

Dickey County Water Resource District

MEETING MINUTES

May 18, 2022

8:00 a.m.

The Dickey County Water Resource District met at the Dickey County Courthouse in Ellendale, ND at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 18, 2022. Managers Steve Hansen, Justin Gemar and John Quandt were present at the meeting. Sean Fredricks, the board's attorney and Nathan Trosen and Josh Hassell, representing Moore Engineering Inc. joined via video conference as well as manager Keith Hauck. Erik Larson and Andy Lacina were also present.

Chairman Hansen called the meeting to order.

***Jeff Forward tile project***

Jeff Forward submitted Notification to Install Subsurface Water Management System regarding his proposed 32-acre project in Section 13 of Hudson Township. Under state law, projects under 80 acres do not require permits but require these "Notifications" to WRDs. Sean Fredricks indicated the Board need not act on this Notification unless the project would impact or modify benefits for the property within any legal drain assessment district. Nathan Trosen indicated this project will not impact any legal drain, so no action is required by the Board.

***Dickey County Drain #1***

Dakota Improvement presented the board with a bid to replace culverts on 87<sup>th</sup> ST. that lies in Dickey County Drain 1. After much discussion and quotes from Manager Quandt for various culverts, Manager Gemar moved to accept the bid from Dakota Improvement to replace the culverts. Manager Quandt seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the motion passed unanimously. Dakota Improvement will also clean out the rest of the drain that they didn't get cleaned out last year and will add \$2500 to the bid for that clean out. The board also agreed that the landowner/renter of this clean out area will be reimbursed monetarily for any crop damage done to their property or crops.

Eric Larson, representing himself and his uncle, Rod Larson gave the board an update of a situation that happened the previous week where his uncles farm was being inundated with water. Eric reassured the board that the situation is being handled and he and his uncle have agreed to handle the flooding issues with each other.

Chairman Hansen asked Sean Fredricks how the Board should handle situations where the Board has approved tile permits with conditions that the permittees turn off their pumps when notified by the Board. Sean indicated that if there are flood conditions, the Chair or individual board members could simply call the permittees and ask them to turn off their pumps due to flooding issues. However, in the

event other parties are involved or where a situation may become contentious, the Board could and should conduct a special meeting to discuss the pump and the permit conditions. The Board members can use their discretion on making those calls. Ultimately, if a permittee refuses to turn off a pump despite direction from the Board, the Board can declare the permittee in violation of the tile permit and can order the project closed permanently.

Manager Gemar added discussion about land that Andy Lacina farms which has been inundated with water after Dakota Improvement cleaned out the drain by said land. Nathan Trosen will check into whether a culvert can be added by this property to allow better water flow and alleviate flooding in the future.

***April Minutes***

Manager Quandt moved to approve the April 20, 2022 meeting minutes. Manager Gemar seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

***Financial Report and Bills***

The board considered bills from Ohnstad Twichell of \$1087.34 and Moore Engineering of \$750. Secretary Hansen gave the financial report. Manager Gemar moved to approve the bills and financial report. Manager Quandt seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

**APPROVED:**

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Steve Hansen, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Judy Hansen, Secretary