

**Proceedings of the Walsh County Water Resource District Board Meeting  
Tuesday, February 20th, 2024  
Walsh County Courthouse, Grafton, ND**

Vice Chairman Larry Tanke called the meeting of the Walsh County Water Resource District Board to order. Roll call was taken. Present: Vice Chairman Tanke, Manager Albin Jallo, Admin. Assistant Sarah Johnston. Chairman Daryl Campbell was not able to attend. Vice Chairman Tanke led the meeting.

**Agenda:** The agenda was reviewed. ***Manager Jallo moved to approve the agenda with no changes; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vice Chairman Tanke. Motion carried.***

**Minutes:** ***Manager Jallo moved to approve the minutes from the February 13th meeting; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vice Chairman Tanke. Motion carried.***

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

**Drain 48 & County Road 9 Bridge/Culverts:**

Jacob Wognum of Houston Engineering, Inc. and Jason Johnston of the Walsh Co. Highway Dept. met with the board to discuss an estimate for concrete box culverts. Jason presented an estimate for two 14' x 12' and two 14' x 14' concrete box culverts which will replace the existing bridge. With the difference in price being negligible, ***Vice Chairman Tanke moved to approve the 14' x 14' culvert size for the project; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Manager Jallo. Motion carried.***

**Subsurface Water Management System Applications:**

Two tile applications were reviewed for Tony Gudajtes. The applications, which were submitted by the tile company, state that the systems were discharging directly into legal drains. Upon closer examination of the applications, both systems discharge into township ditches rather than immediately into legal drains. In regards to application **WC2024-002**, Mr. Gudajtes seeks to install a 133 acre drain tile system in the SW ¼ of Section 9 of Harriston Township. The project will include a single pump outlet along the south side the SW ¼ of Section 9, discharging east following along the north side of the township road ditch on 64<sup>th</sup> St NE. ***Vice Chairman Tanke moved to approve application WC2024-002; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Manager Jallo. Motion carried.***

In regards to application **WC2024-003**, Mr. Gudajtes seeks to install a 152 acre drain tile system in the NW ¼ of Section 26 of Harriston Township. The project will include a single pump outlet along the south side the NW ¼ of Section 26, discharging east following along the south side of the township road ditch on 62<sup>nd</sup> St NE. ***Vice Chairman Tanke moved to approve application WC2024-003; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Manager Jallo. Motion carried.***

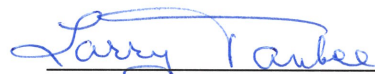
**Updates: Projects/Complaints**

The two complaints filed against Tim Zikmund by Mark A. Novak have no further action needed other than to issue the final closure letter. The drainage complaints dated November 10, 2023 involve the SE ¼ of S3 and the SW ¼ of S12 in Eden Township. After investigating both complaints, the claims

made by Novak were generally not supported by evidence. ***Vice Chairman Tanke motioned to close the complaints with no action found necessary; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Manager Jallo. Motion carried.***

In regards to Jay Gudajtes' surface drainage permit application 6271 submitted to the Department of Water Resources, the window for the *Solitation of Views* is active and the Board has been solicited for their view. The project would create a ditch along the 156<sup>th</sup> Ave NE and 62<sup>nd</sup> St NE along the NW ¼ of S29 in Harriston Township. It would reroute water that would normally pass through NW ¼ S29 in a small waterway, carrying it in the new ditch instead. In response to the *Solitation of Views*, the board deemed the project plans to be satisfactory as far as the level of information presented for this preliminary stage of the permitting process. Any ditch grades must be properly sloped to allow for adequate drainage for water to move north along the township road on 156<sup>th</sup> Ave NE and east along 62<sup>nd</sup> St NE the dirt township road, where it eventually crosses into the SW ¼ S20. They emphasized that they feel Harriston Township should have the final say on the project.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The board will meet again on Tuesday, February 27, 2024.

  
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Larry Tanke, Vice Chairman

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Sarah B. Johnston, Administrative Asst.