

Notice of Meeting and Agenda
Walsh County Water Resource District
Wednesday, March 1, 2023
Walsh County Courthouse Lower Level Office #3

- 8:00 a.m.** Call to Order
Roll Call
Agenda Approval
- 8:15 a.m.** Consent/Approval
- Minutes from February 21st Meeting
 - Bills
- 8:30 a.m.** Matejcek Dam dock contract
- 8:45 a.m.** Kyle Nice tile drainage application
- 9:00 a.m.** Park River Snag & Clear

Other items

- Invitation from Dept. Water Resources on Drayton Dam removal
- Update on drain sign order & delivery

Reminders:

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Proceedings of the Walsh County Water Resource District Board Meeting
Wednesday, March 1st 2023
Walsh County Courthouse, Grafton, ND

March 1st, 2023 – 8:00 a.m.

Vice Chairman Larry Tanke called the meeting of the Walsh County Water Resource District Board to order. Roll call taken: Vice Chairman Larry Tanke and Manager Albin Jallo were present. Chairman Campbell was unable to attend. Vice Chairman Tanke conducted the meeting.

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Vice Chairman Tanke, 2nd by Manager Jallo. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the minutes of the February 21st Board meeting and the bills as presented was made by Vice Chairman Tanke, 2nd by Manager Jallo. Motion carried.

Matejcek Dam dock contract-

The Dakota Prairie Wildlife Club recently received contract documentation pertaining to the cost share award from NDG&F for the new dock that was discussed at a previous meeting with the board. Nathan Brintnell contacted the office to see if the board would sign on the contract as the grantee. This would greatly assist the process since the water board has a SAM federal ID. The board asked Sarah Johnston to find out more info on how money and liability would be addressed in the contract. This item has been tabled until the next meeting.

Kyle Nice Tile Application-

The Grand Forks County WRD reviewed this application at the request of the Board and their response was favorable. Sarah reached out to their office to get clarification as to if this was a legal drain and that request for info is pending. Discussion centered around what would need to place on notifications downstream if the ditch was not a legal drain. Sarah will follow up with necessary contacts and bring the permit back next week.


Miscellaneous Items:

Board members will visit the Drayton Dam for the dam breach taking place as part of the complete removal of that dam.

Meeting adjourned. Next scheduled meeting is March 7th, 2023



Larry Tanke, Vice Chairman

Attest: 
Sarah B. Johnston, Administrative Assistant

Notice of Meeting and Agenda
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Tuesday, March 7, 2023
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- 8:00 a.m. Call to Order
 Roll Call
 Agenda Approval
- 8:15 a.m. Consent/Approval
- Minutes March 1st Meeting
 - Bills
- 8:20 a.m. Matejcek Dam dock contract
- 8:30 a.m. Jim Loos, Park River restoration inquiry
- 8:45 a.m. Kyle Nice tile drainage application
- 9:00 a.m. Jacob Wognum, HEI- monthly report
- 10:00 a.m. Pat Traynor, Pifers - Drain 75

Other items

- Miscellaneous Correspondence

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Wednesday, March 7th 2023
Walsh County Courthouse, Grafton, ND

March 7th, 2023 – 8:00 a.m.

Vice Chairman Larry Tanke called the meeting of the Walsh County Water Resource District Board to order. Roll call taken: Vice Chairman Larry Tanke and Manager Albin Jallo were present. Chairman Campbell was unable to attend. Vice Chairman Tanke conducted the meeting.

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Manager Jallo, 2nd by Vice Chairman Tanke. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the minutes of the March 1st Board meeting and the bills as presented was made by Manager Jallo, 2nd Vice Chairman Tanke. Motion carried.

Matejcek Dam Dock Contract-

The Dakota Prairie Wildlife Club recently received contract documentation pertaining to the cost share award from NDG&F for the new dock. After reviewing the contract at the March 1st meeting, the board had questions pertaining to liability for the dock and whether it mattered who owned it, as well as the execution of payments in the contract if the WRD held it. Sarah contacted NDIRF regarding liability and informed the board that the dock is covered, and there would be no issues surrounding ownership of a dock. The contract could be held with NDG&F and the WRD as the club requested. This would ease the paperwork burden the club would have, especially when seeking to establish a federal ID. All payments could be assigned to the WRD, with the club making payment for the 25% local match to the WRD, and the WRD paying the local match to NDG&F. Docks are co-owned with the Federal government so NDG&F is not able to leave them behind when a new one is replaced. The dock that is being taken away by NDG&F has some potential value due to the fact it was not damaged but rather too short for the area it needed to be used in. That 30 ft dock was installed in 2008 and the WRD paid the local match requirement. Bob Frohlich and S. Johnston discussed this and he will have the value of the dock assessed at the time of removal. If value is established, it will be credited back to the WRD. ***A motion to approve the NDG&F contract with the WRD as the sponsor was made by Manager Jallo, 2nd by Vice Chairman Tanke. Motion carried.***

