

Proceedings of the Walsh County Water Resource District Board Meeting
Tuesday, July 16th, 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. 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. Richard Rutherford requested time with the Board. ***Vice Chairman Tanke motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of Richard Rutherford, 2nd by Manager Jallo. Motion carried.***

Minutes & Bills: The Board reviewed the minutes of the July 8th meeting and the bills. ***Vice Chairman Tanke motioned to approve the minutes and bills as presented, 2nd by Manager Jallo. Motion carried.***

County Highway Drainage Permits:

A highway department drainage permit for John R. Shirek was reviewed. David requested permission to extend a culvert in his yard's driveway along County Road 16, just north of 63rd St NE. His application also stated he was proposing to widen a crossing on the west side of the intersection of 63rd St NE and County Road 16. ***Vice Chairman Tanke motioned to approve Shirek's permit, 2nd by Manager Jallo. Motion carried.***

Subsurface Water Management System WC2024-013:

David Hurtt of T&G Farms applied to drain tile 160 acres in the SE ¼ Section 1 in Dundee Township, which discharges into the north ditch of 77th St NE, crossing 138th Ave NE, and to flow straight east in the township's north ditch, along the south side of Section 6 of Glenwood Township, as indicated on the flow map. ***Vice Chairman Tanke motioned to approve permit application WC2024-013 with normal conditions, 2nd by Manager Jallo. Motion carried.***

Relocation Inquiry for Point of Diverson, DWR #7326 Jelinek/Helland, Fordville Dam:

Copies of the approved water appropriation permit from DWR were distributed to the Board. This agenda item was tabled to allow time for the permit holders to meet with Grand Forks County WRD regarding their project.

Abe Hankey SW ¼ Section 27, Prairie Centre Township:

Abe discussed drainage issues involving the SW ¼ of S27 in Prairie Centre Township, and provided an update to the board on the complaint against him by Paul Suda Farms. He also voiced his concerns regarding any potential legal drains that may come about. The Board informed him that they have received several drainage complaints in this township and there is an ongoing effort by landowners to find a solution. In addition, the streamcrossing study the board request from the DWR on culverts near Abe's property and also involving County Roads 8 and 15 has not yet been issued by the state.

Upcoming Meetings:

- The Bylin Dam Rehabilitation meeting is being proposed for the morning of August 27th. This public meeting will be held to gain public feedback on the project. The board would like to hold it in the Farmers Room of the Courthouse on August 27th. NRCS and Houston Engineering will be presenting.
- The Red River Retention Authority partners meeting will take place on July 31st in E. Grand Forks.

Richard Rutherford/Joshua Koehn, dike repairs in SE ¼ S9 and N1/2 S16 Grafton Township:

Richard and Joshua attended the meeting to inquire about involving the Board in repair efforts on the dikes in the SE ¼ S9 and N1/2 S16 in Grafton Township, which involves land each of them farm. The dikes situated along the straight away portion of the diverted S. Branch of the Park River are eroded, especially on the northern edge, due to the channel naturally wanting to create meanders. The Board informed them that the proposed work would require them to contact the state's Department of Water Resources. The Board gave permission to complete the repairs to an elevation that matches the County Road 6 bridge, noting that the dikes should be built at the same height on each side, due to the fact the dikes are not the same elevation now. They were also instructed to check in with the county highway superintendent regarding elevations.

Richard did not attend last week's complaint hearing with Luke Holt, but informed the Board that the old bridge location on 157th Ave NE, near S9 of Grafton Township, the road was altered at the time the bridge was put in.

Don Suda- Drain 98:

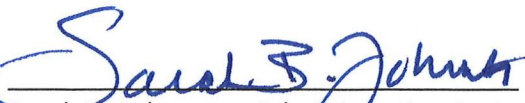
Don contacted the office and was added meeting at 10:45 am. He requested information regarding the Drain 98 extension that failed to pass a vote a few years ago. He was provided the requested records during the meeting, which included past votes and assessment information. A brief discussion took place regarding the need for the project and how landowners could revisit the project if they still wanted to pursue it. Sarah provided a rough estimate for costs received by the engineer for budgeting purposes.

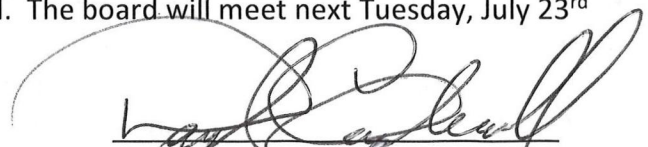
Miscellaneous:

- The Board was provided with a draft copy of the MOU between the WRD and NRCS, as it relates to future work on the Bylin Dam Rehabilitation project. The agreement was tabled.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The board will meet next Tuesday, July 23rd at 8:00 am.

Attest:


Sarah B. Johnston, Administrative Asst.


Daryl Campbell, Chairman