Notice of Meeting and Agenda

Walsh County Water Resource District Tuesday, February 1, 2022

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 18th Meeting

Bills & Transfers

canceled

weather

Other Items

- Oslo Joint Powers Agreement
- Secretary Position
- Miscellaneous Correspondence

Adjourn

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Notice of Meeting and Agenda

Walsh County Water Resource District Tuesday, February 8, 2022

Walsh County Courthouse Lower Level Office #3

10:00 a.m.

Call to Order

Roll Call

Agenda Approval

10:05 a.m.

Consent/Approval

- Minutes from January 18th Meeting
- Bills & Transfers

Other Items

- RRRA Summer Tour
- Oslo Joint Powers Agreement
- Secretary Position
- Miscellaneous Correspondence

Adjourn

1:30 p.m.

Bylin Dam Virtual Public Meeting via Microsoft Teams hosted by Houston

Engineering Inc.

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Proceedings of the Walsh County Water Resource District Board Meeting Tuesday, February 8, 2022 Walsh County Courthouse, Grafton, ND

February 8, 2022 - 8:00 a.m.

Chairman Daryl Campbell called the meeting of the Walsh County Water Resource District Board to order on February 8, 2022. Roll call taken: Chairman Daryl Campbell (online) Vice Chairman Larry Tanke and Manager Albin Jallo were present. Meeting was also available through a Zoom link.

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

Motion to approve the minutes of the January 18th meeting by Vice Chairman Tanke and passed with all members saying yes.

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

<u>Summer Tour</u> – Rich Axvig called Jennifer last week to ask if the Board would be interested in having a water tour this summer showing off Drain 87, a dam and maybe having the City of Grafton show it's flood diversion project. The Board was interested in sponsoring such a tour. Tanke was thinking we could show Matejcek Dam and have Zach there to describe the rehab study process.

BTAG – those in attendance for the BTAG discussion included: BTAG –Gary Babinski, James Bergman and Jared Gowan / WC Record – Todd Morgan. VC Tanke stated that he had gone to a GF County WRD meeting to discuss with them if they were going to sign the JP agreement which they were not going to do. His concerns were that there is no end date and no budget. Chairman Campbell was concerned about not studying the areas to the north of Hwy 17/317 and that there were not any state entities willing to be involved. Babinski stated that they have looked at the area north of Hwy 17/317 and there is little to no impact. He also stated that the feds are saying that a JP group is needed in order to funnel all government funds through to be used towards the project. There are 5 townships that have already signed up. They are finding that most entities have the same sentiment – they are in favor of the project but do not want to pay for it. The biggest concerns of the Board were – liability for bills incurred if funds run out, budgets for membership fees, who is going to push this project through at the state / federal level for funding. The Board was willing to meet with the group again with some of these items addressed in the JP agreement along with the GFCWRD.

Miscellaneous

 Jennifer put together a job description for the Secretary/Admin Asst position. It will run the local paper for a few weeks and she posted online with Indeed. We will wait to see what applicants we receive.

Meeting adjourned. Next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, February 15th.

Attest: Jennifer Lindenberger, Sec/Treas.

Larry Tanke, Vice Chairman

Notice of Meeting and Agenda

Walsh County Water Resource District Tuesday, February 15, 2022

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 February 8th Meeting

• Bills & Transfers

8:30 a.m.

Brad Narloch

• Drain Tile Permit

• Rip Rap Addition

Driveway Question

Other Items

• Miscellaneous Correspondence

Adjourn

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Proceedings of the Walsh County Water Resource District Board Meeting Tuesday, February 15, 2022 Walsh County Courthouse, Grafton, ND

February 15, 2022 - 8:00 a.m.

Chairman Daryl Campbell called the meeting of the Walsh County Water Resource District Board to order on February 15, 2022. Roll call taken: Chairman Daryl Campbell (online) Vice Chairman Larry Tanke and Manager Albin Jallo were present. Meeting was also available through a Zoom link.

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 February 8^{th} meeting by Vice Chairman Tanke, 2^{nd} by Manager Jallo and passed with all members saying yes.

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.

