

Proceedings of the Walsh County Water Resource District Board Meeting
Tuesday, May 28th, 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: Jay Gudajtes's request regarding Drain 31-1 maintenance was received. A draft letter to Luke Holt is ready for review. ***Jallo moved to add these items to the agenda, 2nd by Vice Chairman Tanke. Motion carried.***

Minutes & Bills: The minutes from the May 21st Board Meeting were reviewed. The bills were presented. ***Manager Jallo moved to approve the minutes and bills as presented, 2nd by Vice Chairman Tanke. Motion carried.***

Correspondence: The ND Water Resource District Association summer meeting will be held in Minot on July 9th – 11th. The Red River Retention Authority Partner Summit will be held on July 31st in Grand Forks.

Jason Johnston- Walsh County Highway Dept.:

Jason presented a highway drainage permit application for Gary Dauksavage regarding a project along the NE ¼ Section 1 along County Road 2, in Walshville Township. Gary would like to clean out the sediment in the ditch north and south of the driveway for a quarter mile. ***Manager Jallo moved to approve the permit, 2nd by Vice Chairman Tanke. Motion carried.***

Jason also discussed maintenance at Bylin Dam. Bill Jasmer, who was employed by the highway department, emptied trash at Bylin Dam for likely decades before recently retiring. The highway department is looking to continue the practice, requesting to be paid for the service. The Board agreed to pay time and materials needed to take care of the trash.

Matejcek Dam Rehabilitation Alternatives:

The Board revisited the Matejcek Dam rehabilitation options presented by Houston Engineering and NRCS on May 14th. Alternative 1 and Alternative 2, both of which involve renovation of the auxiliary spillway using different materials, seem to be the most feasible. Therefore, options that the board eliminated are Alternative 3, Future Without Federal Involvement, No Action, and the Federal Decommissioning alternatives. The Board will meet with Houston Engineering next week to discuss Alternatives 1 and 2.

Whitman Dam- Nelson County WRD Request:

Ben Varnson from Nelson County WRD contacted the office to request funds in the amount of \$150 towards replacement of the restroom doors at Whitman Dam. The bathroom doors were provided by ND G&F through coordination efforts by the Walsh County WRD, at the request of Nelson County WRD. On May 21st, Nelson County's request for maintenance funds from Walsh County WRD for Whitman Dam projects was approved for 50% of \$3,000 total project cost for work needed on the dam's shelters. The

bathroom door labor costs were not included in the original proposed costs. After some discussion, the Board decided to stick to the agreed upon \$1,500 towards maintenance at Whitman Dam, and declined the additional \$150 reimbursement requested by Varnson.

Jay Gudajtes Surface Drainage Permit 6271:

The ND Department of Water Resources has determined that Jay Gudajtes’s proposed surface drainage project on the NW ¼ NW ¼ Section 29 of Harriston Township isn’t of state or interdistrict significance, so it is up to the Board to decide on it. The board discussed needing to meet with Layne Kittleson of Harriston Township, and landowners who have expressed concerns. The City of Minto will be invited. That meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 4th at 10:00 am.

Novak Dike Permit Application Comments:

The Department of Water Resources solicited the Board for comments regarding agricultural dikes Mark is in the process of permitting along County Road 15 west of Voss, in N ½ S35 and N ½ S36 in Prairie Centre Township. These are dikes are involved in complaints submitted earlier this year by Walsh Centre Township and John Miller. The Board reviewed the comment letter draft, which included a request for survey information that is necessary for the Board to make a decision. Chairman Campbell signed the letter for submission to DWR.

Miscellaneous:

- Jay Gudajtes submitted a request for ditch cleanout to be performed at the drain’s expense in Section 22 of Harriston Township. The request was tabled until the next meeting.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The board will meet next Tuesday, June 4th at 8:00 am.

Attest: 
Sarah B. Johnston, Administrative Asst.


Daryl Campbell, Chairman