

Notice of Meeting and Agenda

Walsh County Water Resource District

Tuesday, July 25th, 2023

Walsh County Courthouse Lower Level Office #3

- 8:00 a.m.** Call to Order
Roll Call
Agenda Approval
- Consent/Approval
- Minutes July 18th Meeting
 - Minutes of Drain 98/7 Informational Assessment Meeting July 18th
 - Bills
- 8:15 a.m.** Drain 48/County Road 9 Bridge Project, Jason Johnston
- 9:00 a.m.** Applications for Drainage from Highway Dept, Jason Johnston
- Terry Novak, Myrdal Bros., Kevin Zikmund
- 9:30 a.m.** Drain 4A culvert, Peter Brown
- 10:00 a.m.** Drain 31 ROW Review w/Landowners
- Jeanette Shambaugh
- 10:15 a.m.** Drainage Permit Application:
- Austin Lessard
- 10:30 a.m.** Drain 31 ROW Review w/Landowners
- Additional landowner (unconfirmed at time of agenda)

Other items -Miscellaneous Correspondence

Reminders:

In accordance with North Dakota law, Water Resource Districts may, if necessary, depart from or add to the agenda at meetings.

People with disabilities who plan to participate in the meeting and need special arrangements should contact the Water Resource District office at 701-352-0081.

**Proceedings of the Walsh County Water Resource District Board Meeting
Tuesday, July 25th 2023
Walsh County Courthouse, Grafton, ND**

July 25th, 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 Jallo.

The agenda was reviewed. Garrett Thompson, Ross Kotsmatka, and Irna Meberg were added to the agenda. ***A motion to approve the agenda was made by Manager Jallo; 2nd Vice Chairman Tanke. Motion carried.***

A motion to approve the minutes of the July 18th board meeting, and the minutes of the Drain 98/Drain 7 Informational meeting was made by Vice Chairman Tanke; 2nd by Manager Jallo. Motion carried.

A motion to approve the bills as presented was made by Manager Jallo; 2nd by Vice Chairman Tanke. Motion carried.

Drain 48 & Co. 9 Bridge:

Highway Superintendent Jason Johnston and Jeff Duray of Triple D Construction attended the meeting to discuss the bridge issues east of the intersection of Co. 4 and Co. 9, located on Drain 48. If materials were available, that bridge might be addressed before harvest. After much discussion on culvert sizing and possible options, the board asked Duray to look further into culvert availability and pricing. He will report back to the board.

Drainage Applications:

Drainage applications were forwarded to the Board by the highway department for highway right of way (ROW) drainage from individuals wanting to drain into those ditches. Applications reviewed included Terry Novak, Myrdal Brothers, Kevin Zikmund, and Polar Communications. ***Vice Chairman Tanke moved to approve the four ROW drainage permits; 2nd by Manager Jallo. Motion carried.***

Drain 4 A Culvert- Peter Brown:

The board provided follow up to Brown regarding his complaint of the erosion in the culvert on Drain 4A along the railroad tracks near Brown's home. The board updated Brown on the proposed culvert, which would be bored through the tracks. The cost would be around \$60,000. Planning work is underway with the engineer and will include the railroad. A 36" culvert size is most likely.

Randy Emanuelson: Joined the meeting and requested time with the board to discuss replacing a culvert on Drain 50 near County Road 7. He provided photos of culverts next to the bridge to show the drainage issues there. The culvert he's asking permission to order would be 90 ft x 36". He will also talk with Houston Engineering to lower the inlet by a foot. The board agreed he should order the culvert and bill the WRD. Board advised him to clean out the existing pipe rather than putting in a temporary pipe in place until the permanent pipe arrives.

Emanuelson mentioned that the Pembina Co. WRD is working on a project on the Walsh/Pembina line to clean out/reconstruct 67A. The project would continue on to the Walsh side of the line, and they would clean out 800 feet of drain tributary that enters on the east side of the drain. The board said they would not like to participate in the project, but acknowledged Pembina County's project nonetheless.

Ross Komatska- Drain 31:

The board had the opportunity to discuss ROW management on Drain 31 with Komatska. He was informed of issues seen by the engineer when the drain was inspected. He was also informed of the spraying conditions and fees for missing signs at \$500 each. He does not have any known signage issues at this time. Komatska provided information regarding a site in his field on the east side of the drain, where a pile of rocks was left by the contractor. He noted a site on the map that has erosion at a crossing south of his land on this drain.

Garrett Thompson:

Thompson requested information regarding establishing a new drain on land he farms east of Cashel north of County Road 9, and east of Drain 50. Thompson was provided the necessary petition, and the process was discussed in detail. He requested LIDAR info from 2020. Sarah will see if she can locate some of that info.

Jacob Wognum, HEI: The board called Wognum regarding culvert sizes on the 4A site discussed earlier in the meeting. They'll be working with the railroad on this eventually, but right now are focused on getting the appropriate culvert size. They'll conduct a site survey and subsequent modeling, including survey of the rail, hydraulic study, etc.

Jeanette Shambaugh: The board had the opportunity to discuss ROW management on Drain 31 with Shambaugh, including signage and spraying. Also discussed drifting dirt in the area and shelterbelts.

Erna Meberg, Park River:

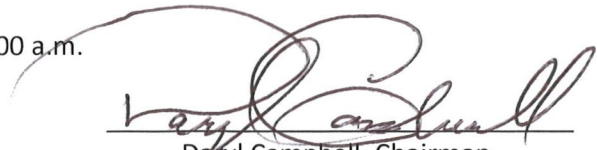
Meberg contacted the office regarding an issue with her neighbor pumping sump water on to her lawn in the Sandwood Addition where they live, north of Park River. Upon review of the neighborhood map and flow information, the board did not see where the issue would be under their jurisdiction. In the past, there had been fecal coliform issues reported by people in this housing addition, and the health department was working with those people on that issue. Sarah will follow up with her.

Miscellaneous:

-Since the last meeting, Nick Rudnik provided additional feedback to the office on his ditch clean out request. He stated that the water already flows north along the NE ¼ of Section 16 of Walsh Centre Township. Given this information, the board allowed him to clean out the ditch along the east edge of NE ¼ of Section 16. He is also cleaning NE ¼ of Section 21 which is assessed in Drain 98 which was already approved by the board.

-As of July 1st, WRD's may increase their per diem to \$205 per meeting from \$186. ***Vice Chairman Tanke moved to increase the rate starting July 1st; 2nd Manager Jallo. Motion carried.***

The next board meeting will take place on August 1st at 8:00 a.m.


Daryl Campbell, Chairman

Attest: 
Sarah B. Johnston, Administrative Assistant