

**Notice of Meeting and Agenda**  
**Walsh County Water Resource District**  
**Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
**Walsh County Courthouse Lower Level Office #3**

- 8:00 a.m.** Call to Order  
Roll Call  
Agenda Approval
- Consent/Approval
- Minutes –January 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting
  - Bills
  - Correspondence
- 8:15 a.m.** Dan Gaustad
- Drain assessment questions
- 9:15 a.m.** County Highway Drainage Permit
- Applicant, Jay Gudajtes along Co. Rd. 4/ S30 Acton Twp.
- Application to Install Subsurface Water Management System
- Dave Hankey- S30 Oakwood Township  
E ½ of Section 30 and w/portion of NW¼ and SW ¼ same section
- 9:30 a.m.** Status Updates- Ongoing Projects/Complaints
- 10:00 a.m.** Dan Fischer, Fisher Land Surveying & Engineering
- Drain 97
  - Dougherty Dam
  - Kratochvil Dam

**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.

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**Proceedings of the Walsh County Water Resource District Board Meeting**

**Tuesday, January 9, 2024**

**Walsh County Courthouse, Grafton, ND**

January 9, 2024 – 8:00 a.m.

Vice Chairman Larry Tanke called the meeting of the Walsh County Water Resource District Board to order. Roll call was taken. Present: Manager Albin Jallo, Vice Chairman Tanke, Admin. Assistant Sarah Johnston. Chairman Daryl Campbell attended via Zoom. Vice Chairman Tanke led the meeting.

***Agenda: Manager Jallo moved to approve the agenda with the addition of Ross Monsebroten for 9:15 am; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chairman Daryl Campbell. Motion carried.***

***Minutes and Bills: Manager Jallo moved to approve the minutes from the January 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chairman Campbell. Motion carried. Manager Jallo moved to approve the bills. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chairman Campbell. Motion carried.***

**Dan Gaustad, Pearson & Christenson, PLLP:**

General questions surrounding drain assessments and the century code were discussed, including when a vote is required on drain work. Gaustad will continue to work on the BTAG agreement.

**Ross Monsebroten- Drain 87:**

Ross appeared to discuss water issues on the N1/2 NW 1/4 Walsh Centre Section 5. This land is located on the south side of 66<sup>th</sup> St NE and he stated that the dike on the north side of the road (which later became Drain 87) has historically flooded him for the last 25 years. He said this occurs when water comes across the road from the north during the spring flood. He is looking to be compensated for 10 ton/acre reduction in his sugarbeet crop in 2023 in Section 5. He provided the board photos and a production map. The board responded by discussing with him the water problems experienced by most people in that area due to rapid melt this past spring and the ditches in the area being full of compacted snow which reduced the capacity of the ditches to hold water. On the north side of the road, the Drain 87 dike height that was found to be slightly higher than the roadway, was breached in November 2023 when the board received a complaint from Stephen Stark in the same spot. This reduction in dike height should no longer impact the roadway. Ditch maintenance was discussed. The board recommended that he maintain the road ditch along his land so that he can improve his drainage situation. Ross stated he last mowed it 25 years ago. In addition to mowing his ditch, sediment and snow removal were recommended to improve the situation. Other than making these recommendations, no action was taken by the board.

**Jason Johnston- Walsh County Highway Department:**

Jason presented the drainage permit for Jay Gudajtes' request to replace an approach culvert that is 24" along County Road 4 and Section 30 of Acton township. He would also add a 24" culvert in a field

approach on the south end of this section in the county road ditch. **Manager Jallo moved to approve the permit; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chairman Campbell. Motion carried.**

**Status Updates on Project and Complaints:**

There are eight complaints with ongoing reviews taking place at this time, with most being received in November. A couple of landowners have not responded to the board's inquiries, and they will need to be sent additional notices. The complaints against Mark A. Novak regarding dikes along Section 35/36 in Prairie Centre Township along Co. 15 are still under review and his attorney's response was provided to the board. Project statuses were reviewed. Dougherty Dam requires a historical review for FEMA and another contactor will be located for that work. Drain 48 needs to get H&H so that the highway department can order culverts for county road 9.


**Dan Fischer, Fisher Land Surveying & Engineering:**

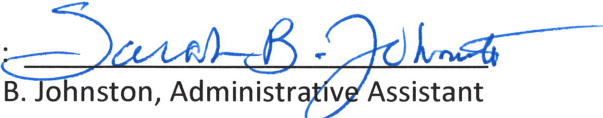
Work items on Drain 97 and Drain 29 were discussed along with the work that is pending on Dougherty Dam, and an assessment of Kratchovil Dam damage. Dan will visit Jim Kjelland's place in the spring when Drain 97 has water in it so that he can assess the situation with Jim's flooding. Daryl Borgeson consulted with Dan on culverts he wants to add at his own expense and they will continue to work together this next year. Water would outlet into Drain 97. In Section 9 of Vernon township along Drain 97, wing dikes need to be the same height as Section 16. He will visit Kratchovil Dam, and work is on hold for Dougherty until WRD has project approved with FEMA and SHPO. Drain 29 will have the southernmost culvert north of the river installed with an elbow. Additional work will take place on culverts in Drain 29 there if there is adequate funding to do so. FEMA turned down funding for this drain's repairs.

**Miscellaneous:**

- **Lafreniere Assessment – Drain 48:** In summer of 2023, Terry Lafreniere requested to have 70 acres excluded from the Drain 48 assessment area due to the land draining south, instead of west into Drain 48. The board revisited the request, and discussed that it would be best to wait until the 2024 tax year to remove the acres from the assessment. **Chairman Campbell moved to exclude Terry Lafreniere's 70 acres located at St. Andrews Section 32 W1/2 SW1/4 (currently listed as parcel 04-0000-00987-000) for the 2024 tax year due in 2025; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Manager Jallo. Motion carried.**

The board meets again on January 16<sup>th</sup>. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

  
Larry Tanke, Vice Chairman

Attest:   
Sarah B. Johnston, Administrative Assistant