

Proceedings of the Walsh County Water Resource District Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 26th, 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, and Admin. Assistant Sarah Johnston. Chairman Daryl Campbell attended via Zoom. Vice Chairman Tanke led the meeting.

Agenda: The agenda was reviewed. New complaints by Don Rudnik Jr. and Casey Rudnik were added. **Manager Jallo moved to approve the agenda; 2nd by Chairman Campbell. Motion carried.**

Minutes & Bills: **Manager Jallo moved to approve the minutes from the March 19th meeting and the bills as presented; 2nd by Chairman Campbell. Motion carried.**

Correspondence: Cheryl Osowski contacted the office and requested from the Board a revised grant letter for Lone Wolf Farms' rail spur project being submitted to the Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure Grant. Assistant Johnston provided the Board with a draft of the revised letter. **Chairman Campbell moved to sign the revised letter of support; 2nd by Manager Jallo. Motion carried.**

Drain Maintenance:

The Board will be scheduling drain spraying for this summer and will meet with a spray pilot hopefully soon. Work is underway on the drain maps for the spray service.

There was discussion on working on a drain maintenance policy. The Board met with Drain 31 landowners last year to inform them of any instance of crop encroachment and fines for missing signs amongst other things. Issuance of the drain maintenance policy and subsequent advertisement to the public, would confirm expectations for anyone working around legal drains. Sarah will look into this further.

BTAG/Oslo Joint Powers Agreement Review:

At 9:01 am, the following attendees met to discuss the agreement: Chairman Campbell (via Zoom), Vice Chairman Tanke, Manager Jallo, Assistant Sarah Johnston, Attorney Dan Gaustad, State's Attorney Kelly Cole, Commissioner Kristi Brintnell, and Commissioner Ernie Barta. Attorney Gaustad provided the detailed basis for the executive session, to which **Chairman Daryl Campbell moved to enter executive session "pursuant to N.D.C.C. 44.04.19.1 – subsection 9 for the purpose of discussion on negotiating strategy or negotiating instructions on the pending BTAG/Oslo Joint Powers Agreement, because it may have an adverse fiscal effect on our bargaining position in respect to the other entities," (D. Gaustad); 2nd by Manager Jallo. Motion carried.** The terms of the draft agreement were reviewed by the group. Further work is needed between parties before it would be presented to the boards for consideration. **Manager Jallo moved at 10:25 am to exit the executive session and to return to the open meeting; 2nd by Chairman Campbell. Motion carried.**

Miscellaneous:

- Calls were received by the office from Peter Brown and Steven Rudnik Jr. during the board meeting, and messages were relayed to the Board regarding culverts on Drains 4A and 7.
- Attorney Gaustad answered drain assessment questions from the Board.

The Board will meet again on Tuesday, April 2nd, 2024. The Forest River Joint Board Meeting will be held at 9:30 am in our office that morning. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:


Sarah B. Johnston, Administrative Asst.


Larry Tanke, Vice Chairman