

Steele County Water Resource District

General Meeting – June 6th, 2023
Minutes

The Steele County Water Resource Board met on Tuesday, June 6th, 2023 at 8:01 AM at the Steele County Court House, Finley, North Dakota.

Board members present – Josh Ihry, Greg Thykeson and Tor Bergstrom

Others present: Lyndon Pease-Moore Engineering, Attorney Cassie Tostenson- Nilson Brand Law, Tasha Krueger- Office Manager, Keith Rindy, Pete Satrom

Chairman Ihry called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M.

Approve Agenda

Motion was made by Manager Thykeson to approve the agenda with the addition of Keith Rindy- Drain 8 Section 32 & 16-146-54, second by Manager Bergstrom, motion carried.

Approve Minutes

Motion was made by Manager Thykeson to approve the minutes from May 2nd, 2023, Seconded by Manager Bergstrom, motion carried.

Pete Satrom Drain Tile Permit

Pete Satrom submitted a drain tile permit for Section 25-145-54 SE ¼ of Edendale Township. This section is currently in the Drain 2 assessment district. It is being assessed at a 30% rate. A motion was made by Manager Thykeson to approve the drain tile permit with the terms and conditions the assessment will be increased to a 100% assessment rate, Seconded by Manager Bergstrom. Roll call vote: Ihry-aye, Bergstrom-aye, Thykeson-aye, motion carried.

Keith Rindy- Drain 8 Section 16 & 32-146-54

Keith Rindy spoke expressing the concern with the back flow of Section 16-146-54 SW ¼. The pipes have no flap gates. Pete Haugen was supposed to install a flap gate on the culvert near his driveway. He has not done that yet. He plans to install the flap gate this summer. Pete plans to open the gate in the spring for the water to flow to the east and relieve pressure in that spot.

Keith has inquired about another lateral being installed in that area. The maintenance funding is low so it wouldn't be for a few years.

The other pipe needs a flap gate on the other side. Keith would like to know when it will be installed. Engineer Pease will direct KRB to install the flap gate and extend the culvert, if needed when they start the FEMA repairs. Motion was made by Manager Thykeson to install the culvert and extend the culvert, Seconded by Manager Bergstrom, motion carried.

On Section 32-146-54 S ½, more ditching has been happening over the years. A 24-inch culvert is currently installed but doesn't seem to be holding the water. The water continues to back flow west onto the road. There were caps installed, but they have been removed. It is now coming over the road on the north side.

LIDAR was viewed. Attorney Tostenson suggested a possible cleanout, and request the township to install a larger culvert or raise the road. Keith has the authority with the township approval to raise the road. The road is in the townships right away so approval would be needed. The board suggested contacting the township.

Paul Hanson Drain Tile Permit

Paul Hanson submitted a drain tile permit for Section 2-145-54 SE & NE ¼ of Edendale Township. This section is currently in the Drain 2 assessment district. It is being assessed at a 30% rate. A motion was made by Manager Thykeson to approve the drain tile permit with the terms and conditions the assessment will be increased to a 100% assessment rate, Seconded by Manager Bergstrom, motion carried.

Drain 1 Lateral A

To close out the Drain 1 Lateral A project an inspection, certification of substantial completion, a final walkthrough, and final payment needs to be completed. The remaining amount to be paid at closeout is \$10,370.89. The drone photo has 0.5 acres of no vegetation at the outlet. The board agreed that area can be left.

FEMA Sites

2019 & 2020 FEMA Sites: Large Projects Closeout for PW 26 DR4444 and PW 19 DR4553. A closeout specialist yet.

Drain 1: only one site completed by Lakeside Construction.

Drain 1 Outlet: all project documents have submitted to NDNES to continue FEMA funding process.

Pre-disaster: \$ 969,900

Mitigation: \$ 1,810,750

All information provided to NDDES on March 3rd, 2023.

Drain 2: three of five completed by KRB Gravel. KRB will restart soon.

Drain 3: no work on small sites completed by Lakeside Construction. The outlet repairs are complete.

Drain 4: construction completed by Naastad Brothers.

Drain 6: all project documents have been submitted to NDDES to continue FEMA funding process.

Pre-disaster: \$389,260

Mitigation: \$901,919

Attorney Tostenson discussed the re-assessment process. A 30-day notice needs to be given before proceeding with the process. A preliminary list will be reviewed in October 2023.

Drain 8: three of the fourteen sites completed by KRB Gravel.

The bond for Drain 8 was discussed. The bond matures September 1st, 2023. Manager Bergstrom will contact Kramer's office to express his concern. He has previously contacted them within the last few months.

Drain 11 Permanent Outlet Project: All project documents have been submitted to NDDES to continue the funding process.