Vice Chairman Tanke stated he visited with HD Superintendent Jason Johnston about the cost share request for work done on Drain 71 crossings.

Jacob Wognum, HEI sent Jennifer an email with a PR S&C progress update. They started on the west end of the project last Wednesday and had made it ¾ of a mile before having to quit Friday due to the blizzard. He will continue to send weekly update emails to let the Board know what progress is being made.

<u>Bylin Dam</u> — Keith Bylin, Jay Skorheim and Wade Udby were present to ask some questions about the ongoing study on the Bylin Dam Rehabilitation. They would like to be kept informed of any meetings where the dam would be discussed. Keith also inquired as to why a dry dam option has not been explored. They Board said they would check with the engineers on that. The 3 were also concerned about paying for the rehab once a plan is selected. The Board is unsure how an assessment would work at this point. They need to wait until all 3 dam rehab studies are completed and have estimates for construction before figuring out how they all would be funded. The Board did remind them that any construction is a long way down the road yet. They gave the example of the North Branch PR Watershed study that has been at the NRCS for 1 year now waiting to be finalized.

Brad Narloch – Brad Narloch came in with 2 issues to discuss:

- Drain tile permit application for Ops S1/2 Section 22. There is a driveway along Co Rd 8 that needs larger culverts through it as the culverts now cannot handle the flows and water flows in front of the culvert. He was working with Sharon before she left and now is working with Jason to have KLJ look at the area. There is currently a 48" through the railroad to the south and 2 24" culverts through the driveway but they are not keeping up. He also has a notarized easement signed from the downstream landowner of his tile project, and he was filed a flowage easement with the County for the tile water discharge that will run along Co Rd 8.
- Miller Dike Breach Brad would like to put rip rap in where the breach in the dike is. Water did over the breach a couple of years ago and stayed outside the banks for about 2 days. When it does finally drain, it leaves large gouges in the field and a lot of river bank erosion. He would like to try mitigate with the rip rap. He would make sure the rip rap does not go higher than the agreed upon level of the dikes from the court case. About 8' of fill washes out during higher river levels and washes out over the fields for 2 ½ weeks. The Board was ok with Brad hiring Houston Engineering to look into this. They would like to be kept in the loop as far as progress and what the engineers suggest.

Discussion was held about current projects and where funding would come from -3 Dam Rehab Studies and Oslo Flood Reduction project. The Oslo group is on the agenda with the County Commission this morning. The Board discussed the joint powers agreement and the items of greatest concern - no budget, no membership dues structure and no voting structure based upon membership dues. Voting should be based upon how much money is paid into the group not 1 vote per entity regardless of dues. The three WRDs could end up funding the group but be consistently outvoted by the 7 townships that could potentially join.

Zach Herrmann called in to answer a couple of questions about the dam rehab studies. He was asked if a dry dam option was ever considered for either Bylin or Matejcek. He said that the dry dam option would not be as cost effective as some might initially think. There would still be spillway issues to be addressed. And in order to get a permit from the DWR or funding from NRCS, there are issues that would have to be addressed to bring the dams in compliance with current standards. He also stated that he thought at the initial public meetings the consensus was to keep recreation as a priority at both dams. Jennifer will look up the surveys that were filled out from those meetings.

The Oslo group came down after their meeting with the County Commission. The Board expressed their concerns about the current structure of the joint powers agreement and how funding would occur for their study. Jennifer will draw up a sample budget for admin costs of the joint group. She will also see what HEI estimates their costs would be to get the project ready to for DWR cost share submittal. The Board tried to explain the DWR cost share process and how it first needs to be included in the water plan and would later have to be approved by the DWR and that a local share would have to be budgeted for. This project will not be completed without a cost to the local landowners. Jennifer will check with Carol Lewis at the Cass County WRD to see how the local share is spread out for the Fargo Flood project as far as assessments/city sales tax/etc and how funding is shared between the two states as well. The Board was ok with submitting the project in their water plan for the next biennium. The also said they will meet with the GFWRD to see if the two boards can find a common ground where they would be comfortable joining the proposed joint powers group.

Meeting adjourned. Next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, March 1st.

Jennifer Lindenberger, Sec/Treas.

Larry (anke, Vice Chairman