

**Proceedings of the Walsh County Water Resource District Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, April 9th, 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: Chairman Daryl Campbell, Vice Chairman Tanke, Manager Albin Jallo, and Admin. Assistant Sarah Johnston. Vice Chairman Tanke led the meeting.

Agenda: Correspondence regarding the approval process for additional work on assessed drains was received from Attorney Dan Gaustad. **Chairman Campbell moved to approve the agenda with the addition of the “vote process for assessed drains”, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Manager Jallo. Motion carried.**

Minutes & Bills: The minutes from the March 26<sup>th</sup> Executive Session and the April 2<sup>nd</sup> Board Meeting were reviewed. **Manager Jallo moved to approve the minutes from March 26<sup>th</sup> and April 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the bills as presented; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vice Chairman Tanke. Motion carried.**

**Walsh Co. Highway Department Drainage Permits:**

Jason Johnston forwarded two highway permits for signatures. Nick Desautel of John F. Desautel Farms requested to clean out blow dirt in the County Rd 9 north ditch along Sections 26, 27 and 35 in Farmington Township. Brad Suda of Cyril Suda & Son, requested to clean out Suda land on County 6 Section 32 in Grafton Township, Heuchert land along County 2 Section 23 of Acton Township, Watkins land along County 7 Section 1 of Martin Township, and Section 25 in Martin Township along County 9. The board acknowledged the permits and Chairman Campbell signed off on both.

**Subsurface Water Management System Application WC2024-006:**

Grand Forks County WRD approved of Kyle Nice’s proposed drain tile project in SW ¼ S32 in Walshville Township. He is adding 67 acre project to the existing acres that were permitted in 2022, which were also located in the SW ¼ of S32. The project already discharges directly into Grand Forks County Legal Drain 38A after crossing the county line via a culvert. **After reviewing all information provided, Manager Jallo moved to approve WC2024-006, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chairman Campbell. Motion carried.**

**David Bounds, Watershed Coordinator, Walsh County SCD:**

David Bounds introduced himself to the board. Josh Anderson was also in attendance. They are looking closer at the aquifer monitoring that the State is doing. They are sampling for harmful algal blooms at Matejcek & Bylin Dams. Their annual meeting will be held tonight in Grafton.

**Drain 4A Maintenance:**

Pete and Nathaniel Brown attended to discuss the proposed work on Drain 4A. Jacob Wognum from Houston Engineering attended via Zoom. Pete submitted a signed petition so that the maintenance work, which includes the railroad crossing culvert work on 76<sup>th</sup> St NE, could be taken to a vote. There was discussion on the process. Randy Emanuelson called and wanted to know if the culvert could be bored in parallel to the road. According to Wognum, to

bore the railroad culvert parallel to the road means the pipe length would have to be doubled, so the idea was not carried any further by Emanuelson. The office will contact Pete Brown with further information on the bond needed to get the project to a vote.

**Jacob Wognum, Houston Engineering:**

The 2025-2027 Water Development Plan draft was reviewed. Drain 98 was added to the list. Last week's monthly report was revisited. Complaints needing surveys were discussed.

**Complaint Updates:**

The board briefly touched on the Casey and Don Rudnik Jr. complaints filed against Jay Gudajtes and Andy Gudajtes for drainage in Harriston Township.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The Board will meet again on Tuesday, April 16th, 2024.

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Larry Tanke, Vice Chairman

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sarah B. Johnston, Administrative Asst.