

MINUTES OF MEETING
MAPLE RIVER WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
CASS COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
WEST FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA
MARCH 4, 2011

The Maple River Water Resource District met on March 4, 2011, at 9:00 a.m. at the Cass County Highway Department, West Fargo, North Dakota.

Present were Rodger Olson, Chairman; Jurgen Suhr, Manager; Wesley Beilke, Manager; Carol Harbeke Lewis, Secretary-Treasurer; Kimberly Bomstad, Accounting Tech/Administrative Assistant; Sean M. Fredricks, Attorney for the Board; Chad Engels, Engineer for the Board; Mark Brodshaug and Dan Jacobson, Southeast Cass Water Resource District; Wayne Kellerman and Dean Sprunk, property owners in Highland Township; Steve Busche, Mark Ottis, Orlan Swenson and Brandon Kub, property owners in Normanna Township and Jeff Askew, property owner in Durbin Township.

Proposed legal drain north and west of Kindred

The Board received two letters requesting they look into the creation of a legal drain north and west of the City of Kindred. Various options were discussed. Orlan Swenson suggested constructing the drain going north out of Kindred, along the east side of the railroad track, cross the railroad track and go west along the north side in Section 19 of Normanna Township to Drain #34.

It was moved by Manager Suhr and seconded by Manager Beilke to authorize Moore Engineering, Inc. to study the area to develop a cost estimate for the proposed legal drain north and west of the City of Kindred. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Engels estimated the cost to be \$40-45,000.

Drainage complaint from Steve Busche against Mark Ottis in the SW 1/4 of Section 9 in Normanna Township

Steve Busche informed the Board that Mark Ottis had installed a ditch block south of his property, as requested, which consisted of an approach with a culvert through it. Sean Fredricks said the Board will not take any action on the culvert issue because it would be under the jurisdiction of the township or the city. After further discussion, Mr. Busche agreed that Mark Ottis did everything that he asked and agreed to withdraw his complaint, without prejudice.

Drainage Complaint from Dean Sprunk against Kellerman Brothers (David Kellerman, Wayne Kellerman and Larry Kellerman) in the SE 1/4 and the NE 1/4 of Section 36 of Highland Township and the NW 1/4 of Section 31 of Watson Township and Obstruction to Drain Complaint from Dean Sprunk against the Kellerman Brothers in the NE 1/4 of Section 36 in Highland Township and the NW 1/4 of Section 31 in Watson Township

Dean Sprunk said he sent his copy of the proposed operating plan to his attorney and has not heard back from him. Mr. Sprunk indicated his attorney will contact Mr. Fredricks.

Wayne Kellerman indicated it may be difficult to obtain an easement from Al Halvorson. Mr. Kellerman offered to pump water for Mr. Sprunk, if necessary.

Application for American Crystal Subdivision in the NW 1/4 of Section 4 in Everest Township

The Board directed Mr. Engels to respond to a letter from the Cass County Planner regarding the Application for *American Crystal Subdivision* in the NW 1/4 of Section 4 in Everest Township.

Minutes

It was moved by Manager Suhr and seconded by Manager Beilke to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2011, meeting. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Bills

It was moved by Manager Beilke and seconded by Manager Suhr to approve payment of Checks #4797 through #4802 and the electronic funds transfer, as presented. Upon roll call vote, the following Managers voted in favor: Olson, Suhr and Beilke. The Chairman declared the motion passed.

Swan Creek Diversion at I-94

Jeff Askew said water cannot run east in the Swan Creek Diversion along the north side of I-94. He suggested removing snow and ice at the start of the channel. He said if the water can get started, it will flow east in the channel.

Mr. Askew informed the Board that traps are broke off of culverts into Swan Creek. Mr. Engels will talk to Brady Woodard about the matter.

Adjournment

There being no further business for the Board to consider, the meeting adjourned without objection.

APPROVED:

Rodger Olson
Chairman

ATTEST:

Carol Harbeke Lewis
Secretary-Treasurer