

Notice of Meeting and Agenda
Walsh County Water Resource District
Tuesday, December 14, 2021
Walsh County Courthouse Lower Level Office #3

- 8:00 a.m.** Call to Order
Roll Call
Agenda Approval
- 8:05 a.m.** Consent/Approval
- Minutes from November 30th Meeting
 - Bills & Transfers
- 9:00 a.m.** Houston Engineering Monthly Project Updates

Other Items

- Miscellaneous Correspondence

Adjourn

"To request a reasonable accommodation please contact our office at 701-352-0081"
**This agenda is subject to change **

Proceedings of the Walsh County Water Resource District Board Meeting
Tuesday, December 14, 2021
Walsh County Courthouse, Grafton, ND

December 14, 2021 – 8:00 a.m.

Chairman Daryl Campbell called the meeting of the Walsh County Water Resource District Board to order on December 14, 2021. Roll call taken: Chairman Daryl Campbell, Vice Chairman Larry Tanke and Manager Albin Jallo were present.

Motion to approve agenda by Manager Jallo, 2nd by Vice Chairman Tanke and passed with all members saying yes.

Motion to approve the minutes of the November 30th meeting by Vice Chairman Tanke, 2nd by Manager Jallo and passed with all members saying yes.

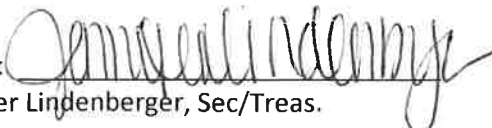
Motion to approve the attached list of bills and transfers by Manager Jallo, 2nd by Chairman Campbell and passed with all members saying yes.

Ryan Hofland with Pfifer Land Management had requested to install a Texas crossing in the NW4 of Section 5 in Oakwood Township over Drain 75. The Board discussed options for access to that land with the current tenant Chris Thompson. They then called Ryan and he was in favor of having the Board's engineer draw up plans, securing a bid from a contractor and the landowner paying for the crossing. They agreed to talk again after the plans and a bid had been secured.

HEI Monthly Updates – Jacob Wognum appeared to give the monthly project updates for Houston Engineering:

- Drain 28 –Looking at culverts on Co Rd 4.
- Drain 31
 - CenturyLink relocation – waiting for completed ROW docs (Altendorf remaining).
 - Culvert installation being rejected. Will see what they request for payment in the next submittal. The Board does not want to pay for the installation in full until it is corrected.
- Drain 87
 - Final bills will be submitted to DWR for cost share in January. Only remaining item is the cost share from the WC Highway Department.
- Snag & Clear
 - Waiting for Aaron to get insurance documents back to HEI.
- Discussed PR NRCS and Dam Rehab projects. Bylin Dam will be fast tracked so that it can be used as a template for the other dam submittals to NRCS. Looking to have a public input meeting late January/early February. Timelines for submittal to NRCS are probably 2022/2023. Would think construction would be 1-2 years beyond that. Would need to start thinking about local funding mechanisms for construction.
- Richard Rutherford came in to ask Zach some questions on the proposed Pembina County Drain 80 project.

Meeting adjourned. Next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, December 21st.

Attest: 
Jennifer Lindenberger, Sec/Treas.


Daryl Campbell, Chairman

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- 8:00 a.m.** Call to Order
 Roll Call
 Agenda Approval
- 8:05 a.m.** Consent/Approval
- Minutes from December 14th Meeting
 - Bills & Transfers
- 8:30 a.m.** Attorney Dan Gaustad – Remaining Drain 87 Items – Zoom Meeting
- 9:40 a.m.** County Commission Updates & Reappointment of Larry Tanke

Other Items

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Motion to approve agenda by Vice Chairman Tanke, 2nd by Manager Jallo and passed with all members saying yes.

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Motion to approve the attached list of bills and transfers by Vice Chairman Tanke, 2nd by Manager Jallo and passed with all members saying yes.

Motion to withdraw allowed funds (90%) from the Forest River Joint Water Board by Vice Chairman Tanke, 2nd by Manager Jallo. Discussion was held regarding the funds and what projects they would be used for and where they should be kept. Motion died with all members saying no.

Attorney Dan Gaustad – (via Zoom) – Dan appeared to discuss the CenturyLink Drain 87 issue and the County Cost Share Policy:

- CenturyLink – there is a \$76,000 difference between the WRD and CL proposed settlements. He did contact the PSC but they have no authority in this situation. The tariff CenturyLink refers to looks to govern. Dan did state that the next time work is to be contracted with CenturyLink, the Board should have him draw up a construction agreement which would take out the tariff language and hold CenturyLink accountable for the issues encountered with this project. Dan will email CenturyLink to let them know a settlement agreement is forthcoming so that interest does not start accruing on the balance owed.
- WC Cost Share on legal drains – Dan suggested all parties involved sit down and draft a new document with a detailed listing of what items are cost shared on, at what percentages and when cost share is applicable. The Board wants to include the two open drains – 87 and 31 Reconstruction. Once policy is drafted, then both boards formally approve in open meetings with votes.

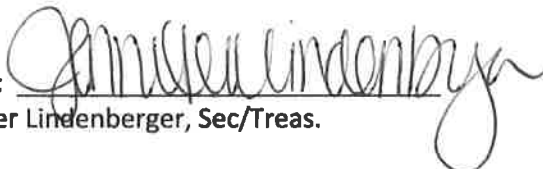
Commission Updates / Reappointment – Larry Tanke was up for a 3-year reappointment. There was a motion by Denny Skorheim, 2nd by Kristi Britnell and passed by all commissioners. Vice Chairman Tanke then gave some project updates to the Commission:

- Drain 87 – work is complete. Just need to complete all cost share funding requests.
- Snag & Clear – unsure if work will be complete this year as contractor is busy with other projects.
- Dam Rehabilitation Studies – work continues. Looking at 2 years minimum before any construction projects would be considered.
- Discussed funding of the NRCS studies if they led to construction projects. There will be a local component that will need to be funded either by a county tax or individual assessments.
- County Cost Share Policy – let the commission know that the Board would like to sit down with Lawrence Burianek (portfolio holder), Jason Johnston WCHD and Dan Gaustad to draft a new policy that is in alignment with NDCC regarding cost share on legal drain culverts/bridges. Once a new policy is agreed upon in the smaller committee, would bring before the full commission for a vote.

Miscellaneous Items

- Jennifer will be stepping down as Secretary of the Board. She will be in the office Tuesdays only until a replacement is found. Discussed options for a replacement as the Board will only be meeting 2 times per month going forward (1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month). Will there be anyone that is only wanting to work 1 day per week, possibly 2 days? The Board asked if Jennifer was willing to continue to perform the accounting duties, which she is, and would bill the Board for her work. The Board had some ideas for a replacement and will revisit the issue at the next meeting.
- Chairman Campbell will be in Texas for January and February. He will participate via phone or Zoom meetings.

Meeting adjourned. Next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, January 4th.

Attest: 
Jennifer Lindenberg, Sec/Treas.


Larry Tanke, Vice Chairman