Notice of Meeting and Agenda

Walsh County Water Resource District Tuesday, December 19th, 2023 Walsh County Courthouse Lower Level Office #3

8:00 a.m.

Call to Order

Roll Call

Agenda Approval

Consent/Approval

- Minutes December 12th Meeting
- Bills
- Correspondence

8:30 a.m.

Dan Fischer, Fisher Land Surveying & Engineering

9:30 a.m.

Complaints

- Laura Novak
- Miller Farms

9:45 a.m.

New complaints received

- Luke Holt
- Jon Gerszewski

10:00 a.m.

Larry Tanke

• Review of items related to drains and projects

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, December 19th, 2023 Walsh County Courthouse, Grafton, ND

December 19, 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 Daryl Campbell, Manager Albin Jallo, Vice Chairman Tanke and Admin. Assistant Sarah Johnston.

The agenda was reviewed. The Drain 31 Line of Credit was added to the agenda. *Vice Chairman Tanke moved to approve the agenda; 2nd by Manager Jallo. Motion carried.*

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

Dan Fischer, Fischer Land Surveying & Engineering:

The following items were discussed with Dan Fisher: Drain 29 two sites for culvert work, Drain 25 engineering for FEMA claim, and FEMA work pending for Dougherty Dam. Sarah will get in touch with an architectural historian to do the necessary report on Dougherty Dam for SHPO and FEMA. The process for watercourse determinations was also discussed.

Laura Novak Complaint:

Laura Novak's complaint against drainage work undertaken by John and Louis Kadlec Jr. of K-Bro. Farms was closed by the board after some discussion on the current status. The complaint involved ditch work that was being done by K-Bro. Farms. The ditch has since been filled back in, and the land has been sold. The issue is resolved and the complaint is hereby closed, with no action.

John Miller Farms, Inc. Complaint:

John Miller Farms filed a complaint on August 31st, against Mark A. Novak on work completed at SE ¼ of S23 of Prairie Centre Township, which the board investigated with the assistance of Houston Engineering. After some discussion on the status of the complaint, the board deemed it necessary to close the complaint with no action, once the memo from Houston Engineering is received.

Luke Holt Complaint:

Luke Holt submitted a written complaint in response to the complaint submitted last week by Grafton Township against him. The township's complaint pertained to a berm Holt built near the outlet end of a culvert on 147th Ave NE along Section 3 in Grafton Township. Jon Gerzewski's written complaint against Holt echoed that of Grafton Township's. Holt's complaint pertains to the risk of damage to his cropland from the newly replaced culvert, which resulted in him building the berm with small culvert along the

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ditch to control erosion. The township should address the black dirt that was added to the ditch within their right of way. The board recommended that the culvert Luke installed on his berm be upgraded to the same size as the roadway so that water is not held back. The complaints by Grafton Township, Jon Gerzewski, and Luke Holt which pertained to the same issue were closed simultaneously by the board.

Drain items- Larry Tanke:

Vice Chairman Tanke brought forth current projects that require additional work at the next meeting, when Houston Engineering will be in attendance.

Miscellaneous:

• <u>Jason Johnston, WC Highway Dept</u>: McCann's request to install a culvert just east of Voss in Co. Rd. 15 has been approved, and the culvert will have a flap. Steven Schuster's tile project south of Warsaw on County Road 4 will not need to be bored through afterall because it is being grandfathered in by the county commission. Schuster's tile project was permitted by the water board this past fall and will be installed in 2024.

The board meets again on January 2nd.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Larry Tanke, Vice Chairman for Daryl Campbell, Chairman

Sarah B. Johnston, Administrative Assistant