

Notice of Meeting and Agenda
Walsh County Water Resource District
Tuesday, February 2, 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 January 26th Meeting
 - Bills & Transfers
- 9:00 a.m.** Forest River Joint Water Resource District Meeting via Zoom
- ~~10:30~~ **10:00 a.m.** Project Updates @ Walsh County Commission Meeting

Other Items

- Legislative updates
- Next week's meeting items
- Miscellaneous Correspondence

Adjourn

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**Proceedings of the Walsh County Water Resource District Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 2, 2021
Walsh County Courthouse, Grafton, ND**

February 2, 2021 – 8:00 a.m.

Chairman Daryl Campbell called the meeting of the Walsh County Water Resource District Board to order on Tuesday, February 2, 2021. Roll call taken: Chairman Daryl Campbell, Vice Chairman Larry Tanke and Manager Albin Jallo were all present.

Agenda – only change was Commission meeting at 10:00 instead of 10:30. Motion by Manager Jallo to approve agenda with change, 2nd by Vice Chairman Tanke and passed with all members saying yes.

Motion to approve the minutes of the January 26th meeting and attached bills/transfers by Manager Jallo, 2nd by Vice Chairman Tanke and passed with all members saying yes.


There was discussion about SB2208 and the changes that were initiated by 3 Sargent County landowners. The extra items that were included in the bill would severely limit the boards authority and ability to manage legal drainage systems. The Ag Committee is planning on discussing at meetings this week. It sounds like the might decide to form a committee to study the issues for the next 2 years and then revisit at the next legislative session.

Discussed the bridge that was scheduled to be replaced during the Drain 31 reconstruction. The highway department feels the bridge could be removed and the road closed instead of installing culverts. The Board would like to move forward with the original plan of replacing the crossing.

The Board gave project updates to the Walsh County Commission during the Commission meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 9, 2021.

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 February 2nd Meeting
 - Bills & Transfers
- 9:00 a.m.** Houston Engineering (Zach & Jacob) / Dan Gaustad, Attorney
- Pursuant to N.D.C.C. §§ 44-04-19.1 and 44-04-19.2, the District may convene into executive session to review attorney work product and negotiation strategy, pursuant to NDCC 44-04-19.1 and 44-04-19.2.
- 10:00 a.m.** Houston Engineering Monthly Project Updates
- 10:30 a.m.** Drain 90 Watershed Study – local landowners

Other Items

- Legislative updates
- Randy Emanuelson Project
- Miscellaneous Correspondence

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February 9, 2021 – 8:00 a.m.

Chairman Daryl Campbell called the meeting of the Walsh County Water Resource District Board to order on Tuesday, February 9, 2021. Roll call taken: Chairman Daryl Campbell, Vice Chairman Tanke and Manager Albin Jallo were present.

Agenda – Motion to approve agenda with addition of Executive Session with Attorney Gaustad by Manager Jallo, 2nd by Vice Chairman Tanke and passed with all members saying yes.

Motion to approve the minutes of the February 2nd meeting by Vice Chairman Tanke, 2nd by Manager Jallo and passed with all member saying yes. There were no bills to present for payment.

Discussed recent legislative updates on SB2208 and related cost share updates. Drain 31 Reconstruction will be on the agenda at this week's SWC meeting for approval. Drain 87 extension request is also on the agenda.

Dan Gaustad - Attorney, Zach Herrmann and Jacob Wognum – HEI all appeared before the Board. **Motion was made to convene into executive session for attorney consultation pursuant to NDCC §§ 44-04-19.1 and §§ 44-04-19.2 for negotiation strategy by Vice Chairman Tanke, 2nd by Manager Jallo and passed with all members saying yes.** Board left regular meeting at 9:05 am.

Board reconvened at 10:20 am back into its regular meeting.

Zach/Jacob will contact RJ Zavoral to schedule a sit-down meeting to work on closing out contract for Drain 87 Phase 2. Attorney Gaustad left the meeting.

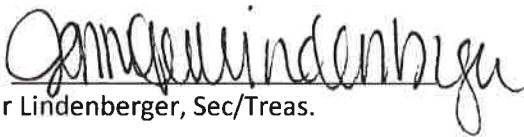
Drain 90 Watershed Study Opportunity – Chris Bjerneby, Rod/Wayne Osowski and Ben/Henry Pinta appeared before the Board to get more information on the NRCS funding opportunity to study the Drain 90 Watershed. Zach explained to the group the NRCS opportunity to apply for funds to study the Drain 90 Watershed. He explained how the funding works, the required engineering work to be completed during the study and the possible outcomes. The first step would be to apply for funding. This entails putting together a very high-level preliminary report of items to be looked at in the study. Christi Fisher with the ND NRCS feels we should wait until 2022 funding is opened up due to the 2021 deadline being so close. This would allow us to make sure all things are in order for the request. HEI could break down the steps and costs associated with the study and show what would need to be contributed by local landowners in order to move forward. Zach will check with Christi to see if previous \$160,000 contributed by landowners would be able to be put towards the project as a lot of the previous engineering work will be used in the study. Zach estimated 5-7 before any construction would happen if the study shows a project that is cost beneficial. The entire watershed would have to be studied, not just certain areas of the watershed.

