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06.13.11

Meeting Minutes

Present: Chairman- Jeff McMillan, Board Members-Pat Hurley & Duane Lettenmaier.

Also present: See attached list.

Hurley moved to approve the minutes of the meetings that were held during the month of May. Lettenmaier seconded the motion. The motion carried. Lettenmaier moved to approve the revenue and expenditure reports. Hurley seconded the motion. The motion carried.

John Thompson, NDDOT presented the District with a copy of a letter pertaining to the culverts located south of Rogers. These culverts are in relation to the Eckelson Lake natural outlet water course. In summary the letter stated that the District must assist with the design and run the project. Hurley moved to hire KLJ to design the project. Lettenmaier seconded the motion. The motion carried. Chairman McMillan called for a roll call vote. The results are as follows; Hurley-yes, Lettenmaier-yes, McMillan-yes. The motion carried. The Secretary was instructed to set up the design with KLJ.

Discussion was held on Hobart Lake flooding. A map of the survey shots that were taken was reviewed. Dave Lokken expressed that he felt the best route for an outlet would be to the north then east along the township road for approximately ¼ mile then dropping south into a water course that leads to the Sheyenne River south of Valley City. Discussion was held on how this project could be financed. Commission Knutson suggested that the District attend the next County Commission meeting and request additional funding. It was decided to do so and to ask Townships that have been affected by Hobart Lake flooding to attend as well. The Secretary was instructed to call the ND SWC to see which route they felt was the best.

Meadow Lake flooding was discussed. Hurley reported that he and the Secretary will be submitting for possible FEMA mitigation for an outlet.

A District will be holding an emergency meeting via conference call on Tuesday, June 14th at 8:30 AM. The topic of discussion will be the Sanborn Lake Outlet.

Discussion was held on the maintenance and repair of the outlet, easement costs and right of way agreements. This will be further discussed during the conference call.

Board members gave inspection reports of Drainage complaints that were presented at the May meeting.

Meadow Lake Township, NW ¼ Section 26

Hurley completed the onsite investigation. Hurley recommended that the drain be closed within 120 days or it will be closed and the cost will be assessed to the property. Lettenmaier moved to order the drain closed within 120 days and to close the drain and asses the property if it has not been closed within the time allowed. Hurley seconded the motion. The motion carried. Notice will be sent via certified mail.

Meadow Lake Township, Section 35

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Grand Prairie Township, NE ¼ Section 8

McMillan completed the onsite investigation. McMillan reported that he contacted NRCS. NRCS reported to McMillan that the drain had been established prior to 1985 and therefore was not in violation.

A brief discussion was held on Fox Lake.

Dwight Grotberg and Joe Pesek expressed concern over a possible plugged culvert at mile maker 86.2 on the BNSF track near Urbana. Duane will look at the area in question. If there is an obstruction or a need for a culvert, the Secretary will notify Eric Froeberg, BNSF Manager of Structures.

Being no further business, Pat moved to adjourn the meeting. Duane seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Smith
Secretary