Jim Loos, Park River Restoration Inquiry-

Jim Loos contacted the board via email, proposing that the WRD look at restoring the abandoned channel of the Park River surrounding Elmwood within the city of Grafton. The board viewed the site on Google Earth. After some discussion, they determined that the WRD has no interest in the project. The board recommended that Mr. Loos contact the city of Grafton if he should want to pursue the project. Sarah will follow up with Mr. Loos to inform him of the board's thoughts.

Kyle Nice Tile Application-

After being tabled at the past meeting, the application was brought back so additional information could be presented. The WRD inquired as to whether or not the ditch the water would outlet into across the county line was a legal drain. The Grand Forks County WRD responded that the applicant's drainage will outlet into their legal drain #38A just south of the Walsh Co. line. They look favorably at Mr. Nice's application. ***A motion to approve Kyle Nice's application to install subsurface water management system with conditions, was made by Manager Jallo, 2nd by Vice Chairman Tanke. Motion carried.***

Jacob Wognum, HEI Monthly Report-

- Presented copy of monthly report to the board. He's working with Century Link for release of easement on D31.
- Discussed potential cost on proposed Texas Crossing for a landowner on Drain 75.

- Park River Snag and Clear – The focus will be on the S. Branch of the Park River. The timeline for this next phase includes a public hearing on April 4th if the commissioners’ schedule permits. It could be held in the Farmers Room at the Walsh Co. Courthouse. The WRD’s application for cost share would be due the 3rd week of April to the Dept. of Water Resources.

Pat Traynor, Pifers- Drain 75-

- Discussed Texas Crossing request for Floyd Burton and Steven Rudnik on Section 5 of Oakwood Township, Drain 75.
- The location of the desired site for the crossing was identified. Comparisons were discussed between the proposed location and the costs that were associated with a crossing just north of the tracks in the same quarter section that was installed in 2017.
- The crossing would have to be concrete to allow for proper maintenance. All costs of adding the crossing would be the responsibility of the landowner and/or his tenants and the WRD will not take on costs to construct, and require a down payment for design.
- In regards to mobilization in the field, the board reminded Mr. Traynor that truck traffic is prohibited within the easements of the WRD. This field shows ruts along the berm of the drain. Sarah will issue a letter to the tenants.

Meeting adjourned. Next scheduled meeting is March 14th, 2023.



Larry Tanke, Vice Chairman

Attest:



Sarah B. Johnston, Administrative Assistant

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8:00 a.m. Call to Order
Roll Call
Agenda Approval

8:15 a.m. Consent/Approval

- Minutes March 7th Meeting
- Bills

8:30 a.m. Jason Johnston, Walsh Co. Hwy Dept.

9:00 a.m. FEMA Items

Other items

- Miscellaneous Correspondence

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March 14th, 2023 – 8:00 a.m.

Vice Chairman Larry Tanke called the meeting of the Walsh County Water Resource District Board to order. Roll call taken: Vice Chairman Larry Tanke and Manager Albin Jallo were present. Chairman Campbell attended via Zoom. Vice Chairman Tanke conducted the meeting. Commissioner Ernie Barta holds this portfolio and also attended the meeting.

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

Motion to approve the minutes of the March 7th Board meeting was made by Manager Jallo, 2nd by Chairman Campbell. Motion carried.

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


Jason Johnston, Walsh Co. Hwy. Dept.- Johnston appeared before the board to inform them that two closed bridges, on Drains 48 and 50, will be removed in 2024. The Drain 48 bridge being removed is located at 154th Ave NE and 74th St NE. The bridge being removed along Drain 50 is located 2 miles east and 2 miles south of North Salt Lake on 156th Ave and 76th St NE. There will be no replacement work thereafter on either of these bridges as those roads are very seldom traveled. The Hagen Bridge on Drain 97, located at 132nd Ave and 60th St NE, is scheduled to be replaced in 2024. This bridge was closed right after the 2022 flood due to abutment issues. The project's construction could begin as late as 2025 due cost share requirements which delay initial design work until after project approval. Bids for engineering work will be solicited as soon as possible. This bridge is designated as "BRJ" within NDDOT who is providing 100% funding on these projects. Walsh County has 11.5% of the State's poor listed bridges and so these bridges were prioritized for funding.