Waiting on FEMA to inform us if a geotechnical analysis is required.

Pre-disaster: \$ 389,260

Mitigation: \$901,919

There was not a temporary easement secured for the 1 acres of land owned by Christopherson for Section 8-148-54 SW 1/4. No action needed.

Drain 12: five of six sites completed by KRB Gravel.

Drain 13: no work completed by Lakeside Construction.

Elm River Dam No. 1 (Steele County): construction of spillway repairs completed by Pro-landscapers. The Elm River Dam State Construction permit is in review by the Department of Water Resources.

Submitted permit on November 23rd, 2023 for Elm River Dam No. 1 (Steele County), which included signed plans, specifications and design documentation report.

Submitted permit on December 12th, 2022 for Elm River Dam No. 2 (Augustadt), which included signed plans, specifications, and design documentation report. The project anticipate is 2023-2024 construction.

Cost Estimate:

Total: \$3,650,000

SWC: \$2,2124,000

RRJWRD: \$1,373,400

Cass County: \$101,733

Local: \$50,867

Cost-Share Status:

SWC-cost-share has been approved up to \$2,124,000. SWC will send the agreement once the State Construction permits are approved.

RRJWRD-cost-share agreement will need to be updated. Previous approved amount was up to \$1,286,100

Cass County Flood Sales Tax-previous approved amount was \$95,267

Elm River Dam

The Elm River Dam meeting was held at 9:30 a.m.

See attached minutes.

2023 Mitigation Storm Act

The mitigation storm act was passed. The board was presented with the information.

No action was taken or discussed.

Beaver Dam Application

Logan Rayner submitted a beaver dam application for Section 8-146-56 in Easton township.

Motion by Manager Thykeson to approve the beaver dam application, seconded by Manager Bergstrom, motion carried.

Upper Sheyenne Joint WRD

Manager Bergstrom did not have an update. The next meeting will be held June 21st, 2023 in Devils Lake, ND. The Water tour will be held on June 22nd.

Red River Joint WRD

Manager Ihry attended the meeting on June 14th, 2023. Daryl Richardson spoke. Endawn sites will be one installed in each county in the Red River Joint Counties.

Keith Weston, Red River Retention is planning to retire. They have not hired for this position.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 14th, 2023.

Other Business

Beaver Creek Dam Inspections-Midco diving contacted regarding the inspection. The board doesn't need the Dam inspected at this time.

A snagging and clearing were discussed for the Goose River Dam area. The area is very large, and only allows for \$100,000 for funding. Funding wouldn't cover the whole area needing to be cleaned.

The 2024 budget was reviewed by the board.

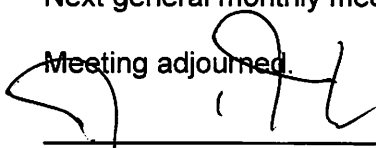
Motion by Manager Thykeson to approve the 2024 budget, Seconded by Manager Bergstrom, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

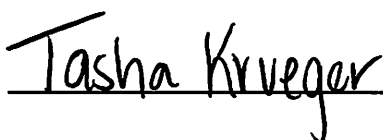
A motion was made by Manager Thykeson to approve treasurer's report, pay all bills due & approve all financial reports, seconded by Manager Bergstrom, motion carried.

Next general monthly meeting will be held Tuesday, July 11th, 2023 at 8:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned.



Josh Ihry, Chairman



Tasha Krueger, Secretary

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Register: Checking- SCWRD

From 06/01/2023 through 06/30/2023

Sorted by: Date, Type, Number/Ref

Date	Number	Payee	Account	Memo	Payment	C	Deposit	Balance
06/07/2023			-split-	Deposit		X	1,104.28	402,452.23
06/07/2023	8657	Griggs County Telep...	Telephone Expense	3100	43.99	X		402,408.24
06/07/2023	8658	TrueNorth Steel	Maintenance	Inv. 023570 Fl...	1,297.00	X		401,111.24
06/07/2023	8659	Steele County Auditor	-split-	2023/1st Quarter	17,069.15	X		384,042.09
06/07/2023	8660	Nilson Brand Law	-split-	Inv. 12729,127...	877.50	X		383,164.59
06/07/2023	8661	Moore Engineering, I...	-split-	Inv. 33558,335...	3,941.25	X		379,223.34
06/07/2023	8662	Logan Rayner	Beaver Dam Removal ...	2023 Beaver D...	500.00	X		378,723.34
06/08/2023			-split-	Deposit		X	1,000.00	379,723.34
06/26/2023			Tax Revenue	Deposit		X	68.14	379,791.48
06/30/2023			Cost-Share:State Water...	Deposit		X	186.19	379,977.67