

July 21, 2020
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
PEMBINA COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT BOARD OF MANAGERS
LOWER LEVEL LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER -- CAVALIER ND

Those present were Managers Randall Emanuelson, Ted Juhl, Donald Kemp, Charles Thacker, and LuAnn Kemp, secretary. Manager Kendall joined by telephone. Attorney Fleming also present.

A motion was made by Charles Thacker, seconded by Randall Emanuelson, by vote unanimously carried to approve the Pembina County DOT permits as presented by Devon Johnson –Pembina County Highway.

A motion was made by Charles Thacker, seconded by Randall Emanuelson, by vote unanimously carried to approve the 2021 General and Drain Fund Budgets and the 2020 Certificate of Drain taxes as follows:

\$2/acre: Drains 16 and W3

\$3/Acre: Drain 77

\$4/Acre: Drain 7, 11,12,13,34,38,55,60,62R,66,67,75,W2

\$6/Acre: Drain 78

\$10/Acre: Drain 39

\$12/Acre: Drains 81 and 82

\$14/Acre: Drain 64

\$16/Acre: Drain 79

Pat Mahar, Mark Ratchenski, and Jon Ratchenski met with the board regarding the complaint filed against Mr. Mahar against Mr. Ratchenski. Discussion followed on the agreement that was reached last fall. Attorney Cassie Tostenson will be contacted to clarify the agreement reached as it was done privately and not as part of the complaint process.

Zach Herrmann- Houston Engineering met with the board regarding updates. He reported that Houston had done a culvert inventory in December 2018 in the area of the Mahar complaint. Manager Kendall indicated that the ND DOT had agreed to the proposed agreement last fall but no action was taken to complete the work by the landowners. Mr. Mahar indicated he would like the natural watercourse to be cleaned and maintained.

The board met with the Pembina County Commission. The General and Drain fund budgets were reviewed with the Commission with request for 4 mils.

A public hearing was held at 10:00 AM in conjunction with the Pembina County Commission, as required in NDCC 61-16.1-09, on the proposed Snagging and Clearing project on the Tongue River in Pembina County. Herrmann presented a handout explaining the process for the project showing part of the area that would be cleaned if the project moves forward. It could be possible to clean through Cavalier City pending SWC Cost-share. Discussion followed on the assessment amounts, which are expected to remain the same as last year. A motion was made by Randall Emanuelson, seconded by Charles Thacker, by vote unanimously carried to approve the 2020 Snagging and Clearing Assessment.

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Discussion on the TR cut-off assessment. The remaining amount would amount to less than \$0.05/acre. A motion was made by Charles Thacker, seconded by Randall Emanuelson, by vote unanimously carried to set the 2020 TR cutoff assessment at \$0.00 with the balance to be paid from the General Fund.

A motion was made by Randall Emanuelson, seconded by Charles Thacker, by vote unanimously carried to approve the bills as follows:

13352	Spruce Valley	3,580.00
13353	Jon Dungan	2,500.50
13354	QUill	109.98
13355	Pembina County	4,485.03
13356	Fischer Land Surveying	4,363.55

A motion was made by Charles Thacker, seconded by Ted Juhl, by vote unanimously carried approve the KLJ Drain 55 Amendment.

Herrmann updated on the Drain 66 projects – Phase 3 will be ready for a final payment in August. There is an area of erosion in the section being worked on currently. Herrmann will work with Kendall on an estimate for repairs. The vandalism costs at Goeschke Dam is estimated to be slightly over \$20,000. Wieler Dam Gate reconstruction will be bid later this fall.

Petitioners from Drain 80 met with the board to discuss the meeting with Walsh County. Discussion on the percentage to take to Drain 67C and the work needed on the Willow Coulee in Walsh County. The group wants to push forward with the drain at this point.

Attest: _____
LuAnn Kemp, Secretary

Donald Kemp, Vice-Chairman