

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

- 8:00 a.m.** Call to Order  
Roll Call  
Agenda Approval
- Consent/Approval
- Minutes September 19th Meeting
  - Bills
- 8:30 a.m.** Jason Johnston  
Walsh Co. Hwy Dept. Drainage Permit Applications
- Phillip Jallo- County Rd 19A, Section 25 of Cleveland Township
  - Roger Gorder- County Road 8, Section 30 of Grafton Township
- 8:45 a.m.** Don Rudnik, Section 20 in Harriston Township
- 9:00 a.m.** Drain Assessments
- Assessment Budget Initial Review w/Board
- 9:30 a.m.** Jacob Wognum, HEI Monthly Report
- 10:30 a.m.** Drain 25 Site Assessment Review
- 10:45 a.m.** Jim Nygard, Drain 74

**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, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023**  
**Walsh County Courthouse, Grafton, ND**

October 3rd, 2023 – 8:00 a.m.

Chairman Daryl Campbell called the meeting of the Walsh County Water Resource District Board to order. Roll call: Chairman Campbell, Vice Chairman Larry Tanke and Manager Albin Jallo were present.

*The agenda was reviewed. Cory Kouba's drainage issue was added to the end of the agenda. Vice Chairman Tanke moved to approve the agenda; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Manager Jallo. Motion carried. Later in the meeting, additions to the agenda included Roger Gorder, as well as Jason Peterson of NDDOT.*

*A motion to approve the minutes of the September 19th board meeting was made by Vice Chairman Tanke; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Manager Jallo. Motion carried.*

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

**Walsh Co. Highway Department Drainage Permit Applications:** Jason Johnston presented the following items for approval: **Phillip Jallo** requested to build a driveway next to County Rd 19A along Section 25 of Cleveland Township which will not alter flow. **Roger Gorder** requested to clean out sediment on County Rd 8, Section 30 in Grafton Township. **Tarek Schanilec** requested to clean out the ditch along County Rd 8 at SE ¼ of Section 10. **Vice Chairman Tanke moved to approve permits for Schanilec, Jallo, and Gorder as presented; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Manager Jallo. Motion carried.**

**Don Rudnik:** Appeared with his son Casey to discuss issues they have with a new tile project recently reviewed by the board for 78 acres in the NW 1/4 Section 29 of Harriston township. The new project will discharge into a natural watercourse in Section 29 which then flows to his property in Section 20. He would like the water to flow a different direction. There are other issues with drainage of the west half Section 20 that contributed to saturation of his land, primarily a ditch plug at 63<sup>rd</sup> St that prevents water from draining. Upon his request, the board will look into whether or not the flow taking place in a path in Section 20 is a continuation of a watercourse by requesting assistance of the DWR. The issue will be revisited at a later date.

**Drain Assessments:** Drain balances were reviewed with Jennifer Lindenberger. Drain assessment hearings for government drains 25, 48, 50/67, 97, and 200 will be held on October 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Jacob Wognum, HEI:** Wognum presented updates on estimates for culvert work on Drain 4A and Drain 28. Drain 31 will be closed out next year after it can be determined whether or not the seeding was successful at establishment. Drain 7/Drain 98 drainage areas were reviewed once more for final touches. The PR Snag and Clear project is coming up this winter and awaiting quote. Sarah requested an H&H for site 1 on Drain 28 for FEMA work. Wognum presented the Forest River Dike Technical Memorandum. The report outlined the survey work completed by HEI. Based on their information, the dike exceeds the 50 acre-feet threshold. The board discussed the entirety of the memorandum with Wognum and will continue on with the complaint review process. Jason Johnston of the Walsh Co. Highway Department was also in attendance. In regards to the John Miller Farms complaint, Wognum said that HEI was not able to complete the ditch survey due to issues with the adjacent landowner.

**Drain 25 Assessment Review:** Sarah presented Drain 25 site assessment written by FEMA’s Stanley Culp, PE who traveled from Denver to the site west of Park River in August. The board and Wognum reviewed the assessment’s description and quantities. The report will be signed off on before being submitted.

**Roger Gorder- Drain 7 ditch plug:**

Roger appeared with his son Dustin to discuss flooding issues along Drain 7 near 66<sup>th</sup> St NE in S1 of Prairie Centre Township. After it was lost during a spring flood, the ditch plug on Drain 7 was restored at a higher elevation than before. With that new plug in place, the Gorders have concerns about a potential increase in the volume of water that will flow through the railroad bridge, which is located towards the northern end of the drain in Section 1. Once it backs up that far north from the south, it flows east into the field and eventually to Dustin’s farmstead. Dustin said that the flooding has gotten worse over the years. The board advised Dustin, who lives to the east at 15122 66<sup>th</sup> St NE, to look at the cost share program for ring dikes that they are currently promoting. The board will allow the Gorders to install a ditch plug in Drain 7, as the Gorders proposed, at the half mile section line of Section 1 in Prairie Centre Township to prevent water backing up as far as the railroad bridge. The board agreed that this should help alleviate some of the Gorders flooding and will allow them to install it at their own expense.


**Jason Peterson, NDDOT:**

Peterson contacted the office during the meeting and was added to the agenda. NDDOT is looking at the Highway 32/Drain 97 crossing near Leslie Winther’s farmstead in Vernon Township. He said they are looking closer at the flooding issues there and feel the crossing is greatly undersized based on initial crossing calculations. They proposed two box culverts instead of the two corrugated metal culverts that are currently there. Sarah will follow up with Fischer Land Surveying & Engineering to see if there are any hydraulic studies on file for that location. Peterson will be in contact on possible funding for the project.

**Miscellaneous:** Jeremy Lizakowski stopped into the office during the meeting to look into an instance near his property. He observed of digging under County Road 15 east of Pisek between Sections 23/26 of Rushford Township, for what he believed to be a drain tile project. The highway superintendent was called in to discuss the inquiry and Lizakowski was referred to him to follow up.

Cory Kouba’s drainage issue in Section 19 of Cleveland Township was tabled due to lack of time and will be revisited at a future date.

The next board meeting will take place on October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023.



Daryl Campbell, Chairman

Attest:   
Sarah B. Johnston, Administrative Assistant