FEMA- Sarah updated the board on progress with ND DES and the ongoing meetings between her and Cole Baker to complete 2022 claim submissions. They are working their way through the list of claims being held back. New items are being brought forth as incomplete during each meeting, so this process will be ongoing for a while yet. The board answered her questions and provided additional photos during the discussion. She will meet again with DES on Wednesday, March 22nd at 1:30 pm and will turn in items on Drain 87, 97, 7, 22B.

Miscellaneous:

- Sarah met with Jason Johnston to assemble info on wood debris piles and submitted that information to Zach Herrmann of HEI.
- Jason Peterson of NDDOT in Grand Forks wants to meet with WCWRD on Drain 87/Highway 81 issues. The board requested to meet on March 21st, preferably at the courthouse.

Meeting adjourned. Next scheduled meeting is March 21st, 2023.



Larry Tanke, Vice Chairman

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Sarah B. Johnston, Administrative Assistant

Notice of Meeting and Agenda
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8:00 a.m. Call to Order
Roll Call
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8:15 a.m. Consent/Approval

- Minutes March 14th Meeting
- Bills

8:30 a.m. Tile Drainage Permit Application, Kevin Zikmund

Other items

- Miscellaneous Correspondence

9:00 a.m. Adjourn to Travel to meeting in Grand Forks at the NDDOT District Office
1951 N Washington St., Grand Forks, ND (701) 787-6500

10:00 a.m. Board will reconvene at the NDDOT District Office to discuss culvert issue
on Drain 87 and Hwy 81 with Jason Peterson and others from NDDOT

Board will adjourn at this location prior to noon

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Vice Chairman Larry Tanke called the meeting of the Walsh County Water Resource District Board to order. Roll call taken: Vice Chairman Larry Tanke and Manager Albin Jallo were present. Chairman Campbell attended via Zoom. Vice Chairman Tanke conducted the meeting. Commissioner Ernie Barta also attended the meeting and holds the portfolio.

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

Motion to approve the minutes of the March 14th Board meeting was made by Chairman Campbell; 2nd by Manager Jallo. Motion carried.

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

Kevin Zikmund Tile Drain Permit Application-

His application for tile installation was reviewed. Downstream flow was further explained on Google Earth by Sarah Johnston. Downstream landowners and parcel locations were reviewed. ***A motion to approve Kevin Zikmund's subsurface drainage water management system as presented was made by Manager Jallo; 2nd by Chairman Campbell. Motion carried.*** Permit WC2023-004 was signed by Vice Chairman Tanke.

Miscellaneous:

The board reviewed a letter to NRCS regarding extending the cooperative agreement and requesting additional funding for dam rehabilitation planning on Bylin Dam, Fordville Dam and Matejcek Dam. Changes in NRCS requirements deemed additional work to be needed in order to proceed with the planning process. Houston Engineering is submitting the amendment and extension request.

Commissioner Ernie Barta was provided a copy of the notice for the Park River Snagging and Clearing public hearing scheduled to take place on Tuesday 4/4 at 4:00 pm in the Farmers Room. He said that two or more additional commissioners will attend. Chairman Campbell stated that he will not be able to attend that day. The board meeting will be changed to 2:00 pm on Tuesday 4/4. The public hearing will take place soon thereafter. The commissioners will meet that evening.

Ernie Barta provided information he was researching on attorneys that may have less conflict of interest for Walsh County involving matters with other counties.

The Walsh County Water Resource District Board adjourned at 9:00 am from the Walsh County Courthouse and traveled to Grand Forks to meet at 10:00 am at the NDDOT Grand Forks District Office.

RESUMPTION OF THE BOARD MEETING AT NDDOT:

At 10:00 am the board reconvened at NDDOT’s District Office in Grand Forks.

