

Notice of Meeting and Agenda
Walsh County Water Resource District
Tuesday, October 31st, 2023
Walsh County Courthouse Lower Level Office #3

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| 8:00 a.m. | Call to Order
Roll Call
Agenda Approval |
| 8:15 a.m. | Consent/Approval <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minutes October 24th Meeting• Bills |
| 8:45 a.m. | Stephan Stark Complaint |
| 9:00 a.m. | Drain 97- Hwy 32 crossing <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Darryl Borgeson• Engineering/Project Coordination |

Other items: Miscellaneous Correspondence

Upcoming meetings:

- Park River Joint Water Resource Board Meeting November 7th, 11:00 am at this office

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, October 31st, 2023
Walsh County Courthouse, Grafton, ND**

October 31st, 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, and Administrative Assistant Sarah Johnston. Vice Chairman Tanke was unable to attend.

The agenda was reviewed. Jason Johnston was added to the agenda. Manager Jallo moved to approve the agenda; 2nd by Chairman Campbell. Motion carried.

A motion to approve the minutes of the October 24th board meeting and the bills as presented was made by Manager Jallo; 2nd by Chairman Campbell. Motion carried.

Jason Johnston- WC Highway Department:

Jason provided the board quick updates on funding for bridge removals on Drain 48 and Drain 50. The removals will be paid 100% by the state. He inquired about what the board was thinking about for Drain 50's culverts on County Road 9 near Cashel, and offered his thoughts on sizing.

Stephen Stark Complaint:

The complaint received on October 23rd from Stephen's attorney pertains to Stark seeking resolution to spring flooding on his farmstead, which he attributes to the height of the berm on Drain 87. The board discussed the dike survey that was completed, and determined it would be best to have Triple D construction reduce the dike elevation across from Stephen's farmstead, where there is a point that is slightly higher than the roadway. Jeff Duray from Triple D was present during this discussion and agreed to do the work.

Darryl Borgeson:

Darryl B. attended to express his concerns with recent discussion on the replacement of culverts on Drain 97, where the drain crosses State Highway 32 at the SE ¼ of Section 8 in Vernon Township. He asked the board to keep the culverts the same diameter as to not create faster flows downstream. He is especially concerned the highway ditch that currently takes the flow could be overwhelmed by increased flows, creating issues such as water cutting cross-country in Section 16. He anticipates a reduced transit time for water to reach roads and bridges downstream, especially Don Hylden's bridge in Section 21. Darryl was informed that Leslie Winther, who resides across the road to the south where the culverts are located on Highway 32, initiated contact with the WRD office and DOT to see if changes could be made due to water backing up in the drain upstream of the highway. Darryl said water has backed up in that area for as long as he could remember, and that despite the flash flooding this year, Winther's property did not flood. He added that the township built up the road so as to help protect Winther's location, and that combined with Winther's recent construction of a ring dike this summer should eliminate chances of the water getting to his home. The board acknowledged Darryl's position with the potential project. The project is in the initial discussion phase only with DOT and no study of the area has taken place yet. In addition to this location discussed, Darryl also mentioned the behavior of Drain 97 between Sections 5/6 in Vernon Township, with water not flowing as expected in the drain.

Miscellaneous:

- David Hankey stopped in with a drain tile application during the meeting.
- Active shooter tabletop training was held on October 24th for all offices in the courthouse. Sarah provided the board with information on safety precautions that were discussed.
- The Park River Joint Water Resource District board meeting is scheduled for November 7th at 11:00 am. It is possible this meeting will be rescheduled once more due to the presenter's pending family leave.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 7th, 2023.


Daryl Campbell, Chairman

Attest: 
Sarah B. Johnston, Administrative Assistant