

Notice of Meeting and Agenda
Walsh County Water Resource District
Tuesday, October 24th, 2023
Walsh County Courthouse Lower Level Office #3

- 8:00 a.m.** Call to Order
Roll Call
Agenda Approval
- Consent/Approval
- Minutes October 17th Meeting
 - Bills
- 8:15 a.m.** Tile Permit Notifications, Jon Kippen, Landmark Companies
- Brad Narloch, Section 30, SW ¼
- Other items:** Miscellaneous Correspondence
- 8:30 a.m.** Adjourn
- Maintenance Assessment Hearings for Government Drains**
- 8:30 a.m.** Drain 25 assessment
- \$4.00/ac. for 2 years
- 8:45 a.m.** Drain 48, Channel C of the Willow Coulee assessment
- \$2.00/ac. for 1 yr.
- 9:00 a.m.** Drain 50/67, Channel A of the Willow Coulee assessment
- \$4.00/ac. for 2 yrs.
- 9:15 a.m.** Drain 97, North Branch of the Forest River, Lateral A and Lateral B, assessment
- \$3.00 per ac. for 1 yr.
- 9:30 a.m.** Drain 200 assessment
- \$1.00/ac. for 2 yrs.
- 9:45 a.m.** Adjourn

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 24th, 2023
Walsh County Courthouse, Grafton, ND

October 24th, 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, Vice Chairman Tanke, Manager Albin Jallo, and Administrative Assistant Sarah Johnston. Others attending included Commissioner Ernie Barta, Commissioner Amy Suda, Commissioner Dennis Skorheim, and Jon Kippen Landmark Industries, and Todd Morgan editor of the Walsh County Record.

The agenda was reviewed. David Hankey was added to the agenda, as well as the Drain 28 Polar line install. Manager Jallo moved to approve the agenda; 2nd by Chairman Campbell. Motion carried.

A motion to approve the minutes of the October 17th board meeting was made by Manager Jallo; 2nd by Vice Chairman Tanke. Motion carried.

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

Tile Permit Notifications WC2023-20 and WC2023-21:

Jon Kippen of Landmark Industries appeared to get clarification as to whether there were any changes that were needed from the office regarding the two “Under 80 acre” tile notifications he submitted to the office for drain tile systems that will be installed for Brad Narloch on the SW ¼ of Section 30 in Harriston Township. One sixty-two acre system comprises the majority of the western triangle of the Highway 81 bisection of that quarter, with a gravity outlet entering a natural waterway just north of Highway 15, flowing southeast. The other system is comprised of 56 acres on the eastern triangle of the bisection of Highway 81 in the SW ¼. The system has a pump outlet that discharges into the Harriston Drain (Drain 7).

David Hankey- Drain Tile & Drain crossing:

David appeared to discuss potentially drain tiling land that he is farming. The board confirmed that he could look at doing so given the details of a possible outlet and the parcel’s drainage assessment. He also brought forth his request for additional field access for the SE ¼ of Section 30 in Oakwood township, along 67th St NE across the drain referred to as the 67th ditch of Drain 87. After some discussion with Hankey on existing field access, no decision was made.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 a.m. to begin the Government Drain Maintenance Assessment Hearings. The meeting reconvened at 9:45 a.m.

Miscellaneous:

- Commissioner Ernie Barta commented on needing Planning and Zoning to work on issues in the county, and that he does not want to see any ditches higher than roadways, or any excavation or boring through county roads to install drain tile. On the topic of roads, John Kippen of Landmark Companies who was in attendance commented on issues he recently encountered with the County declining their request to excavate through County Road 4 to install Steven Schuster’s plan, and that it is much easier to install and that a cut in the road is minimally invasive. Commissioner Skorheim had concerns over the roadway

losing its compaction once disturbed and filled, and creating problems in roads across the county as these kinds of project take place.

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- Todd Morgan joined the meeting inquiring about Mark A. Novak's tree removal on Section 6 of Forest River Township. The trees were on the Novak property and not requiring approval from the WRD.
- **Drain 25:** Sarah provided the board an update regarding the camera inspection of the culvert. Both HEI and Fischer Land Surveying will provide cost estimates for preliminary engineering.
- **Drain 28:** Sarah revisited Polar's preliminary route for fiber optic installation in the NW1/4 of 34 in Walshville Township, along a portion of Drain 28. The project is taking place in Section 27 and the drain resides in Section 34. The board decided that they had no participation in the project other than stipulating that the broadband line is installed at least 30 feet north of the culverts that enter the drain from Section 27. This would allow for uneventful replacement of culverts if the need arises.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 31st, 2023.

Attest


Sarah B. Johnston, Administrative Assistant


Daryl Campbell, Chairman

Government Drain Maintenance Assessment Hearings

Walsh County Water Resource District Office

600 Cooper Ave

Grafton, ND

October 24, 2023

8:30 am- 9:45am

Chairman Campbell called Government Drain Maintenance Assessment Hearings to order at 8:32 am. Attendees present for Drains 25, 48, 50/67, 97, and 200 included the following: Vice Chairman Tanke, Manager Jallo, Administrative Assistant Sarah Johnston, Commissioner Amy Suda, Commissioner Ernie Barta, Commissioner Dennis Skorheim, and Todd Morgan editor of the Grafton Record. Jon Kippen of Landmark Industries was also present. Notice of this meeting was provided to the public via the Legal Section of the Walsh County Record for two publications over a course of 13 days. Each drain received a fifteen-minute time slot and each drain's time was advertised, and adhered to throughout the course of the morning.

