

MINUTES OF MEETING
NORTH CASS WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
CASS COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
WEST FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA
NOVEMBER 22, 2016

The North Cass Water Resource District met on November 22, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. at the Cass County Highway Department, West Fargo, North Dakota.

Present were Wes Ecker, Chairman; Robert Thompson, Manager; Ken Lougheed, Manager; Carol Harbeke Lewis, Secretary-Treasurer; Kathy Grueneich, Administrative Assistant; Sean M. Fredricks, Attorney for the Board; Mike Opat, Engineer for the Board; and Nick Vinje, farmer along Drain #23.

Minutes

It was moved by Manager Lougheed and seconded by Manager Thompson to approve the minutes of the September 27 and 29, 2016, meetings. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Drain #23 Improvements Project No. 2016-01

A motion was made by Manager Thompson and seconded by Manager Lougheed to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the State Water Commission *Agreement for Cost-Share Reimbursement* regarding Drain #23 Improvements Project No. 2016-01 (SWC Project No. 1179). Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Mike Opat reported Drain #23 Improvements Project No. 2016-01 is half finished. The Board discussed the freezing temperatures and the effects on compaction of the material. Mr. Opat assured the Board that soil testing is continuous.

The Board discussed requests to use recycle material on private driveways crossing Drain #23 in Section 8 of Gardner Township. Manager Lougheed viewed the sites and agreed the crossings were in poor condition. Mr. Opat and Brady Woodard did not see any issues with using the material on the crossings. The Secretary-Treasurer will check with the Cass County Highway Department regarding cost of the material.

The bill submitted by Cass Rural Water Users District for moving a water line for Drain #23 Improvements Project No. 2016-01 was discussed. The Board requested Mr. Woodard contact Cass Rural Water Users District to verify the cost.

A motion was made by Manager Lougheed and seconded by Manager Thompson to approve *Change Order No. 1* for H & S Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$17,000 regarding Drain #23 Improvements Project No. 2016-01. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Opat brought a request from Adam Grothmann, Northern States Excavating, to remove spoil material from Drain #23 for use at a nearby building site where he is working. Sean Fredricks said the matter would be between H & S Contracting, Inc. and Northern States Excavating. The Board does not have a problem with removal of the spoil, provided the necessary specifications are met. Nick Vinje will advise the property owner about the matter.

Mr. Vinje asked about the intercept culverts on property he farms regarding Drain #23 Improvements Project No. 2016-01. Mr. Opat will contact Mr. Woodard to meet with Mr. Vinje on the matter.

Water Permit Application No. 6821 for Donald M. Garnas and Ruth L. Garnas to appropriate water from ground-water sources in the SE 1/4 of Section 16 in Rochester Township for irrigation

The Board reviewed Water Permit Application No. 6821 for Donald M. Garnas and Ruth L. Garnas to appropriate water from ground-water sources in the SE 1/4 of Section 16 in Rochester Township for irrigation. The Secretary-Treasurer will submit comment, with input from the Water Resource District Engineer.

Bills

It was moved by Manager Lougheed and seconded by Manager Thompson to approve payment of Checks #4137 through #4150, as presented. Upon roll call vote, the following Managers voted in favor: Ecker, Thompson and Lougheed. The Chairman declared the motion passed.

Water Issues in the southeast corner of Section 14 in Gardner Township

Manager Lougheed reported receiving a phone call about water issues in the southeast corner of Section 14 in Gardner Township. Until the North Cass Water Resource District receives a *Complaint for Water Related Issues*, the Board cannot take action.

Adjournment

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

APPROVED:

Wes Ecker
Chairman

ATTEST:

Carol Harbeke Lewis
Secretary-Treasurer