

Proceedings of the Walsh County Water Resource District Board Meeting
Tuesday, July 2nd, 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. ***Manager Jallo motioned to approve the agenda, 2nd by Chairman Campbell. Motion carried.***

Minutes & Bills: The Board reviewed the minutes of the June 25th meeting and the bills. ***Manager Jallo motioned to approve the minutes and bills as presented, 2nd by Vice Chairman Tanke. Motion carried.***

Tile System for Less than 80 Acres- WC2024-013N:

Craig Skorheim submitted a notification for a proposed subsurface drainage system 58 acres in size to be installed at NW ¼ S5 in Norton Township on his own land. ***Vice Chairman Tanke motioned to acknowledge the notification, 2nd by Jallo. Motion carried.***

Drain 28 Projects:

Landowners from a previous meeting that discussed Drain 28 project work were invited to continue discussing the work needed within the drain and how it could be paid for. Ken Slominski, Lee Czapewski, David Zola, Kyle Nice and Craig Jones Jr. attended. Sarah presented the drain's financials, including total project costs and projected assessment income. Jacob Wognum of Houston Engineering discussed detail of the proposed project. Limitations to the funding were discussed, as well as the process of construction assessment that would need to take place if the work was initiated by petition. The group expressed some interest in prioritizing projects. The discussion ended with drain members hearing from Jacob Wognum on the reassessment process that could take place before a vote process occurs. The cost would be a few thousand dollars to the drain. Landowners stated that they will consider the options presented to them. They will receive drain petition information from the office in the near future in case they should want to file to begin a maintenance vote process. Until that time, the Board will complete the FEMA repairs on the sites identified. The drain will be sprayed this year.

Drain 50 Project Alternatives:

Jacob Wognum of Houston Engineering presented an update on the costs of the Drain 50 alternatives, which include Improvement A, Improvement B, Maintenance w/o cleanout, and Maintenance w/cleanout. Costs have gone up quite a bit since 2015, which was the last time the costs were estimated. Mark Hatloy and Randy Emanuelson attended and discussed problem areas of the drain. The petition process and subsequent vote requirements were discussed. After looking at the finances of the drain and considering the costs of the projects presented, discussion followed as to how to proceed. The Texas crossing on 74th St NE is an area that could be prioritized. Jacob will provide an estimate to fly the drain by drone and can also collect LIDAR info at the same time. Jason Johnston joined the meeting and answered questions on the Drain 50 bridge and County Rd 7, saying that the bridge has not been inspected for a while.

Miscellaneous:

- Monday July 8th, the Board will meet with the County Commission to present the 2025 budget. The hearing for Luke Holt will also be held on Monday. There is no board meeting on Tuesday, July 9th.

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

Attest: 
Sarah B. Johnston, Administrative Asst.


Daryl Campbell, Chairman