Proceedings of the Walsh County Water Resource District Board Meeting Tuesday, November 5th, 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, Vice Chairman Larry Tanke and Secretary/Treasurer Sarah Johnston.

<u>Agenda</u>: The agenda was reviewed. Chris Bjorneby contacted the office with an issue with Drain 7. *Vice*Chairman Tanke motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of Chris Bjorneby's issue, 2nd by

Manager Jallo. Motion carried.

<u>Minutes & Bills</u>: The minutes from the October 29th meeting were reviewed. The bills were also reviewed. *Manager Jallo motioned to approve the minutes and the bills as presented, 2nd by Vice Chairman Tanke. Motioned carried.*

Water Association Conference Registration:

Vice Chairman Tanke, Manager Jallo and Sarah will attend the conference in the week of December 9th in Bismarck.

ND DOT ROW Drainage Permit- Evan Collette - Darryl Collette Family Farms:

The Board reviewed the application to clean out plugged culverts and high spots in the Hwy 17 ditch along Sections 22 and 23 in Oakwood township. *Vice Chairman Tanke motioned to approve the application, 2nd by Manager Jallo. Motion carried.*

Drain 10 Culvert issue- Section 6 and County Road 4, Pulaski Township:

Landowners Greg Feltman, Wayne Feltman, and Merlyn Feltman attend the meeting to discuss how water backs up in the spring in the ditch along the NW ¼ of S6 in Pulaski Township in the county road ditch (Drain 10). Greg provided photos of the flooding. He said there has been issues for some years now and he regrets not bringing this issue to the board sooner. He questioned why the culvert is only 24". Upon review, the drain's as-builts show it as 24". He requested it to be improved to 36" culvert and also stated that the 24" culvert has damage. The Board informed him that an engineer would have to do an hydraulic analysis to upsize the culvert. The Feltmans were informed of several other work items that also need to be taken care of in the drain for it to function properly, and the limited funding for the work. A petition will be needed to accomplish the work needed for all aspects of the drain to function better.

Highway Department Drainage Permit for Kamron Matejcek:

Jason Johnston presented the application for work proposed by Kamron Matejcek along County Road 19 and Section 21 in Sauter Township. He applied to clean out the cattail growth on the south side of the county road, doing the work to grade. There is also the possibility of replacing the existing culverts and snagging & clearing. *Manager Jallo motioned to approve the permit, 2nd by Vice Chairman Tanke. Motion carried.*

Monthly Report of Jacob Wognum, Houston Engineering:

Jacob Wognum provided updates to the Board which included details regarding ongoing permitting efforts with BNSF on Drains 87 and 4A. The drainage area for Drain 28 has been updated. Drain 31's signs' GPS coordinates have been added to the drain's plans.

Miscellaneous:

 Donald Novak did not appear for his request to have trees removed from the coulee on S10/S15 of Prairie Centre Township. His request was removed from the agenda.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The board will meet next Tuesday, November 12th at 8:00 am.

Attest: Sarah B. Johnston, Administrative Asst.