Attendees were as follows:

WCWRD

Larry Tanke, Vice Chairman
Albin Jallo, Manager
Sarah Johnston, Admin. Assistant

NDDOT

Ed Pavlish
Jason Peterson
Jesse Kadrmas
Blayne Twamley

NDDOT via Teams

Travis Brossart
Lindsey Bossert

The meeting began with Jason Peterson describing an issue that landowner Ronald Moe of Grafton wrote NDDOT about. Mr. Moe has issues with his land flooding in the spring along Drain 87 at 66th St NE and Highway 81. The field approach is located to the north east corner of this intersection and was viewed on Google Earth with an image similar to the attached image.

There is some grade in the ditch 1200 ft to the north of the existing approach. Flow is directed south to this culvert and into Drain 87. Vice Chairman Tanke said no water flows north in the highway ditch. Water will flow south through this culvert because of the grade. Peterson mentioned a board that was placed by an unknown person over the culvert and he believed it must have had a flap on it at some point.

Vice Chairman Tanke noted that he would not anticipate ditches washing out at all during subsequent flood events because of this being a constructed legal drain as of 2020. This imagery does not show the new drain work on it.

Travis Brossart shared old cross sectional drawings from this portion of the ditch that they had on file. The group discussed original grade and historical changes on file at NDDOT. Vice Chairman Tanke stated that he would like the culvert elevation to remain the same. Ed Pavlish added that he would like to see the culvert at the original elevation. Brossart stated that he has those original grades to go by and asked if the WRD had any elevations on file. Vice Chairman Tanke did not think the WRD had historical elevations for that area. Even so the area has had modifications over the years. He went on to recommend a flap gate on the culvert for when the water gets high because that is the way it was designed. Culverts to the west of this location are all gated.

The existing field approach is shorter and lower than the township road to the south (66th St NE). The lowest elevation is the culvert itself. Travis showed the old grade of the approach and noted that the info needs to be updated to the 1988 Datum.

Jason discussed how his agency has the option to provide landowners with permits for operation and maintenance of the approaches that the NDDOT constructs, and in this case it would be possible as well for the reconstruction. Implications of a individual landowner owning this approach were discussed. Sarah Johnston inquired about who would control the flap on the culvert. The response was that NDDOT would need to list the culvert elevation and include stipulations on the gate. With this culvert being so close to drain there was a consensus that it would be best for everyone if the WRD worked with NDDOT on this


project. This would mean that the WRD would be in charge of the O & M of the field approach with culvert, and thus able to manage what happens there.


Past ditch plug work at that location was mentioned. NDDOT had Gowan do some work there in the past, mainly addressing erosion through fill & seeding, and it was paid for my Federal Highway dollars. Lindsay Bossert asked about the ditch plug and if it was added after the fact and Jason confirmed that it was later on. "Right to Enter" permits were mentioned because they are usually needed for work, including construction and graveling, though landowners who own these approaches later on do to always apply for them.

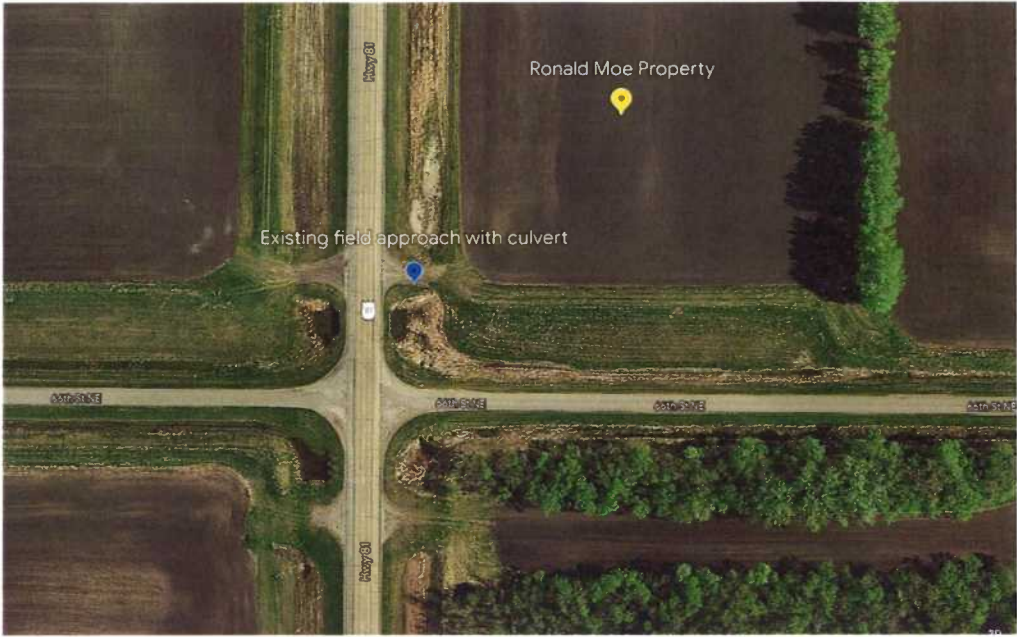
Ideas were exchanged on how to best execute the project and the O & M between the two agencies. The scenario most likely to occur according to Ed Pavlish is that NDDOT will own it and the WRD will operate & maintain it. The WRD concurred with that arrangement. The culvert size would remain the same and it will have a flap on it, to be installed at the elevation specified in the plans on file. After that the two agencies will work together to address any major disruptions that occur at the site in the future.

