

**Proceedings of the Walsh County Water Resource District Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 30th, 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 DWR was received. Jim Tallackson of Grafton Township requested to be added to the agenda. ***Vice Chairman Tanke moved to approve the agenda with the proposed additions, 2nd by Manager Jallo. Motion carried.***

Minutes & Bills: The minutes from the April 16th Board Meeting were reviewed. The bills were presented. ***Vice Chairman Tanke moved to approve the minutes and the bills as presented, 2nd by Manager Jallo. Motion carried.***

Don Rudnik Jr., Drainage Complaint, S20 Harriston Twp: Don and Casey attended the meeting to discuss ongoing issues between S29 tile drainage water and their properties in SW S20. They provided photos of water flowing through their property. A dike was built by Jay Gudajtes on S29 and water is being pumped from the start of the waterway in the NW ¼ NW ¼ of S29 and eventually flows thru a township culvert, then to the Rudniks' land in S20. Drainage issues in the general area were discussed. Casey discussed ditching options with the Board. Later on in the meeting, Jay Gudajtes stopped in to notify the Board that he is going to take down the dike that is keeping water out of the waterway.

Drain Cleanout Policy/Permit:

To date, no permits have been received for drain cleanout, despite many drains having significant blown in dirt that will affect drainage. The permitting process was advertised for two weeks in the County paper. A permit application example from another county was reviewed to see what restrictions might apply to our County. The board added restrictions to the permit that holds the contractor/landowner responsible for any damages that may occur in the drain due to their work, includes the WRD on their insurance for the work, and preserves the slope in the drain, amongst other clauses.

Subsurface Water Management System Application WC2024-008: The Board reviewed Lee Sobolik's tile drainage application, to add 119 acres of tile to an existing permitted system in the SW ¼ S28 of Harriston Township, that discharges into County Road 15's north ditch. ***Vice Chairman Tanke moved to approve permit application WC2024-008, 2nd by Manager Jallo. Motion carried.***

Nodak Electric Cooperative- Drain 87 site: The topic of the Nodak electrical line installation on Drain 87 on 66th St NE along the Coulee in Section 2 of Prairie Centre Township was revisited at the request of Nodak, to determine if boring would be necessary on the WRD property along the roadway, in addition to the boring that is already required in the plan. The new electrical line will come from the north, crossing thru the township road, and be buried in the WRD property of D87, to the south to supply power to the new tile pump coming in NW ¼ Section 2. After discussion, the Board deemed it is necessary for Nodak to bore the entire route on WRD property in case the drain

is changed in the future. Bore depths at both sites will be 8ft in depth, including 8ft below the drain bottom as applicable.

Shelters & Maintenance- Whitman & Matejcek Dams:

The Nelson County WRD has requested to share the expenses of having the Whitman Dam north and south shelters repaired for a total cost of \$3,300. The Nelson Co. WRD is requesting to split the cost of the proposed work 50/50. The Board would like to reserve this topic for discussion at the Forest River Joint WRD meeting coming up on May 14th. At our request, the NDG&F provided replacement doors for pit toilets at Whitman Dam and Matejcek Dam last week. The Board approves of Randy Moen installing the replacement door at Matejcek for a cost of \$150. Sarah will look further at picnic table options, and work with Sandy Irman who is interested in volunteering her time assembling a table.


Jim Tallackson- Grafton Township- Luke Holt Dike SW ¼ S3:

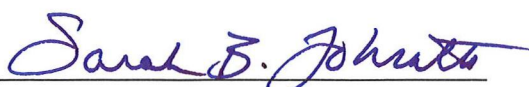
To add to the existing complaint between Grafton Township and Luke Holt, Jim Tallackson appeared to report that Luke recently buried the outlet end of his 18” culvert in the dike, resulting in a blocked waterway. Austin Lessard of the township board also appeared to discuss the issue. Right of Way distances and dike capacity were discussed on a preliminary basis, and the official survey information will be discussed at the next board meeting. The Board recommended the Township get in touch with Larry Syverson of the ND Township Association to discuss some of the ongoing drainage and ROW/Section line issues.

Complaint Updates:

- The parties from whom dike survey access was requested will be notified that access was not granted from all parties, stalling the investigation of multiple dike complaints along or near County Rd 15, West of Voss. The board discussed that they will not proceed with surveying unless all landowners agree to the survey. Also, regarding this group, there seems to be no movement on a potential legal drain project being formed to drain land in this same area.
- Two complaints submitted by Brad Narloch in March are in the process of being closed. Brad’s first complaint involves the McCann culvert just east of Voss. The proposed culvert through County Rd 15, was planned under the jurisdiction of the Walsh Co. Hwy. Department, who worked with McCann and reviewed the recent hydraulic study prior to project approval. Brad’s other complaint was to do with the potential legal drain formation along County 15 that was mentioned above. It seems that this drain project will not be launched by landowners because there has been no petition received to date. Brad’s complaint was contingent on the project proceeding to the planning stages.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The Board will meet again on Tuesday, May 7th.


Daryl Campbell, Chairman

Attest: 
Sarah B. Johnston, Administrative Asst.