8:30 am - Drain 25

The board proposed a \$4.00/ac. maintenance assessment on approximately 1,672 acres equating to \$6,688/year for two years. Last year maintenance assessment for this drain was approved for 3 years, 2022-2024, at \$2.00 per acre. Chairman Campbell informed the group of him meeting with the representative from FEMA to review the damages that occurred in the spring flood of this year. The drain requires repair and/or redesign, with a lot of initial costs in engineering and planning. The board has a claim in with FEMA for preliminary design money. There was discussion on the history of drainage in that area. ***Vice Chairman Tanke moved to assess Drain 25 a maintenance assessment of \$4.00/ac. for 2 years, as there was no protest to the assessment; Manager Jallo provided the 2nd. Motion carried with all members voting yes to the assessment.***

8:45 am - Drain 48 Channel C of the Willow Coulee

The board proposed a \$2.00/ac. maintenance assessment on approximately 15,405 acres equating to approximately \$30,810/year for one year. There was discussion on the location of the drain, as well as narrative from the board to the audience as to whom is assessed for it and the rationale for drainage assessments. ***Vice Chairman Tanke moved to assess Drain 48 a maintenance assessment of \$2.00/ac. for one year; as there was no protest to the assessment; Manager Jallo provided the 2nd. Motion carried with all members voting yes to the assessment.***

9:00 am- Drain 50/67 Channel A of the Willow Coulee

The board proposed a \$4.00/ac. maintenance assessment on approximately 8,709 acres equating to approximately \$34,836/year for two years. Last year, maintenance assessments for this drain were approved for 3 years at \$4.00/ac., 2022-2024, and with one year having commenced, two years remain on the assessment. Landowners from this drain, including those that farm in both counties, have met with the waterboard and have asked for work to be completed on drain, so there is the possibility of the drain undergoing a reassessment process in the future. Chairman Campbell mentioned that the Park River Water Resource Joint Board is a collaboration between the boards to deal with water issues, and that the group has a joint project underway upstream of Crystal on Cart Creek. ***Vice Chairman Tanke moved to assess Drain 50/67 a maintenance assessment of \$4.00/ac. for two years, as there was no protest to the assessment; Manager Jallo provided the 2nd. Motion carried with all members voting yes to the assessment.***

9:15 am- Drain 97 North Branch of the Forest River, Lateral A and Lateral B


The board proposed a \$3.00/ac. maintenance assessment on approximately 26,549 acres equating to approximately \$79,647/year for 1 year. There has been issues with culverts holding back a lot of water on Highway 32 at the crossing near Leslie Winther's. NDDOT has recently been in touch with the WRD to work on increasing the undersized crossing. ***Vice Chairman Tanke moved to assess Drain 97 a maintenance assessment of \$3.00/ac. for one year, as there was no protest to the assessment; Manager Jallo provided the 2nd. Motion carried with all members voting yes to the assessment.***

9:30 am- Drain 200 Fairdale Drain

The board proposed a \$1.00/ac. maintenance assessment on approximately 25,848 acres equating to approximately \$25,848 for two years. Last year maintenance assessments for this drain were approved for 3 years at \$1.00 per ac. for years 2022-2024, and with one year having commenced, two years remain on the assessment. ***Vice Chairman Tanke moved to assess Drain 200 a maintenance assessment of \$1.00/ac. for one year, as there was no protest to the assessment; Manager Jallo provided the 2nd. Motion carried with all members voting yes to the assessment.***

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Attest:


Sarah B. Johnston, Administrative Assistant


Daryl Campbell, Chairman

**Walsh County Water Resource District
GOVERNMENT DRAINS ASSESSMENTS**

October 24, 2023

Drain 25 requesting \$4.00/ac. for 2 years on 1,672 acres= \$6,688/yr.

Drain 48 requesting \$2.00/ac. for 1 year on 15,405 acres= \$30,810/yr.

Drain 50 requesting \$4.00 per acre for 2 years on 8,709 acres= \$34,836/yr.

Drain 97 requesting \$3.00 per acre for 1 year on 26,549 acres= \$79,647/yr.

Drain 200 (Fairdale Drain) requesting \$1.00 per acre for 2 years on 25,848 acres= \$25,848

*All acres are approximate until the assessment review is finalized.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to N.D.C.C. Section 61-16.1-40.1, the Walsh County Water Resource District Board will be conducting a public hearing on Tuesday, October 24th, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. in the Water Resource Board Room located in the Walsh County Courthouse, 600 Cooper Avenue, Grafton, North Dakota to discuss the assessment for Drain 25, for future maintenance.

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Pursuant to N.D.C.C. Section 61-16.1-40.1, the Walsh County Water Resource District Board will be conducting a public hearing on Tuesday, October 24th, 2023 at 8:45 a.m. in the Water Resource Board Room located in the Walsh County Courthouse, 600 Cooper Avenue, Grafton, North Dakota to discuss the proposed assessment of Drain 48, Channel C of the Willow Coulee, for future maintenance.

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Pursuant to N.D.C.C. Section 61-16.1-40.1, the Walsh County Water Resource District Board will be conducting a public hearing on Tuesday, October 24th, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. in the Water Board Room located in the Walsh County Courthouse, 600 Cooper Avenue, Grafton, North Dakota to discuss assessing Drain 200, also known as the Fairdale Drain, for future maintenance.