In regards to Mr. Moe's request, Jason will write him a letter to outline the plan.

With no further discussion the meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.


Larry Tanke, Vice Chairman

Attest: 
Sarah B. Johnston, Administrative Assistant



The field approach discussed is located on the north edge of Drain 87 along State Highway 81, leading into the Ronald Moe property.

This imagery does not show the new construction of the drain.

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- 8:15 a.m.** Consent/Approval
- Minutes March 21st Meeting
 - Bills
- 8:30 a.m.** Tile Drainage Permit Application, Lee Gudajtes
- 8:45 a.m.** Tile Drainage Permit Application, Timothy Hurtt
- 9:00 a.m.** FEMA
- Other items**
- Miscellaneous Correspondence

PLEASE NOTE THE APRIL 4th MEETING WILL BE AT 2:00 PM

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Vice Chairman Larry Tanke called the meeting of the Walsh County Water Resource District Board to order. Roll call taken: Vice Chairman Larry Tanke and Manager Albin Jallo were present. Chairman Campbell attended via Zoom. Vice Chairman Tanke conducted the meeting.

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

Motion to approve the minutes of the March 21st Board meeting along with the bills as presented was made by Manager Jallo; 2nd by Chairman Campbell. Motion carried.

Tile Drainage Permit Application, Lee Gudajtes WC2023-005- Reviewed application to install drain tile in the W ½ of the NW ¼ of S14 and NE ¼ of S15 in Harriston Township which will outlet into the south ditch of the 64th St NE for one mile before entering legal drain #31. ***Motion to approve WC2023-005 with normal conditions was made by Manager Jallo; 2nd by President Campbell.*** Motion carried.

Tile Drainage Permit Application, Timothy Hurtt WC2023-006- Reviewed application to install drain tile in the SE ¼ of S9 in Dundee Township which will outlet into the ditch along Co. Rd 12 for 1/3 mile before crossing through the county road and flowing east into a natural watercourse. ***Motion to approve WC2023-006 with normal conditions was made by Manager Jallo; 2nd by President Campbell.*** Motion carried.

FEMA- Discussion on FEMA sites on Drain 87 that are being reviewed right now. Discussed work near bridge just north of intersection of 66th St along 145th Ave NE. The only work needing to be submitted at this site would be for future work repairing erosion and alleviating the drain of sediment in the drain downstream of the bridge. The bridge is being replaced but that is not to do with FEMA claim by the WRD. The board also wondered what happens with FEMA site if they are damaged further in the next disaster before they can be repaired and asked Sarah to report back on that.

Jason Johnston, Walsh Co. Hwy Dept.-

- Joined the meeting to notify the board of issues with FEMA. He found out that a special flood hazard area (SFHA) permit is before work can be completed on roads, drains, etc. Jason working with Brent Nelson to get a blanket permit for any work he has in different floodplains, since the permits would need to be issued by Nelson. Most of the land east of the interstate would require this permit and it may come up for some of the WRD's FEMA claims.

Miscellaneous:


- Owl Labs contacted the WRD for feedback on new camera and would like to have the opportunity to have a test model in the office. The board is okay with it and hopes for a deal if a future upgrade is needed.
- Nathan Brintnell notified the office via email that the Dakota Prairie Wildlife Club will soon meet and issue a check for the matching fund on the new dock at Matejcek Dam.

- Kyle Olason of Hensel submitted comments on the PRJWRD Board's N. Branch Park River retention project, and those comments were forwarded to the board.

The next meeting will be held on April 4th 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 10:30 a.m.

Attest:


Sarah B. Johnston, Administrative Assistant


Larry Tanke, Vice Chairman