

Proceedings of the Walsh County Water Resource District Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 5th 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 attended via Zoom. Vice Chairman Tanke led the meeting.

Agenda: The agenda was reviewed. The Farmington Township board is not able to attend and will reschedule. The Drain 50 Cost Share contract with the Department of Water Resources was added to the agenda. **Manager Jallo moved to approve the agenda; 2nd by Chairman Campbell. Motion carried.**

Minutes: **Manager Jallo moved to approve the minutes from the February 20th meeting; 2nd by Chairman Campbell. Motion carried.**

Bills: **Manager Jallo moved to approve the bills as presented, including the Highway Department invoices for 60/40 split on maintenance in Drains 87, 97 and 98; 2nd by Chairman Campbell. Motion carried.**

Subsurface Water Management System Application:

Mike and Chris Thompson applied for subsurface drainage permit WC2024-004. Under the application, the applicants seek to install a 158 acre drain tile system in the SE ¼ S5 and NE ¼ S8 in Oakwood Township. The project will include one surface intake, and multiple gravity outlets discharging into a natural watercourse of the Park River. **Manager Jallo moved to approve permit WC2024-004 with normal conditions; 2nd by Chairman Campbell. Motion carried.** Sarah asked about the timing of tile application payments. The board will review permit applications only after the fee is paid.

Polar Communications Fiber Optic Installations:

Stacey Loftsgard of Polar Communications, and Troy Huseby of CNE appeared via Zoom. They discussed with the board the upcoming fiber optic installations that would take place in several drains in the eastern portion of the county. After some discussion, the board decided it would be best if Stacey and Troy could attend in person for further review of the information presented. They will be scheduled for an upcoming board meeting.

Drain Projects and Repairs:


The upcoming work on several drains was discussed with Jacob Wognum of Houston Engineering and Jeff Duray of Triple D Construction. Estimates were received from Jeff Duray for work that is needing to be completed this season, including FEMA work. Drain project budgets were reviewed and updated during the meeting. Wognum provided his monthly report.

Complaint Updates:

An update was provided on the complaint filed by Mark Novak against Russel Grabanski for cleaning out a coulee on Section 4 of Ops Township. A letter will be drafted summarizing the findings and will be considered for closure at the next board meeting.

Drain 50 Cost Share Contract, Dept. of Water Resources: Tabled until next meeting.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The board will meet again on Tuesday, March 12th, 2024.



Larry Tanke, Vice Chairman

Attest: 
Sarah B. Johnston, Administrative Asst.