

MINUTES OF MEETING
NORTH CASS WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
CASS COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
WEST FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA
SEPTEMBER 7, 2011

The North Cass Water Resource District Board met on September 7, 2011, at 8:00 a.m. at the Cass County Highway Department, West Fargo, North Dakota.

Present were Michael R. Buringrud, Chairman; Robert Thompson, Manager; Wes Ecker, Manager; Carol Harbeke Lewis, Secretary-Treasurer; Diane Pochardt, Administrative Assistant; Sean M. Fredricks, Attorney for the Board; Chad Engels and Kurt Lysne, Engineers for the Board and those whose names appear on the attached roster.

Drain #41 extension / request for culvert installation from Section 12 in Arthur Township into Section 6 of Gunkel Township

Chairman Buringrud opened discussion regarding the extension of Drain #41 / the request culvert installation from Section 12 in Arthur Township into Section 6 of Gunkel Township. Jeff Herr said that he does not want the culvert installed because it would bring more water to his land and there are already issues with Drain #41. Don Murch said it is the same water and it would prevent water from Section 12 from running across the fields. Manager Ecker said it would not change the amount of water. Rand Nyberg said water would be added to the system, because there is so much pressure from the west. Various options were discussed. Property owners present asked if it would be easier to construct a new drain one mile south of Drain #41, taking water east to the Elm River.

Manager Ecker asked if the water in Drain #41 is being controlled by the channel or the culverts. He pointed out that it would not do any good to increase culverts if there is a problem with the channel.

It was moved by Manager Thompson and seconded by Manager Ecker to direct Moore Engineering, Inc. to study the culvert sizes and look at the watershed for Drain #41, including the area along Cass County Highway 26, to develop a recommendation for improvements to Drain #41. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Engels estimated the cost to do the work would be \$10–12,000. The Board will provide the information to the property owners before proceeding with any work.

Drain #41 – 2011 Maintenance Levy Assessment

It was moved by Manager Ecker and seconded by Manager Thompson to increase the 2011 Maintenance Levy Assessment on Drain #41 to \$2.00. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Drain #13 Channel Repairs

Mr. Engels reviewed closeout of the Drain #13 Channel Repairs Project and recommended final payment to Master Construction Co., Inc. It was moved by Manager Buringrud and seconded by Manager Ecker to approve payment to Master Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of \$56,989.69 for Final Estimate #4 on the Drain #13 Channel Repairs Project, less claims. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Culvert repair on Drain #23 in Section 1 of Gunkel Township

It was moved by Manager Buringrud and seconded by Manager Thompson to install a culvert extension with a flared end on the diagonal culvert in the southeast corner of Section 1 in Gunkel Township into Drain #23. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Drain #32 - bridge replacement between Sections 31 and 32 of Noble Township

It was moved by Manager Ecker and seconded by Manager Thompson to work with the Cass County Highway Department on the Drain #32 bridge replacement between Sections 31 and 32 of Noble Township. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Elm River Watershed Maintenance District

Sean Fredricks circulated draft legislation regarding Elm River Watershed Maintenance District.

2011 Audit

It was moved by Manager Thompson and seconded by Manager Ecker to approve the 2011 audit of the North Cass Water Resource District. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Minutes

It was moved by Manager Thompson and seconded by Manager Ecker to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2011, meeting, as amended. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Bills

It was moved by Manager Ecker and seconded by Manager Thompson to approve payment of Checks #3581 through #3589 and the electronic funds transfer, as presented. Upon roll call vote, the following Managers voted in favor: Buringrud, Thompson and Ecker. The Chairman declared the motion passed.

Drain #23 slide repairs

Mike Ondracek contacted Chairman Buringrud about the repair of slide areas on Drain #23. Chairman Buringrud will advise Mr. Ondracek that they will need to submit a petition and deposit in order for the Board to pursue the matter.

Drain #22 culvert replacements in the SW 1/4 of Section 31 in Noble Township and Section 36 of Kinyon Township

Kurt Lysne estimated it would cost \$31,000 to replace culverts on Drain #22 in the SW 1/4 of Section 31 in Noble Township and Section 36 of Kinyon Township. The Board will continue to monitor the matter.

Adjournment

There being no further business for the Board to consider, it was moved by Manager Ecker, seconded by Manager Thompson and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.

APPROVED:

Michael R. Buringrud
Chairman

ATTEST:

Carol Harbeke Lewis
Secretary-Treasurer