

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

**Tuesday, July 23rd, 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, Vice Chairman Larry Tanke, Manager Albin Jallo, and Admin. Assistant Sarah Johnston.

**Agenda:** The agenda was reviewed. Red River Basin Commission mill levy request was added under correspondence. ***Manager Jallo motioned to approve the agenda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vice Chairman Tanke.***

**Minutes & Bills:** The Board reviewed the minutes of the July 16th meeting and the bills. ***Vice Chairman Tanke motioned to approve the minutes and bills as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Manager Jallo. Motion carried.***

**Correspondence:** The Red River Basin Commission submitted a request for \$5,518 of mill levy to fund water management planning and advocacy activities. The funds can come from either the WRD budget or the County Budget, depending on which board would approve it. The board does not support the request and asked Sarah to notify the commissioners of this as well.

**Jason Johnston- Walsh Co. Highway Dept.:**

Jason asked questions regarding the direction of tile discharge on the David Hurtt tile application approved last week WC2024-013. He compared it to a ditching request by Lyle Shephard that was denied last year, just upstream of the recently approved permit by Hurtt. Through discussion with the Board and feedback from Jon Kippen who was also in attendance, Jason was reminded that Lyle's project would have routed water from the Middle Branch of the Park River into the North Branch, and that is why that request was not granted. Jason thanked the board for answering his questions. Jason also notified the board that culverts on Highway 15 on S29 of Prairie Centre township are in good condition. The culverts were brought up in recent discussion about Drain 98. Jason also provided updates on road projects. The bridge replacement on County Rd 9 near Cashel on Drain 48 is scheduled for completion in September.

**Drain 50 Drone/LiDAR Quote:** The Board reviewed a quote from Houston Engineering for LiDAR and aerial drone flight of Drain 50 to assess damages and collect information. The Board contact Jacob Wognum and discussed pricing. They will not proceed with any drone work right now, but will have Jacob work on designing a few culverts to streamcrossing standards and getting profile survey.

**Don Suda – Drain 98:** Don joined the meeting to asked questions about the most recent survey completed on the proposed Drain 98 addition that failed a few years ago. He is looking at conducting a drain cleanout.

**Complaints:** Complaints by Mark A. Novak against Elizabeth Pletka and Paul Suda Farms were discussed. Both are to be dismissed due to lack of cooperation with the Board. A closure letter will be drafted for the Board to review next week.


**NRCS MOU for Bylin Dam Rehabilitation:** The agreement was revisited and signed by Chairman Campbell.

**Miscellaneous:** The board has interest in drafting a formal drain sign policy, and asked Sarah to find out what is legally required for notices to the public before adopting it.

**Upcoming Meetings:** August 27<sup>th</sup>, Bylin Dam Rehabilitation Meeting, 9:00 am Farmers Room.

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

Attest:   
Sarah B. Johnston, Administrative Asst.

  
Daryl Campbell, Chairman