

Notice of Meeting and Agenda
Walsh County Water Resource District
Tuesday, September 19th, 2023
Walsh County Courthouse Lower Level Office #3

8:00 a.m.

Call to Order
Roll Call
Agenda Approval

Consent/Approval

- Minutes September 12th Meeting
- Bills

8:45 a.m.

Jason Johnston
Walsh Co. Hwy Dept. Drainage Permit Application

- Tarek Schanilec, Section 3 of Ops Township

9:00 a.m.

Dike Permit Applications:

- Ryan Sobolik

9:15 a.m.

Review of Culvert order for Upcoming work

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 19, 2023
Walsh County Courthouse, Grafton, ND**

September 19, 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 and Manager Albin Jallo were present. Vice Chairman Tanke was absent. Commissioners Ernie Barta and Dennis Skorheim were also in attendance.

The agenda was reviewed. Manager Jallo moved to approve the agenda; 2nd by Chairman Campbell. Motion carried.

A motion to approve the minutes of the September 12th board meeting and the bills as presented, including the tabled bill from Lloyd Einarson, was made by Manager Jallo; 2nd by Chairman Campbell. Motion carried.

Due to needing to leave for their commission meeting, Ernie Barta and Dennis Skorheim asked to briefly discuss flooding issues involving Drain 87 as it pertained to Ross Monsebroten and Stephen Stark on Section 5 of Walsh Centre Township. Skorheim said Monsebroten has been in contact with him regarding Stark's water issues. Chairman Campbell informed the commissioners that the issue has been addressed recently when Stark requested the WRD survey along the drain. Stark was then provided survey information for Drain 87's elevations compared to the roadway at his location. Stark's driveway, which is on the opposite side of the road as the drain, has a low dip in it and he should build up that spot.

Jason Johnston, Walsh Co. Highway Dept.:

A Highway Drainage Permit Application for Tarek Schanilec in Ops Township Section 3 was reviewed. Schanilec would like to clean out the ditch and install a 36" culvert in the roadway. ***Manager Jallo motioned to approve the permit with conditions that they are allowed to clean the ditch, but no culvert can be placed in the road with the exception if Jason Johnston would want to install one at the intersection of 60th St NE and County Road 8; 2nd by Chairman Campbell. Motion carried.***

Johnston also included a Highway Drainage Permit Application from McCann Farms regarding County Road 15, east of Voss in Sections 27/34 in Walsh Centre Township. The application described adding a 36" culvert across Highway 15 on the west side of SW ¼ of S27, to take pressure off the north side of Highway 15, with all costs to McCann Farms. ***Manager Jallo moved to approve the permit; 2nd by Chairman Campbell. Motion carried.***

Chairman Campbell mentioned he was contacted by Bruce Eikenberry, who lives along 74th Place NE and the North Branch of the Park River. Eikenberry has issues with spring flooding on 147th Ave NE. Culvert placement upstream of County Road 9 on Drain 70 were discussed. Sarah will request Farmington Township attend an upcoming meeting to discuss the issue further.

Dike Permit Applications:

Ryan Sobolik submitted two agricultural dike permit applications, one pertaining to land in the NW ¼ of Section 16 in Forest River township and the other pertaining to the SW ¼ of Section 2 in Ops township, each involving diking coulees of the North Branch of the Forest River. The proposed dikes would protect

farmland from spring flooding. The property in Ops involves offsetting existing dikes to allow the river more room to spread out. In addition, farmland within the points of the meanders will no longer be farmed, and instead excluded by a dike to protect the remaining farmland further away from the stream. **Manager Jallo moved to approve both of Sobolik's applications and to forward them to the Department of Water Resources for further review; 2nd by Chairman Campbell. Motion Carried.**

Culvert Quotes from True North Steel:

Jacob Wognum of HEI submitted a memo with culvert sizes. The board discussed the options outlined in the memo and quotes. Selections will be discussed further at an upcoming meeting.

Miscellaneous:

- Roger Gorder contacted Chairman Campbell regarding an issue he's having with the ditch plug that was restored to Drain 7 recently. The plug was washed out last year and was just recently repaired by Steven Rudnik. Chairman Campbell will go and look at it. It is located along the south side of 66th St NE and 149th Dr NE, next to the railroad tracks.
- Commissioner Barta stopped in to the meeting once more and mentioned the need to reach a solution on the cost share dispute. The board will keep Barta apprised on any movement in the matter.
- Artesian wells and surface water quality were discussed. Several landowners have issues with their wells flowing continuously without proper flow controls. The water has high alkalinity and century code addresses controlling these wells, which are flowing into surface water. Chairman Campbell asked Sarah to look into any cost share sources that might help people properly cap their wells.
- Chairman Campbell provided a short narrative of the Drain 25 site inspection visit he attended with FEMA.

The next board meeting will take place on October 3rd, 2023

Attest: 
Sarah B. Johnston, Administrative Assistant


Daryl Campbell, Chairman