

Notice of Meeting and Agenda
Walsh County Water Resource District
Tuesday, December 12th, 2023
Walsh County Courthouse Lower Level Office #3

- 8:00 a.m.** Call to Order
Roll Call
Agenda Approval
- Consent/Approval
- Minutes – November 28th Meeting
 - Bills
- 8:30 a.m.** Park River Snag & Clear Phase 8
- Estimate & Contract
- 9:00 a.m.** Grafton Township Board – Complaint SW ¼ S3
- 9:15 a.m.** Don Rudnik- Drainage issues SW ¼ S20 of Harriston Twp.
- 10:00 a.m.** Adjourn to travel to Cavalier for the Park River – Cart Creek Public Meeting

Other items: Miscellaneous Correspondence

Upcoming Meetings:

N. Branch Park River Watershed- Cart Creek Project- Public Hearing, December 12th at 11:00 am at the Pembina County Courthouse. The project proposal can be accessed at

<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/conservation-basics/conservation-by-state/north-dakota/north-branch-park-river-watershed>.

A printed copy of the Draft Plan-EA is available in our office. Comments are being solicited until January 12, 2024.

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, December 12, 2023

Walsh County Courthouse, Grafton, ND

December 12, 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 Admin. Assistant Sarah Johnston.

The agenda was reviewed. No additions or modifications were proposed. ***Vice Chairman Tanke moved to approve the agenda; 2nd by Manager Jallo. Motion carried.***

Vice Chairman Tanke moved to approve the minutes and the bills as provided; 2nd by Manager Jallo. Motion carried. The Drain 31 line of credit at First United Bank was discussed.

Park River Snag & Clear Phase 8:

A quote for \$79,000 for 3.0 miles of wood debris removal in the S. Branch of the Park River was prepared and presented by Jeff Duray of Triple D Construction, utilizing project specifications prepared by Houston Engineering. ***Manager Jallo moved to accept the Triple D Construction quote for \$79,000; 2nd by Vice Chairman Tanke. Motion approved.***

Dougherty Dam: Triple D Construction also provided an estimate for the repair of Dougherty Dam. He said there is a fence installed along the side of the dam, which may be an issue next spring. Sarah will look into who owns the fence.

Lawrence Burianek, Grafton Township Board:

Township officer Burianek presented Grafton Township's complaint against Luke Holt, who owns the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 3, which borders 144th Ave NE. After the township completed their work replacing the culvert in the roadway, Holt constructed an earthen berm immediately east of the culvert, in his field. According to the Township, this creates drainage issues by blocking the water way. The berm has an 18" culvert in it. Burianek said the township offered to provide Holt with a load of rock for the end of the culvert to help with any erosional issues. Included with the township's formal complaint received during the meeting was a formal complaint by Jon Gerszewski. Luke Holt also submitted documentation that morning. The board will continue its review of the complaints at the next meeting.

Don and Casey Rudnik complaints:

Both Don and Casey Rudnik appeared to present each of their similar complaints against Gudajtes Family Farms, who in August of 2023 submitted to the WRD an notification to tile a system less than 80 acres in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 29. Each of the Rudniks owns 80 acres in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 20 in Harriston

Township, which they say will be negatively affected by the Gudajtes' new tile system. Water presently travels from the NW of Section 29 into the SW ¼ of Section 20 through a 36" existing culvert in the dirt township roadway. Don stated that additional flow will be added to that natural drainage, which would usually flow for about one week's time when runoff is draining through in spring. The board discussed with the Rudniks the usual flow of water in that area, prior to the new tile project. The board will continue to look into the matter.

Miscellaneous:

- Culvert quotes for True North Steel were signed for Drain 4A and Drain 22B for FEMA work.
- Daryl Campbell informed the board of a meeting with BTAG attorney scheduled for December 13th.


The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:10 am so that Vice Chairman Tanke and Sarah Johnston could attend the N. Branch Park River – Cart Creek public hearing in Cavalier.

The board meets again on December 19th. The board will not meet on December 26th, but will meet on January 2nd.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Daryl Campbell, Chairman

Attest: 
Sarah B. Johnston, Administrative Assistant