

**Proceedings of the Walsh County Water Resource District Board Meeting**

**Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**8:00 am**

**Walsh County Courthouse, Grafton, ND**

Chairman Daryl Campbell called the meeting of the Walsh County Water Resource District Board to order. 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. ***Manager Jallo motioned to approve the agenda with no additions, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chairman Campbell. Motion carried.***

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

**Emergency Action Plan Updates for Dam:**

Sarah notified the Board of the State Water Commission's recent approval of the cost share application to update emergency action plans for 10 dams owned by the WRD. She submitted a cost share request to the Red River Joint Water Resource District Board to fund a portion of the remaining local share. The RRJWRD board will review the request at the executive committee meeting this week, and could receive final approval in September. A copy of the cost share contract with RRJWRD was provided to board members for consideration. The board reviewed the contract. ***Manager Jallo motioned to approve the cost share contract sent by the RRJWRD for funds totaling \$29,705, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chairman Campbell. Motion carried.*** Chairman Campbell signed the agreement.

**Cassie Tostenson- Nilson Brand Law:**

Cassie met with the Board to discuss the findings of the Luke Holt complaint hearing that washeld on July 8<sup>th</sup>. Luke's attorney, Rob Fleming, asked the board for a watercourse determination from the Dept. of Water Resources. The Board has already made the determination that the flow in the SW ¼ of S3 is a watercourse, but Holt and Fleming disagree with the Board's determination. After some discussion on the matter, it was determined that the best course of action would be to make the request to DWR.

**Randy Emanuelson- Drain 4A:**

Note for the record the agenda said Drain 4B. In the meeting, Randy identified the site for the new culvert as SW ¼ S11 in St. Andrews Twp. on 76<sup>th</sup> St NE (Drain 4A). He would like the Drain to pay for two 24"x40' culverts that he would install at the quarterline on the S1/2 of the section where a surface drain exits into the drain. The culvert was not elected by the landowner at the time the drain was constructed. The costs of existing projects to be completed on this drain and

the limitation of funding available and active petition were mentioned. Given this information, the request has been tabled.


**Miscellaneous:**


- Commissioner Karen Anderson stopped in to inquire as to the status of the BTAG agreement. The Board's attorney is working on revising the agreement. Another meeting will be arranged to review changes. Karen would like to be invited.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

- August 27<sup>th</sup>, Bylin Dam Rehabilitation Meeting, 9:00 am Farmers Room.
- Government Drain assessment hearings will be held in mid-September and advertised in the County newspaper.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The board will meet next Tuesday, August 20th at 8:00 am.

Attest:   
Sarah B. Johnston, Administrative Asst.

  
Daryl Campbell, Chairman