

Proceedings of the Walsh County Water Resource District Board Meeting
Tuesday, September 17th, 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 Secretary/Treasurer Sarah Johnston.

Agenda:

The agenda was reviewed. The W.C. highway department submitted permit applications from Tarek Schanilec for review. ***Vice Chairman Tanke motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of Tarek Schanilec's drainage applications, 2nd by Manager Jallo. Motion carried.***

Minutes & Bills:

The minutes from the September 10th meeting were reviewed. The bills were distributed for review. ***Manager Jallo motioned to approve the minutes of the September 10th meeting and the bills as presented, 2nd by Vice Chairman Tanke. Motion carried.***

Walsh Co. Highway Department Drainage Permits:

Jason Johnston presented the following drainage permit applications for board approval:

- ***Evergreen Farms-*** County Road 11, Section 7 in Acton Township, ditch cleanout of silt/blowdirt, and construct field driveway in SE corner of SE ¼.
- ***John Shirek-*** Jack Misialek's land, County Road 7, Section 7 in Tiber Township, replacement of 18" culvert, widen approach to 60ft.
- ***Tarek Schanilec-*** a) County Road 8 and Section 23 in Ops Township, to clean county ditch to original grade and re-establish his small field ditches that drain into county ditch.
b) County Road 8 and Section 22 in Ops Township, to clean county ditch to original grade and clean existing E-W ditch that drains into county ditch.
c) County Road 8 and Section 14 in Ops Township, to clean county ditch to original grade, drain low spot in 2 acres in the NW corner of the SW ¼, and to drain water away from county road on NW ¼ by cleaning ditch.
d) County Road 8 and Section 15 in Ops Township, to clean ditch to original grade and to re-establish his field ditches that drain into county ditch.
e) County Road 8 & County Road 19 and Section 27 in Ops Township, clean N-S ditch to original grade, and drain low spot in NE corner, and south 40 acres to the County Road.

All permits presented were signed by Chairman Campbell.

Request for Stream Crossing standard determination by David Silewski:

A letter from David Silewski's attorney was reviewed outlining David's request to have the water board submit a stream crossing standard determination request to the Dept. of Water Resources (DWR) regarding a crossing on 73rd St NE, ½ mile east of the beginning of County Road 9 near the Red River, between S25/S36 in St. Andrews Township. The existing crossing has been damaged and needs repair. After some discussion, the Board agreed to request that DWR review the crossing in

question. However, the Board will not have any further involvement with the crossing issue, including any repairs. David should work with the road authority regarding access issues to his property in S30 of St. Andrews Township. Chairman Campbell signed the stream crossing determination form for the office to submit to DWR.

Brian Osowski, AMCO Advisors:

Brian met with the Board to answer questions on the current bonds the Board holds for a portion of the district's legal drains. Bonds will be re-evaluated in June 2025. Currently, the Board is utilizing US Bank as a payment service provider. Brian noted that AMCO provides the same service at a lower fee. ***Vice Chairman Tanke motioned to switch from US Bank as the bond payment service provider to AMCO for bonds 2018A/2018B, 2nd by Manager Jallo. Motion carried.*** The service will be switched prior to the December bond payments. Sarah will meet with Brian for more information on managing these bonds.

Later, commissioners Ernie Barta and Dennis Skorheim, along with Jason Johnston joined the meeting for a Q&A discussion on bonds. Brian answered a longstanding question as to whether the water board's legal drain bonds are taken into account by lenders when the County is looking for bonding. He said because the Board's drainage bonds are for special assessments, they ultimately will not affect the County's ability to acquire bonds for projects, because they are being covered by the drain's landowners. The Board's bonds do trickle up to the County in the sense that they count towards the "bank qualified" bond limits for counties.

Miscellaneous:

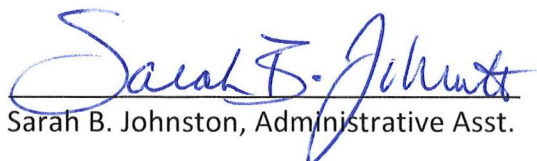
Manager Jallo presented a DOT Highway Drainage permit application he signed off on for David Linstad of Adams. He will be cleaning out a culvert and a portion of the ditch along State Highway 32, located along Section 28 of Adams Township.

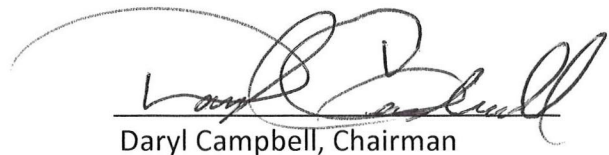
Upcoming meetings:

Hearings for government drains (25, 48, 50/67, 97, 98, 200) are set for September 24th starting at 8:15 a.m.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The board will meet next Tuesday, September 24th at 8:00 am.

Attest:


Sarah B. Johnston, Administrative Asst.


Daryl Campbell, Chairman