

Proceedings of the Walsh County Water Resource District Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 14th, 2023
Walsh County Courthouse, Grafton, ND

November 14, 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. Drain 25 engineering and Drain 31's pay estimate was proposed to be added. ***Vice Chairman Tanke moved to approve the agenda; 2nd by Manager Jallo. Motion carried.***

The minutes of the November 7th board meeting were provided. ***Vice Chairman Tanke moved to approve the minutes; 2nd by Manager Jallo. Motion carried.***

A notice of dues from ND Association of Water Resources Districts Association was received. A pay estimate for Drain 31 from Comstock Construction was also received. ***A motion to approve payment to Comstock Construction, as well as the dues to the NDWRDA was made by Vice Chairman Tanke; 2nd by Manager Jallo. Motion carried.***


Drain 22B Culvert/ 56th St & Cty Rd 2: David Zola, Lee Czapiewski, and Carl Osowski met with the board to discuss the large culvert through County Rd 2 on Drain 22, next to Carl's farmstead. The culvert was damaged in the spring flood and has not yet been repaired. Carl said the crank needs to be elevated because it goes underwater when the water gets high. The group wanted to know if the culvert could possibly be repaired asap to prevent flooding from the Red River in the spring/summer of next year. Plans are being made for the culvert to be dug out next year and replaced. However, the group said it was very concerning that the culvert would be open for the river to flood it, until the replacement work is underway next summer. A temporary measure with the flap may be feasible and the board will check with the contractor.

In addition, Lee Czapiewski mentioned issues with culvert flaps along Highway 46 west of Oslo, on the dike on the North Marais R. It is not known when NDDOT removed flaps on culverts through the dike NW of the bridge, and there are issues with flooding without those flaps. The office has been in touch recently with DOT on projects and can look into this a little further.

Miscellaneous:

- Brian Fuder of the Red River Retention Authority attended the meeting. He introduced himself and provided a brief report of upcoming meetings.

Attest: 
Sarah B. Johnston, Administrative Assistant


Daryl Campbell, Chairman