

## **LaMoire County Water Resource District Meeting Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 9:00AM**

At approximately 9:00 a.m. Chairman Kerry Ketterling called the meeting to order with the following board members present: Nathan Nitschke, Jason Gross, Bobby Frauenberg, Co-Secretary/Treasurer Jan Hamlin and Shanel Bohnenstingl. Attending via conference call was board member Glenn Haugen, Water Resource District Attorney Kim Radermacher, Richard Schlosser and Patty Wood Bartle with the Edgeley Mail.

Mr. Chairman asked if there were any additions to the agenda, there were two additions: evaluation of surface drain for Duane Clark and mileage reimbursement rate. Mr. Nitschke moved to approve the agenda with the additions, seconded by Mr. Gross. Motion carried.

Reorganization of the board was next, Mr. Ketterling called for nominations for Chairman, none were received. Mr. Nitschke ceases nomination and casts a unanimous ballot for Mr. Ketterling to remain Chairman, seconded by Mr. Gross. Motion carried. Mr. Chairman called for nominations for Vice-chairman, none were received. Mr. Frauenberg ceases nomination and casts a unanimous ballot for Mr. Haugen to remain as Vice-chairman, seconded by Mr. Nitschke. Motion carried.

Mr. Chairman asked for a motion to approve the November 10, 2021 minutes. Mr. Frauenberg moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Nitschke. Motion carried.

Richard Schlosser spoke regarding the surface drain application for Joanne Lambert as most of the land effected by the drain is on land Mr. Schlosser rents. Mr. Schlosser states that some of the water would drain into an existing slough on his land with the majority of the water draining northeast into Bear Creek. The drain poses no negative impacts to water ways, wildlife or agricultural land. The drain would eliminate flooding and requires no easements. After discussion of the eight factors in the evaluation of surface drain application for Jolene Lambert Mr. Frauenberg moved to approve the application, seconded by Mr. Gross. Motion carried.

After discussion for application to install a subsurface water management system by Ryan Stroh, and having no complaints for potential downstream landowners Mr. Frauenberg moved to approve the application, seconded by Mr. Gross. Motion carried.

Regarding the complaint from Tyler Syversen, alleging that Mr. Schaffer erected an illegal dyke or dam for which the board determined violates 6760.151. Mr. Schaffer was to remove the obstruction by December 31, 2021 and if he is unable to prior to the date given then he would need to provide a reason as to why the deadline was not met. Mr. Syversen reported that soil was moved but due to the heavy snow fall it is difficult to determine how much. It is decided to evaluate when the area when it thaws in the spring.

Reviewing the evaluation of surface drain for Duane Clark that was returned from the state. The approval was made based on the understanding that lowering the culverts would alleviate any back up due to build up. The depth of the drain was determined by the county and the placement of culverts are to protect township roads upstream that have been holding water. This drain sheds into a natural water way and does not have adverse effects to water ways, wildlife or agricultural land. The drain would help negate flooding complications.

The current mileage reimbursement rate is \$0.56/mile. The state has raised the reimbursement rate to \$0.585/mile. Mr. Gross motioned to accept and raise the mileage reimbursement rate to \$0.585, seconded by Mr. Nitschke. Motion carried.

Ms. Hamlin reported the financials. As of December 31, 2021, the checking account balance is \$39,788.53. The statement for the savings account has not been received so the balance will be available at the next meeting. There was a deposit on January 10, 2022 of \$7,484.57 of mill money received monthly along with the deposit of \$500 for Stroh's application. There are 11 bills to be paid: payroll and mileage for today's meeting, quarterly payment to US Treasury, and annual membership dues to North Dakota Water Users Association (\$300.00) and North Dakota Water Resource Districts Association (\$675.00). Mr. Frauenberg moved to approve the financials and pay the bills, seconded by Mr. Gross. Motion carried.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 9:33 am.

**Approved this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2022**

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**Kerry Ketterling, Chairman**

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**Shanel Bohnenstingl, Co-Secretary**