Houston Engineering Monthly Updates – Zach and Jacob gave the monthly project updates as follows:

- Complaint on Drain 87 WC Sec 3 – HEI is proposing to add 2 24" CMP @ NE corner of Sections 3 and 4 to remedy the inconsistent drainage at the area with some culverts being removed from construction plans.
- Drain 28 – The survey has been completed for the cleanout. It was found that several culverts are not installed at the correct elevations. There are not enough funds in the drain account for both a cleanout and culvert replacements. HEI will provide a line item cost list of items to be addressed and the Board will prioritize what can be done in 2021 and what will have to wait until 2022 when a maintenance assessment can be made.

- Drain 31 –
 - Cost share will be discussed at SWC sub-committee meeting this week. Highly unlikely the request will be approved. Zach is hoping that he will have an opportunity to discuss the project and how it is not maintenance and that this project was petitioned and voted on by the assessment district.
 - ROW documents have been provided to Attorney Gaustad. ROW will be corrected through one action.
 - Utilities
 - WC Rural Water – ongoing relocations.
 - Polar – ongoing relocations.
 - CenturyLink – ongoing relocations. They are requesting a 3' easement on the west side of the new WCWRD ROW parcel on west side of Co Rd 4. The Board is wanting to research their current easement at that location before moving forward. CenturyLink would like easement plus payment for relocation. The Board is tabling this until further information about the easement is researched.
 - Highway Dept wants to remove the bridge at 62nd St NE and close the road. The Board directed HEI to move forward with the replacement of the bridge with culverts as has been in the plans since the beginning of the project.
 - Moving forward with bidding to take place in March/April 2021.
- Drain 87 –
 - Will reach out to RJ Zavoral to schedule a sit-down meeting regarding project closeout.
- Drain 90 – Possible NRCS cost share to perform a study of the watershed.
- PR Snag & Clear Phase 6 – On the Level is on mile 2 currently. Hoping to be completed by deadline. Mike has been reminding On the Level of the deadline and to try keep on schedule.
- Bylin & Fordville Dams – Interagency meetings were January 26, 2021. Comment period ends Feb 10, 2021. Working on developing alternatives for both projects.
- Complaint – Sec 34 Forest River Twp – will need to request a watercourse determination from the Office of State Engineer. Jennifer will send in request.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 16, 2021.

Attest: 
Jennifer Lindenberger, Sec/Treas.


Daryl Campbell, Chairman

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Call to Order
Roll Call
Agenda Approval

8:05 a.m.

Consent/Approval

- Minutes from February 9th Meeting
- Bills & Transfers
- BTAG Cost Share Sponsorship

Other Items

- Legislative updates
- SWC Meeting Recap
- Miscellaneous Correspondence

Adjourn

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Chairman Daryl Campbell called the meeting of the Walsh County Water Resource District Board to order on Tuesday, February 16, 2021. Roll call taken: Chairman Daryl Campbell, Vice Chairman Larry Tanke and Manager Albin Jallo were all present.

Motion to approve agenda as sent out and minutes from the February 9th meeting by Manager Jallo, 2nd by Vice Chairman Tanke and passed with all members saying yes.

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

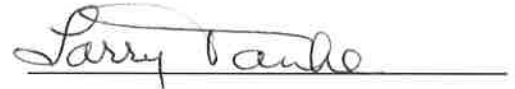
Briefly discussed BTAG request for cost share that was sent directly to the SWC using the WCWRD as sponsor, but the Board was never contacted to ask if they would sponsor. The SWC rejected the cost share request as the application was not filled out correctly and it needs to be sponsored and submitted by a water resource district. The Board would like to visit with the BTAG group before deciding to sponsor/submit the cost share request.

No other business was addressed as Secretary Lindenberger had to leave the meeting for an emergent medical issue.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 2, 2021.

Attest: _____

Jennifer Lindenberger, Sec/Treas.



Larry Tanke, Vice Chairman

February 23, 2021

No meeting was held.