

**Notice of Meeting and Agenda**  
**Walsh County Water Resource District**  
**Tuesday, September 5th, 2023**  
**Walsh County Courthouse Lower Level Office #3**

- 8:00 a.m.** Call to Order  
Roll Call  
Agenda Approval
- Consent/Approval
- Minutes August 22nd Meeting
  - Bills
- 8:15 a.m.** George Tibert
- Surface Drainage Permit App. 6207 comments
- 8:45 a.m.** Jacob Wognum, HEI Monthly Report
- Culvert quotes & project updates
- 9:30 a.m.** Jared Marquardt
- Surface Drainage Permit App. 6207 comments
- 10:00 a.m.** Application for Drainage, Walsh County Highway Dept.
- Craig Skorheim, Section 2, County Rd 16, Adams Township
- 10:15 a.m.** Jacob Wognum, HEI
- Additional site updates
- 10:30 a.m.** Applications to Install Subsurface Water Management System
- Mark A. Novak
  - Jim Tallackson
  - Myrdal Farms
- 10:45 a.m.** John Miller Farms complaint
- 11:00 a.m.** Dike Permit Applications
- Tom Hurtt
  - Kevin Mudder

**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, September 5, 2023  
Walsh County Courthouse, Grafton, ND**

September 5, 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 Campbell, Vice Chairman Larry Tanke and Manager Albin Jallo. Other attendees during the meeting included Jack Bartuska and Ryan Sobolik of the Ops Township Board, Commissioner Ernie Barta, and Sam Mondry of the Forest River Township Board.

***A motion to approve the agenda was made by Vice Chairman Tanke; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Manager Jallo. Motion carried.***

***A motion to approve the minutes of the August 22<sup>nd</sup> board meeting and the bills was made by Vice Chairman Tanke; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Manager Jallo. Motion carried.***

**George Tibert- Comments on Surface Drainage Permit App. 6207 Novak**

George and Bill Tibert appeared before the board to present comments on the proposed surface drainage project in Section 6 of Forest River Township submitted by applicant Mark A. Novak. The project would reroute a portion of the watercourse. The Tiberts believe the project should be denied and expressed their concerns to the board. Both provided the board details on how water flows through the existing channel and his thoughts on the impacts filling in the river channel would have on the hydrology of his property. George also had concerns about the proposed design of the ditch, and culvert sizing along the roadways and the potential for increased flood impacts. Bill expressed concerns with the wildlife being impacted due to the loss of the stream segment and inquired about the process the board follows with surface drainage applications. Ryan Sobolik of Ops Township provided photos of flooding in the area from this past spring. Sam Mondry and Jack Bartuska was also present for the discussion.

**Jacob Wognum, HEI Monthly Report**

**Drain 4A:** Planning continues on new culvert proposed through railroad crossing on Drain 4A. The board would need to apply to BNSF to modify the culvert and discussed requirements, design, costs, etc. The best option could be keeping existing culvert and adding 36" culvert.

**Drain 28:** Sites for culvert replacement included the field approach on north ¼ line of S28 of Walshville Township, and culverts at the field driveway along north side of Section 33 and County Rd 15. Culvert sizes and prices were discussed. Replacement is also needed on Section 34 NE ¼ west of the North Marais River.

**Drain 31:** Century Link will be sending a release on the original easement. Mowing is underway on sites that will be seeded this fall.

**Jared Marquardt- Comments on Surface Drainage Permit App. 6207 Novak**

Jared presented his concerns to the board regarding the proposed surface drainage in Section 6 of Forest River Township submitted by applicant Mark A. Novak. The project would reroute a portion of the watercourse. His concerns about the project included impacts to flooding in the area as well as the flood risk to his property and neighboring properties. He is concerned about fluctuations in flows that may result in increased flooding on the farmstead where he is building a home. As a precautionary measure, with or without this project, the board recommended considering a ring dike for his new home and informed him of the ring dike cost share program.

**Highway Drainage Permit- Craig Skorheim:**

The board reviewed Skorheim's application to clean out approximately 300 yards of the ditch along County Road 16 in the NE ¼ of Section 2 in Adams Township. **Manager Jallo moved to approve the permit; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vice Chairman Tanke. Motion carried.**

**John Miller Farms- Drainage Complaint:**

Jennifer Lindenberger appeared on behalf of John Miller Farms regarding their written complaint on alterations to a culvert on the SE ¼ of S23, at the intersection of 143<sup>rd</sup> Ave NE and 62<sup>nd</sup> St NE. The elevation of a culvert that was recently replaced by Mark A. Novak was raised 2ft in elevation, which would result in water backing up on their field in that corner. There was a 90 degree culvert extension taking the water north, altering the natural flow.

**Applications to Install Subsurface Water Management Systems:**

- **Jim Tallackson**- tile drain Farmington Township Section 23 NW ¼ discharging into legal drain 74 in SE ¼ of Section 14. **Vice Chairman Tanke moved to approve Tallackson's application WC2023-016; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Manager Jallo.**
- **Myrdal Brothers, Mark Myrdal**- Lampton Township Section 4 NE ¼ discharging thru state highway 32 and east in south ditch of County 1 along NW ¼ of Section 3 until meeting a natural watercourse. **Manager Jallo moved to approve Myrdal Bros. application WC2023-014; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vice Chairman Tanke. Motion carried.**
- **Mark A. Novak**- Application was tabled until next meeting due to meeting ending. Mark Novak's permit application WC2023-015 will be reviewed on September 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Applications for Dike Permits:** Applications were tabled until the next meeting due to meeting ending. Tom Hurtt and Kevin Mudder's permits will be reviewed on September 12<sup>th</sup>.


**Miscellaneous:**

Correspondence received from Gary Babinski of BTAG will be reviewed at a later date.

The next board meeting will take place on September 12th at 8:00 a.m.

Attest:

  
Sarah B. Johnston, Administrative Assistant

  
Daryl Campbell, Chairman