

**Notice of Meeting and Agenda**  
**Walsh County Water Resource District**  
**Tuesday, January 23rd, 2024**  
**Walsh County Courthouse Lower Level Office #3**

- 8:00 a.m.** Call to Order  
Roll Call  
Agenda Approval  
Consent/Approval
- Minutes –January 16th Meeting
  - Bills
  - Correspondence
- 8:15 a.m.** Cost Share Issue: Drain/Highway Dept. Projects
- Ernie Barta, Dennis Skorheim, Jason Johnston
- 9:30 a.m.** Sean Fredricks, Onstad Twichell, P.C.
- Drain Assessments
- 10:00 a.m.** Drain 10 Issues
- 10:15 a.m.** Project Updates

**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.

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, January 23, 2024**

**Walsh County Courthouse, Grafton, ND**

January 23, 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; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chairman Daryl Campbell. Motion carried.**

Minutes: **Manager Jallo moved to approve the minutes from the January 16th meeting; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chairman Campbell. Motion carried.**

Bills: **Chairman Campbell moved to approve the bills as presented; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Manager Jallo. Motion carried.**

**Cost Share Issue with Drains and Hwy. Dept.:**

Commissioners Ernie Barta and Dennis Skorheim, as well as Highway Superintendent Jason Johnston, were in attendance to discuss cost share amounts to be settled on projects between the WRD and the Highway Department. During the past few years, work on Drains 28, 31, 87, 70, 71, 97, and 98 totaled \$1,781,952.77 for the local share that the WRD and Highway Department split. Each project listed on the cost summary was reviewed by those in attendance. The total balance due for the Highway Department is \$212,639.97 after state cost share amounts and past payments by the department were applied.

**Sean Fredricks, Onstad Twichell P.C.:**

Sean met with the board via Zoom and provided an overview of the current century code pertaining to the reconstruction and improvement of existing drains. Changes were made by the legislature on how maintenance assessments are counted in the 6 year limit of funds kept on hand. Through the RRJWRD there can be up to 90% cost share available for work on government dams, and the county can approve federal assessments for NRCS dams.

**Drain 10 Issues:**

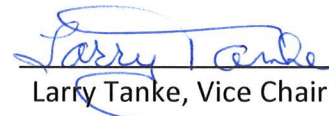
Correspondence from Barb Tanke regarding flood issues on Drain 10 was reviewed. She said there is a span of the drain along 66<sup>th</sup> St NE, starting in SE ¼ 32 thru the SE ¼ 34 of Acton Township, that needs to be addressed due to too much water in S33 where the laterals of Drain 10 intersect and flow east. There are also drainage issues in NW¼ S5 and NE¼ S6 of Pulaski Township due to the drain function issues. Fischer Land Surveying and Engineering conducted a site visit and provided a report to the WRD in February 2022. The grade issues in the drain as well as culvert sizing were outlined in the engineer's

report. In her letter, Barb proposed work for the east drain along 66<sup>th</sup> St NE and the north lateral along 159<sup>th</sup> Ave NE. The board reviewed Drain 10 finances. They can prioritize the work once maintenance assessments reach a level adequate to complete the work.

**Updates on Projects:** Survey work on Drain 48 will take place if weather permits. Estimates that were request on Drain 4A and Drain 28 projects have not come in yet from the contractor. Sarah will follow-up.

**Miscellaneous:**

- Notices of Application were received from the Dept. of Water Resources: RJ Zavoral & Sons for groundwater in Sections 29 and 32 in Lampton Township- Permit App 7345; Lane Kelley for Surface Water diversion in Sections 22 and 23 of Cleveland Township- Permit Apps 7306 and 7307.
- The board decided to hold the next meeting to Wednesday January 31<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 am instead of Tuesday January 30<sup>th</sup>. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

  
Larry Tanke, Vice Chairman

Attest:   
Sarah B. Johnston, Administrative Assistant