

**Proceedings of the Walsh County Water Resource District Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, June 11th, 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, Manager Albin Jallo, and Admin. Assistant Sarah Johnston. Vice Chairman Larry Tanke was not able to attend.

**Agenda:** The agenda was reviewed. ***Chairman Campbell motioned to approve the agenda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Manager Jallo. Motion carried.***

**Minutes & Bills:** The Board reviewed the minutes of the June 4<sup>th</sup> meeting and the bills. ***Manager Jallo motioned to approve the minutes and bills as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chairman Campbell. Motion carried.***

**Chyle Dam principal spillway issues:**

A diving company by the name of Veit has been contacted for an estimate of the cost to unplug the principal spillway pipe, which is 100% blocked at Chyle Dam. The cost of the dive company's services is just under \$15,000 and they can mobilize Wednesday morning if needed. The board agreed to go ahead with the dive team to carry out the urgent work.

**Justin Loftsgard, Subsurface Drain Tile notifications for systems less than 80 acres & NDDOT Drainage**

**Permit:** The system is comprised of 66 acres and drains W ½ NE ¼ Section 25 in Golden Township. The NDDOT Drainage permit, to discharge tile water into State Highway 17 ditch in the NE ¼ of Section 25, was also included in the paperwork submitted. The Board acknowledged Justin's tile project, and signed the required NDDOT Drainage Permit so that the project can proceed.

**Terry LaFreniere- Drain 29:**

Terry appeared before the board to propose cleaning out Drain 29, especially along the northern edge of Section 5 in Oakwood Township. He provided details and proposed costs of doing the work for the drain. Chairman Campbell requested Terry bring back an estimate of what it would cost to do touchups, because the drain has a very limited budget at this time. Terry mentioned a culvert that is located between the LaFreniere and Gourde property, and requested that it be lowered. The Board stated this work is not the responsibility of the Drain's, but rather, up to the two landowners to work on it together. Lastly, Terry asked for assessments on approximately 70 acres in Drain 50 to be refunded on his property in St. Andrews Township, Section 32 of the W ½ SW ¼. He will not be issued a refund for the 2023 assessment. Instead, the assessment will not be levied against this parcel in the 2024 tax year.

**Matejcek Dam Rehab Alternatives- County department discussion:**

Commissioner Kristi Brintnell ( via Zoom), Commissioner Ernie Barta, Sheriff Ron Jurgens, Highway Superintendent Jason Johnston, and Emergency Manager Brent Nelson met with the Board to discuss the implications of the two likely alternatives for the Matejcek Dam rehabilitation. Rita Sveen from NRCS was also present for the discussion. In past meetings, the Board had concerns about Alternative 3 in regards to public safety and costs to the County for road maintenance. The discussion today confirmed that other departments also share some of those concerns. NRCS added several miles of pavement surface on


County Road 19A to the Alternative 3 option, to allow for faster emergency response times. The Highway Department did not believe this to be a way to mitigate the travel issues at the dam in winter, and had concerns with added costs of maintaining those particular miles on County Road 19A. Each department and the County Commission will issue letters for the Board to submit with their special request to NRCS for consideration of Alternative 2.

**Luke Holt Complaint:**

The Board is in favor of scheduling the appeal hearing for July 8<sup>th</sup>. Sarah will notify all parties.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The board will meet next Tuesday, June 18th at 8:00 am.

Attest:   
Sarah B. Johnston, Administrative Asst.

  
Daryl Campbell, Chairman