

**Proceedings of the Walsh County Water Resource District Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, June 18th, 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 Larry Tanke, Manager Albin Jallo, and Admin. Assistant Sarah Johnston.

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

**Minutes & Bills:** The Board reviewed the minutes of the June 11<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:**

Charlie Chyle appeared to discuss the cleanout process at the dam and to find out the next steps. Drone footage of Veit's site visit the week prior was provided by ND Dept. of Water Resources. In addition to continuing the professional cleanout process on the outlet pipe, the Board will have a contractor clean out the sediment on the downstream end of the pipe that has accumulated. Veit will be in touch with a revised plan.

**Surface Drainage Permit Application #6271- Jay Gudajtes:**

The application to reroute a small waterway in the NW ¼ S29 in Harriston Township received its final review before the board, with applicant Jay Gudajtes, John Narloch of the City of Minto, and Lane Kittelson of Harriston Township Board present. Lucas Kelly, Don & Casey Rudnik, and Jon Kippen were also included in the discussion, which included details of the general water issues surrounding the drainage around the lagoon and how it affects drainage elsewhere in the area, including drainage at this proposed project's site. A map with culvert elevations was provided by Jay. Lagoon drainage and its path flowing south was discussed. A culvert issue was pointed out by the group on lower reach of Drain 7, south of County Rd 15. A blown out culvert in NW ¼ S32 resulted in water backup on Lee Sobolik's acreage southeast of Minto.

John commented that removing "culvert D" along 151<sup>st</sup> Ave NE just north of the lagoon would help to alleviate the road softness. Lucas commented that the west ditch 151<sup>st</sup> Ave NE is within its tolerances. There are issues with the ditch not having been maintained. Brian would like to see it cleaned out so that water can flow south. Discussion was held on whom should pay for cleanout work or damages, with no consensus having been reached. Layne brought up concerns about tile water and sediment, and what might be required of permit holders in terms of being held liable.

With regard to the pending permit #6271 and the corresponding drainage on Sections 29 and 20, Casey felt a new ditch along 62<sup>nd</sup> St NE would help his situation. Layne Kittelson of Harriston Township said he is okay with Jay's proposed project because it will take place on the Gudajtes property and not within the township's right of way. Vice Chairman Tanke recommended that the Jay Gudajtes, Don & Casey Rudnik, and the City of Minto pay a third of the cost of ditching 62<sup>nd</sup> St NE for a mile east. At the end of

all discussion today, the City is considering their position with the possible work presented. Shortly thereafter, the status of the permit application was discussed. ***Vice Chairman Tanke motioned to approve Surface Drainage Permit #6271, with conditions already stated on the standard DWR Permit, and no additional conditions attached by the Board; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Manager Jallo. Motion carried.***


**Miscellaneous Updates:**

- Recent status was provided on outstanding complaints and permits involving Mark A. Novak.
- Luke Holt’s watercourse obstruction hearing will take place at the WRD office on MONDAY July 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am.
- During the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of July, the regular board meeting has been changed to Monday, July 8th at 8:00 am so that the Board will meet with the commissioners to discuss the 2025 budget at 8:30 am. The board meeting will resume at approximately 9:15 am.
- A notice will be published in the newspaper notifying landowners not to mow the bottom of the drains due to the aerial spraying scheduled for July.

**Miscellaneous:** Brad Suda called during the meeting to request spraying of Polaris on Drain 4B towards the railroad tracks. Chairman Campbell recommended Brad be able to go ahead.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The board will meet next Tuesday, June 25th at 8:00 am.

Attest:   
Sarah B. Johnston, Administrative Asst.

  
Daryl Campbell, Chairman