

**Proceedings of the Walsh County Water Resource District Board Meeting
Tuesday, August 15th, 2023
Walsh County Courthouse, Grafton, ND**

August 15th, 2023 – 8:00 a.m.

Chairman Daryl Campbell called the meeting of the Walsh County Water Resource District Board to order. Roll call taken: Chairman Daryl Campbell, Vice Chairman Larry Tanke and Manager Albin Jallo. Commissioner Ernie Barta also attended.

The agenda was reviewed and no additions were proposed. ***A motion to approve the agenda was made by Vice Chairman Tanke; 2nd by Manager Jallo. Motion carried.***

A motion to approve the minutes of the August 8th board meeting, and the bills as presented, was made by Manager Jallo; 2nd by Vice Chairman Tanke. Motion carried.

Sandy Irman, Matejcek Dam: Irman appeared to discuss the hole and ruts in the road the top of the hill on the north side of the dam, which leads to an area being used as an unofficial campground. The board will look into blading and adding gravel to this road in the area west of the privy, and will assist with the costs of a picnic table Irman wants to build.

Jason Johnston, Walsh County Highway Department:

- **Lyle Shephard**: Johnston presented a site reported by Shephard along County 1 needing culvert replacement. Shephard also proposed ditch cleanout of the county road ditch along Section 2 in Dundee township. The board advised Johnston that Shephard will need to file a permit with the DWR if going deeper in the ditch.
- **Mike Gorder**: Johnston provided Gorder's highway drainage permit application for the NW ¼ of section 28 of Eden township along County Road 19. ***The ditch would be cleaned to its original design elevation. Manager Jallo moved to approve Gorder's permit application; 2nd by Vice Chairman Tanke. Motion carried.***
- Culverts for Drain 48 and County 9 bridge were reviewed. Vice Chairman Tanke and Johnston can look at the used culverts and decide whether or not to proceed with them.
- Johnston provided follow up on other items: Doug McCann's hydraulic study is complete for a proposed culvert through County Road 15 east of Voss. The project will proceed with a 36" culvert w/flap. The highway department will clean out culverts south and west of Voss along County 6, between Sections 32 and 33 of Walsh Centre township, where there are flow issues due to sediment. Also, he has work underway on county road 6/Drain 98, just north of the beet station on County 15 west of Voss, where a box culvert is being installed.

Randy Emanuelson, Drain 50: Emanuelson provided photos of the culvert removal he performed upstream of the bridge located on County Road 7 and Drain 50 located 1 mile east of County Road 4. He requested to lower the inlet side 1.5 feet on the east end and raise it on the other side. The board advised it was okay to deepen it on the east end, but no increase in culvert slope is allowable, and that fabric and rock needs to be included. The board had concerns about the cleanout potentially undermining the county road bridge. The project needs to go to the Walsh Co. Highway Department for review and the board will forward the photos to them. In addition, Emanuelson discussed drainage issues in the north side of the ditch along 76th St, west of Drain 50 for two miles. He said the culverts are needing resizing and

a hydraulic study is needed. The ditch belongs to the township and not the legal drain, so the drain is not in charge of that expense.

Tile Permit Notification, Jay Gudajtes:

The board received notification of a tile project proposed by Jay Gudajtes on Section 29 of Harriston Township, N ½ of the NW ¼. The water outlets into the natural watercourse and would flow north. ***Vice Chairman Tanke moved to acknowledge the notification with the information provided; 2nd by Manager Jallo. Motion carried.***

Kevin Mudder- Residence in Forest River:

Mudder appeared and asked about permitting to raise the elevation of his yard in a few places so that the river quits flooding his yard between buildings. Details about the proposed work was discussed. Legislative changes for dikes were enacted on August 1st and the board will follow up with him regarding the appropriate permits. He can still apply for ring dike cost share through the office.

Darryl Borgeson:

Borgeson requested that Drain 97 be cleaned out from 64th St to 65th St. The WRD will clean out this area of the drain utilizing available funds, which means the funding may not carry the entire mile of drain cleanout. He also described issues with high water in the spring along Drain 97 and County 15, and discussed township culverts at the intersection of 129th Ave and 63rd St and east along Section 15 of Vernon Township. The SW ¼ of Section 15 stays flooded for a long time and is difficult to farm in the spring. He will need to have a hydraulic study for any culvert changes and work with the township on these culvert issues. Borgeson also described his concerns regarding drainage on 65th St on the south side of Section 5 in Vernon Township. He should work with the township on cleanout.

Louis Kadlec Jr.- Drainage in Section 29, Rushford Township:

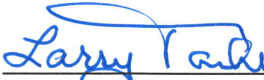
Louis Jr. and his brother John received a complaint about their surface drainage project. The land on Section 29, NE ¼ in Rushford Township does not drain. The project would drain that field north to County Road 15, and the water would flow east in the highway ditch. The board informed them that they have not received any written complaints on the project. Kevin Mudder asked about the County's ditch taking on the water. Jason Johnston, who joined the meeting during the course of the conversation, said his only jurisdiction would be regarding a downstream culvert on County 15.

Brent Nelson, Emergency Manager: Nelson joined the meeting and presented NDDOT plans for culvert replacement along the west side of the interstate at the Warsaw exit, just west of the on/off ramps. Current culvert sizes are 30"x178', 30" x 180', 30" x 180'. They are all being replaced by two 60" culverts approximately 180' in length. The board appreciated Nelson notifying them of the work to be completed.

Dan Fischer of Fischer Engineering: Fischer joined the meeting to pick up plans from a past project. Drain 25 damages and Dougherty Dam damages were discussed briefly.

Drain 31: The office received a complaint of spray damage on the drain along the SE ¼ of Section 10 in Harriston. The damage is 5 ft wide and not worth mobilizing to at this time.

The next board meeting will take place on August 15th at 8:00 a.m.


Larry Tanke, Vice Chairman

Attest: 
Sarah B. Johnston, Administrative Assistant