

Proceedings of the Walsh County Water Resource District Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 15th, 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 Secretary/Treasurer Sarah Johnston. Vice Chairman Larry Tanke did not attend.

Agenda: The agenda was reviewed. *Manager Jallo motioned to approve the agenda, 2nd by Chairman Campbell. Motion carried.*

Minutes & Bills: The minutes from the October 8th meeting were reviewed. The bills were also reviewed. *Manager Jallo motioned to approve the minutes and the bills as presented. 2nd by Chairman Campbell. Motioned carried.*

Correspondence: The Board received notice from Steve Eckman regarding Britta Jelinek's diversion permit for Fordville Dam. She intends to provide more info regarding the system's design to the Walsh County and Grand Forks County WRDs.

Review of parcels to add/remove for 2024 assessments:

The Board reviewed drain assessment changes for Jim Tallackson in Farmington Township involving 112.41 acres, and Terry LaFreniere involving 69.52 acres in St. Andrews Township. Sarah will continue to work with Attorney Gaustad on any processes needed for these changes to take place.

Notification to Install Subsurface Water Management System WC2024-022N:

Jared Peterka submitted his notification for a tile system less than 80 acres in the SE ¼ of S36 in Fertile Township, involving 61 acres to be tiled. *Manager Jallo motioned to approve the notification, 2nd by Chairman Campbell. Motion carried.*

BNSF Final Draft of Contract for ROW access on Drain 87:

Sarah presented the final BNSF ROW contract draft sent by Jacob Wognum of Houston Engineering. The BNSF contract allows for ROW work on 66th Ave NE and 67th Ave NE on Drain 87. The fees will be \$7,500. *Manager Jallo motioned to approve the agreement, 2nd by Chairman Campbell. Motion carried.*

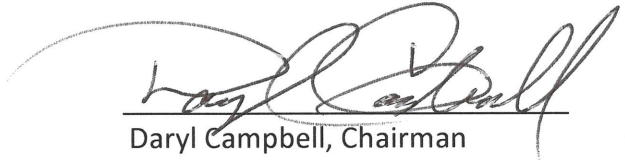
NRCS Water Plan Agreement Review for the N. Branch Forest River Watershed #3- Bylin Dam:

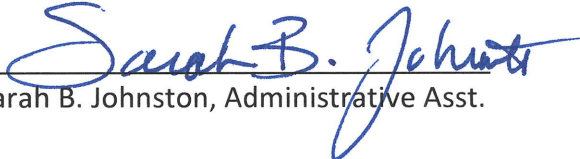
NRCS State Engineer Christi Fischer submitted an agreement to the Board to allow for the official update of the existing 1963 watershed plan. Information updates and supplements for the revised plan were completed by Houston Engineering and NRCS earlier this year. A binder of the completed plan was provided to the Board for review. *Manager Jallo motioned to approve the watershed plan and sign the plan update agreement, 2nd by Chairman Campbell. Motion carried.*

Miscellaneous:

- Commissioner Denny Skorheim stopped in to inform the Board that people have contacted him with comments on the recent \$4 maintenance assessment of Drain 97 landowners. No follow-up is needed by the Board. He also inquired about the status of a bridge on Drain 48.
- The Department of Water Resources recently followed up with the office regarding a dike application for a landowner who has a dike system that would require an engineer under the new law. The Board discussed the dike permitting requirements for engineering and the length of time it has taken this landowner to get through the process.
- Sarah provided the Board with rate information for assistance from Brian Osowski of AMCO Advisors. The Board will initially allow for twenty five hours of time with Brian to review assessments.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The board will meet next Tuesday, October 22nd at 8:00 am.


Daryl Campbell, Chairman

Attest: 
Sarah B. Johnston, Administrative Asst.