hove contacted the office the day prior and submitted his concerns over a culvert south of Hwy 17 near Presteng's where the tieback levy is. Sarah Johnston presented the map of the location to the board and discussion about the issues with spring melt in the area took place. Those two 42" culverts should be discussed further with those in charge of the diversion project.

Due to time constraints, Jacob Wognum of HEI was not able to present his monthly report. The meeting adjourned at 3:40 pm and moved to the Farmers Room to convene the Park River Snag and Clear Public Hearing at 4:00 pm.

The next board meeting will take place on April 25th at 8:00 a.m.


Larry Tanke, Vice Chairman

Attest: 
Sarah B. Johnston, Administrative Assistant

Park River Snag & Clear Public Hearing

April 18th, 2023 4:00 pm

Farmers Conference Room

(rescheduled from April 4th due to weather)

The Park River Snag and Clearing Public Hearing was attended by Larry Tanke, Albin Jallo, Sarah Johnston, Jacob Wognum, Todd Morgan, Brent Nelson, Ernie Barta, Denny Skorheim, Kristi Brintnell, and Jason Johnston. Chairman Daryl Campbell and Commissioner Karen Anderson attended the meeting via Zoom.

Vice Chairman Tanke provided opening remarks and highlighted the process for approving the project if the quorum of commissioners present would later on agree with approving the project. The Walsh Co. Commission will need to review this as part of their meeting tonight, if the project will be moving ahead, due to the application deadline. A two thirds vote is needed in this meeting and the commission's meeting.

Jacob Wognum presented the proposed project to the group. His presentation utilized a Power Point presentation and handouts were provided to attendees and copies will be available in the WRD office for anyone who is interested. The project will involve snagging and clearing approximately 2.5 river miles can be cleared for approximately \$81,000 TPC.


Ernie asked if bridge in presentation was near Elton Brekke's place and Jason Johnston confirmed it as being so.

Brent Nelson inquired on assessment values. Wognum had presented earlier that the assessment rate is fifty cents per acre on ag land, and fifty cents per \$500 on non-ag land of value. Sarah Johnston looked up the last assessment cost values for Brent Nelson's parcel. Only the land value is being used to figure the assessment cost. For example of \$3,500 parcel pays \$3.50 towards the project. Only the footprint of the farmstead is taxed, not the structure.

Vice Chairman Tanke motioned to proceed with the Park River Snag & Clear Project, Phase 8 due to it being a necessary project and to assess fifty cents per acre on the Park River, per ND Century Code 61-16.1-09.1. A 2nd was provided by Chairman Daryl Campbell. Motion carried.

Sarah Johnston notified the commissioners that she just spoke with Auditor Kris Molde regarding covering it on tonight's commission meeting agenda. The commissioners agreed to vote on it during the evening meeting.

Meeting adjourned 4:50 p.m.


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- Minutes April 18th Meeting
 - Bills
- 8:15 a.m.** Ernie Barta & Jason Johnston, dike permits
- 9:00 a.m.** David Hankey, Culvert request upstream Drain 87

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Motion to approve the agenda was made by President Campbell, 2nd by Manager Jallo. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the minutes of the April 18th Board meeting and the minutes of the April 18th Park River Snag and Clear Public Hearing was made by Chairman Campbell; 2nd Manager Jallo. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the bills as presented was made by Manager Jallo; 2nd Chairman Campbell. Motion carried.

Ernie Barta & Jason Johnston, Dike Permits & Misc. –

Several issues were brought forth relating to flooding around the county, including how many ditches were being opened up with backhoes in the spring flood that is currently underway. In addition, the work in the county and the township right of ways is often not authorized and people are doing as they wish. Vice Chairman Tanke mentioned the need for close alignment between the WRD and the Highway Department on these types of issues so as to better manage them. Commissioner Barta, President Campbell and Manager Jallo agreed with Chairman Tanke that working in unison would be ideal, and to include the townships as well as other county departments as appropriate.

Jason Johnston is working on dike issues that are flooding out roads, especially County 6 south of Drain 87 at the correction line. He is consulting with the states attorney's office on those dikes. There are also issues with the dike at the town of Forest River and Jason provided a map outlining the location. The board asked Johnston to keep them apprised of what he finds out on the dike issues he presented.

Commissioner Barta informed the board that the County Commissioners would be willing to pay for 50% or \$600 per year for the flow monitoring that StarNet was doing on the Michigan Spillway for water flowing from Nelson County into the Forest River upstream of Matejcek Dam. Redford Data Services will be taking over as the service provider May 1st. No decision was made by the board.

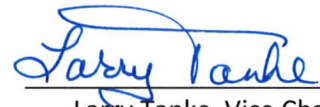
David Hankey, Culvert Request near Drain 87-

David Hankey attended the meeting to present his request to install a 24" culvert on the NE ¼ of Section 4 in Prairie Centre township, along 141st Ave and 66th St, one mile upstream of Drain 87. The quarter is currently tiled and diked. He has had some issues the past couple of years with overland flooding in that quarter and it is too much water for the tile pumps to handle within a reasonable amount of time. The water has gone over the road at five places on the west side of the section. The new culvert he is proposing would be on the south side of 66th St and will have a trap on it. Hankey would be cutting the dike to release the water shortly thereafter. Discussion on the nature of flooding in fields in that area followed. ***Manager Jallo moved to approve Hankey's request to add a culvert no larger than 24" in diameter with a trap, on the NE corner of the NE ¼ of Section 4 in Prairie Centre Township; 2nd by President Campbell. Motion carried.***

Miscellaneous:

- **Jacob Wognum, HEI-** The board requested HEI to survey the dike on Drain 87 near Stephen Stark's in the NE ¼ of S5 of Walsh Centre along 66th St NE. The board also brought forth their need for further assistance delineating the drainage of parcels within proximity of Drain 7 and Drain 98.
- **Surface Drainage Application #6207-** The DWR forwarded surface drain application # 6207 to the office. The applicant is Mark A. Novak and the project is located in the Forest River watershed. The application was tabled.
- **Jelinek Diversion Application:** A draft agreement received from the WRD attorney was handed out and was tabled.
- **Ring Dikes-** Vice Chairman Tanke mentioned the need some rural residents may have for ring dikes. He emphasized the importance of locating cost share for anyone who feels they may need to build a dike to protect their farmstead and to advertise the availability of such program. Sarah Johnston provided cost share program information from the Dept. of Water Resources and will advertise in the county newspaper a notice soliciting interest from residents.
- **Tile Pump Shutoff Update-** As of today's date, the shutoff notice will be updated as still being in effect, and pumps will remain off for locations east of Highway 32 unless permission is granted. Until the next meeting, the board will take requests on a case by case basis for those wanting to turn them on. All tile requests for permission should still come into the office and Sarah will continue to track and forward requests. The process initially used to notify the public has worked well and will continue to utilize social media, the webpage, radio news and the newspaper.

The next board meeting will take place on May 2nd at 8:00 a.m.


Larry Tanke, Vice Chairman

Attest: 
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