

LaMoure County Water Resource District Special Meeting Tuesday, August 11, 2020

At approximately 10:00 a.m. Chairman Kerry Ketterling called the special meeting to order with the following board members present: Nathan Nitschke, Bobby Frauenberg, Co-Secretary/Treasurer Jan Hamlin and attending via conference call were board members Jason Gross, Glenn Haugen, Water Resource District Attorney Kim Radermacher and Patty Wood Bartle with the Edgeley Mail. Also attending were Matt Lindsay from the ND State Water Commission, Duane Clark, Susan Muske, Derek Muske, Darrell Bassen and Blake Bockwoldt. Absent were Co-Secretary/Treasurer Shanel Bohnenstingl.

Matt Lindsay started the hearing stating that it is for an Emergency Application for Surface Drain number 5472. The location of drain are SE1/4 of Section 34 Township 135 Range 61 in Grandview and NE1/4, SE1/4 of Section 3 Township 134 Range 61 and NE1/4 of Section 10 Township 134 Range 61 in Grand Rapids township in LaMoure County. This permit was filed by Duane Clark. If the permit is granted, it will be a six-month permit and will expire and must be closed by the permit expiration date unless requested in writing to extend the permit another six months or to make the drain permanent. If you are asking for an extension, it must be in writing 30 days before the expiration of the permit.

Landowner, Duane Clark, explained that all lots including pasture and road is under water, which makes it difficult to raise cattle and the water is threatening his septic system. Clark stated he built up a road so he still has access, no county roads, highways or township roads are under water only because the also have been built up. Clark goes on to state that one building is under water and another building and a shed is rendered useless because of the water. Clark estimates the water is about 150 yards from his house.

Clark would like to construct a ditch that would be approximately 1 mile long and 5 feet deep in order to alleviate the water on his farmstead. Clark estimated 160-200 acres of water on his property alone. Chairman Ketterling added his estimate of 300 acres of water for the whole area. The water got especially bad since this past winter. Clark stated the water table for the area is extremely high, approximately 4 feet from ground level.

Clark has talked to several downstream landowners (downstream about 4 miles) and those landowners have no objections to the proposed drain. There were a couple downstream landowners in attendance and they had no comments. Since CR 34 is directly downstream Lindsay asked if Clark had spoken to the County road department, he stated that he had about a year ago. Chairman Ketterling stated that he had spoken to LaMoure County Highway Superintendent, Josh Loegering, and he had no problems with the proposed drain. It was stated that the highway and culverts are adequate for the proposed drain. Lindsay said he would reach out to the Department of Environmental Quality to make them aware of the project. Clark would like to start the project as soon as possible.

Bobby Frauenberg made a motion to approve the emergency application for surface drain submitted by Duane Clark, seconded by Glenn Haugen. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:40 a.m.

Approved this 21st Day of September, 2020

Kerry Ketterling, Chairman

ATTEST:

Shanel Bohnenstingl, Co-Secretary