

**Proceedings of the Walsh County Water Resource District Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 16th, 2024**

Walsh County Courthouse, Grafton, ND

Chairman Daryl Campbell called the meeting of the Walsh County Water Resource District Board to order. Roll call was taken. All Present: Chairman Daryl Campbell, Vice Chairman Tanke, Manager Albin Jallo, and Admin. Assistant Sarah Johnston.

Agenda: Correspondence from Ross Kosmatka and Nodak Electric were presented. Drain info from Luke Holt was also provided, and a surface drainage permit from Luke Blair was received. ***Manager Jallo moved to approve the agenda with the proposed additions, 2nd by Vice Chairman Tanke. Motion carried.***

Minutes & Bills: The minutes from the April 9th Board Meeting were reviewed. No bills were presented. ***Manager Jallo moved to approve the minutes, 2nd by Vice Chairman Tanke. Motion carried.***

Attorney Dan Gaustad:

- **Drain Assessments:** Dan Gaustad appeared in person and Jacob Wognum of HEI appear via Zoom to discuss the vote process for legal drain assessments. The reassessments of drains were also discussed. Jacob Wognum will work further on the estimate for Drain 28. The petition for Drain 4A was reviewed by Dan. A large majority of landowners in the assessment area have already signed it. The project involves replacing a culvert through the railroad property.
- **Complaints:** The costs of complaint investigations were discussed. The board determines if the complaint is frivolous or if it was made in good faith. Costs could be assessed to landowners for engineering and legal fees on complaints that are found to be without reasonable cause.
- **Blow dirt in Drains:** The board discussed the issue of blow dirt in legal drains and who should pay for the removal of it. In recent weeks, ditches have been filling up with a significant amount of windblown soil, to the point where it will be an obstruction to a drain. The board will create and advertise a cleanout permit for people to apply for if they can remove the dirt themselves. From this point on, the free permit is required for landowners to enter drains. Applications will be available online and in the WRD office. In cases where blow dirt quantities are significant and no action is taken by the individual, they may be charged by the board if the work must be hired out.

Ring Dike Permitting and Cost Share: Sarah had a call with the DWR regulatory division and one of their cost share directors to discuss the new ring dike permitting requirements. One applicant from Walsh Co. is going to be grandfathered into the old law if he so chooses.

FEMA: Project updates on Dougherty Dam repairs and Drain 28 site #1 were provided by Sarah.

Jesse Morten, Morten Aero Service: The board met with Jesse to discuss spraying the drains and dams this summer.

Subsurface Water Management System Application- WC2024-007 Ray Zajac:

The drain tile system will be located in NE ¼ S20 in Harriston Township. The system is gravity flow with no surface intakes and no flow control structure. One outlet discharges into an established section line ditch between the NE ¼ of S20 and SE ¼ of S20, and two outlets discharge on the eastern side of NE ¼ S20 into the west ditch of the minimum maintenance road on 152nd Ave NE, flowing south until turning east on the south side of 62nd St NE, continuing to flow east in the township road ditch. ***Vice Chairman Tanke moved to approve permit WC2024-007 as submitted, 2nd by Manager Jallo. Motion carried.***

Complaints:

Survey permission responses have not all be received for landowners involved in complaints along Co. Rd. 15.

Miscellaneous:

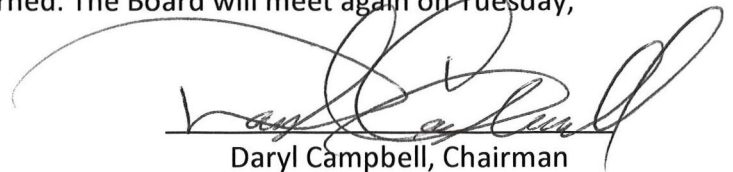
Luke Blair- Blair Farm & Seed: Submitted surface drainage application to increase drainage in the SW ¼ of S34 in Forest River Township to get relief from overland flow. It will discharge into a road ditch. ***Vice Chairman Tanke moved to forward the Blair surface drainage application to the Department of Water Resources for approval, 2nd by Manager Jallo. Motion carried.***

Ross Kosmatka: submitted DOT permit application for drainage in interstate ROW. He wants to clean out ditch outlet along the interstate fence in S21 of Pulaski Township. ***Vice Chairman Tanke moved to sign the permit as presented, 2nd by Manager Jallo. Motion carried.***

Luke Holt: Contacted the office to report damaged side culvert & gate on Drain 70 near corner S34/S35, which also needs a new flap gate. Drain 4 from corner of S15/16 needs a flap gate.

Nodak Electric Cooperative- Drain 87 site: Alex Spitsberg of Nodak Electric contacted the office regarding crossing Drain 87 on 66th St NE along the Coulee in Section 2 of Prairie Centre Township. There will be a new electrical line installed running parallel to the quarter line of Section 2, crossing the road into S36 of Fertile Township. The board requires the utility to be bored through the drain at 8ft depth.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The Board will meet again on Tuesday, April 23rd.



Daryl Campbell, Chairman

Attest: 
Sarah B. Johnston, Administrative Asst.