

**Notice of Meeting and Agenda**  
**Walsh County Water Resource District**  
**Tuesday, November 7th, 2023**  
**Walsh County Courthouse Lower Level Office #3**

- 8:00 a.m.** Call to Order  
Roll Call  
Agenda Approval
- Consent/Approval
- Minutes - October 31st Meetings
  - Bills
  - Correspondence
- 9:00 a.m.** Barry Kingsbury for Farmington Township- Drain 70
- 9:30 a.m.** Jacob Wognum, HEI
- Monthly report

**Other items:** Miscellaneous Correspondence

**Upcoming meetings:**

- Park River Joint Water Resource Board Meeting rescheduled to November 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am at this office

**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, November 7, 2023**

**Walsh County Courthouse, Grafton, ND**

November 7, 2023 – 8:00 a.m.

Chairman Daryl Campbell called the meeting of the Walsh County Water Resource District Board to order. Roll call was taken. Present: Chairman Campbell, Manager Albin Jallo, Vice Chairman Tanke and Administrative Assistant Sarah Johnston.

The agenda was reviewed. ***Manager Jallo moved to approve the agenda; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vice Chairman Tanke. Motion carried.***

The minutes of the October 31st board meeting and the bills were provided. ***Manager Jallo moved to approve the minutes and the bills; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vice Chairman Tanke. Motion carried.***

Correspondence was received by the board and included two dike complaints and one drainage complaint. The parties filing dike complaints were Walsh Centre Township, as well as John Miller Farms Inc. The party filing the drainage complaint was Paul Suda Farms Inc. If time allows, they will be reviewed further at the end of the meeting.

**Barry Kingsbury, Nick Desautel- Farmington Township:**

Farmington township board members Kingsbury and Desautel appeared before the board to discuss issues with drainage on 147<sup>th</sup> Ave NE and 74<sup>th</sup> Place NE, as it relates to Drain 70. Kingsbury and Desautel described culverts that ran east-west through the north of the intersection, and that they were taken out when drain 70 came into being. They attributed road damages in their township directly to the drain and seek a solution on dealing with the expense of these damages, as well as future damages. After much discussion, including potential modifications to the route of Drain 70, Kingsbury and Desautel asked about petitioning landowners in Drain 74 to see if they are willing to take on water from Drain 70. The WRD will provide them a list of landowners who are assessed in the Drain 74. The WRD will look into the legality of this type of arrangement.

**Jacob Wognum, HEI:**

Jacob Wognum, PE began his monthly report to the board. Darryl Borgeson joined the meeting and the board discussed Drain 97's crossing on Highway 32 at 64<sup>th</sup> St NE. Darryl's concerns, which were captured at the last board meeting, were reiterated for the engineer to hear, and primarily focused on what he predicts as increased speed of flows downstream and potential overtopping of the Hylden Bridge on 63<sup>rd</sup> St NE if the culverts are replaced with modifications. Due to the issue being raised to DOT by a local landowner, Sarah will look into whether or not DOT is mandating that the culverts be replaced or if they can remain as is. The landowner has since built a ring dike to protect his property. She will also discuss with DOT whether or not they will provide any funding for the hydraulic study, and what level of project funding they would offer. Other items covered under Jacob Wognum's time included updates on culvert projects on Drains 4A, Drain 27, Drain 28, and Drain 29, including FEMA related culvert work on those drains. The Drain 7/Drain 98 reassessment process and Park River

Snag & Clear Phase 8 were also mentioned as far as the next steps. The Park River Snag & Clear work will take place this winter west of County Road 8.

**Forest River Dike Complaint**- Wognum provided an updated technical memo pertaining to his investigation of the northernmost bridge just outside of Forest River, as it relates to the northern bank immediately upstream of the bridge. The memo relates to the Forest River Dike Complaint filed by Kevin Mudder of Forest River in mid-July. After Wognum provided further details on his findings, Chairman Campbell entertained a motion. ***Manager Jallo moved to remove the northern dike upstream of the bridge to ditch level within the County right of way only, utilizing the height recommended in Wognum's memo dated November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 to bring the bank elevation below the 50 acre feet diversion level; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vice Chairman Tanke. There was discussion on how long of an appeal window there might be, and whom the response should include. Legal counsel will issue the response to Mr. Mudder and the other parties. After no further discussion, the board voted and the motion carried.***

In regards to the Stephen Stark's complaint discussed at the last meeting on Drain 87, Wognum will have the site surveyed and staked prior to the contractor lowering the height of the berm below the township road height. Sarah will issue response to Stark and his attorney regarding the resolution.

In regards to Surface Drainage Application 6207 from Mark A. Novak, the board was updated by Wognum on the status of his review of the project's final design that was submitted to the board by Burian and Associates on October 13th. Wognum is in need of an H&H study to continue the review. The board requested that Sarah contact Burian & Associates to request the information, to hopefully be submitted as soon as possible.

**Miscellaneous:**

Time did not allow for review of new complaints. They are tabled until a later date. Sarah will issue response on the Mike Swartz complaint filed on September 5<sup>th</sup> against K-Bros, to which no action will be taken due to the dike having already been lowered to less than the township road in 2009.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 14th, 2023. The Park River Joint Water Resource District Board will meet that morning at 11:00 am at the WCWRD office.

Attest:   
Sarah B. Johnston, Administrative Assistant

  
Daryl Campbell, Chairman