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Water Resource District**

Dickey County Water Resource District

MEETING MINUTES

November 15, 2023

The Dickey County Water Resource District met at the Dickey County Courthouse in Ellendale ND at 8:00 am on Wednesday, November 15, 2023. Managers Steve Hansen and John Quandt were both present at the courthouse. Sean Fredricks, the boards attorney, and Nathan Trosen, Moore Engineering representative, joined via video conference. Managers Don Zimbleman and Keith Hauck also joined via video conference. Erik Larson and Mark Linseth were also present at the courthouse.

Chairman Hansen called the meeting to order.

***Annual Water Conference Dec -8/Training with Sean Fredricks***

Manager Hansen reminded the board of the annual water conference coming up on December 5-8 in Bismarck ND. There will be a training opportunity for those that are interested. Dickey County Water Resource District board members are required to attend a training session once every three years. Sean Fredricks will present the topic at the Conference.

***Dickey County Drain 1 updates***

There was no new discussion to be addressed.

***Dickey County 14A project update***

Manager Quandt gave an update on the progress of the County 14A project. The County Commission recently hired Ellingson Drain Co. to help with a portion of the project as Dakota Improvement was running into problems with some of their equipment, which wasn't working in the soil type. Ellingson is installing perforated pipe for a stretch of the project in light of the difficulties encountered by Dakota Improvement. Manager Quandt feels that Ellingson Drain Co. is proceeding swiftly and he gave an estimated time frame of one week for them to complete their portion of the project. Mark Linseth

addressed the meeting at this time and offered his opinion that the County is not proceeding with the plan they presented to residents in the vicinity of the project and suggested that changes need to be made to adhere to the original project plan. Manager Quandt explained that Ellingson planned to install structures to ensure the perforated pipe did not create any new project impacts. Mr. Linseth noted that he preferred the original plan, with solid pipe, but that he feels more comfortable with this slight modification in light of the control structure plan the County plans to incorporate.

### ***Training Video***

Secretary Hansen reminded the board of the mandatory video they are to sign up for and watch. This video is on November 21, 2023 at 9:00 am or 1:00pm.

### ***Larson/Krapu complaint appeal update***

Sean Fredricks, the board's attorney, gave a brief update on the status of the Larson/Krapu complaint appeal. Eric Larson recently conducted some additional work in the Northeast Quarter of Section 11 to further reduce the watershed area impacted by the drainage improvements previously constructed. Nathan Trosen reviewed LiDAR and confirmed that the additional remedial work constructed by Mr. Larson reduced the watershed area below the 80-acre permitting threshold. With that in mind, Mr. Fredricks will prepare draft Findings and an Order for the Board's consideration next month.

### ***Emergency Dickey County Drain 1 permit***

The Dickey County Water Resource District received an email from the ND Department of Water Resources that DCWRD would need to submit a written notification that the emergency drain/pump they filed for on May 3, 2023 has been closed. The permit was for 6 months only and that time frame has since lapsed, so a written statement is required by ND Administrative Code 89-02-05.1-09.1.1. Nathan Trosen will draw up the notification on behalf of DCWRD. Mr. Trosen previously submitted an application for a permanent surface drain permit; DWR is reviewing the application and will forward a "Record of Decision" to the Board for purposes of processing and approving the permit. Mr. Trosen will also inquire with DWR regarding the status of the application.

### ***Meeting Minutes***

Manager Quandt moved to approve the October 18, 2023 meeting minutes. Manager Zimbleman seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the motion passed unanimously.

***Financial Statement/Bills***

The board considered bills from Ohnstad Twichell of \$3116.79, Dakota Improvement of \$3000, Moore Engineering of \$487.50 and ND Water Resource District Association of \$675. Secretary Hansen gave the financial report. Manager Zimbleman moved to approve the financial statement and bills. Manager Hauck 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