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by the Pembina County Water Resource District**

January 16, 2024

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PEMBINA COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
BOARD OF MANAGERS HELD FARMERS ROOM OF PEMBINA COUNTY COURTHOUSE,
CAVALIER, NORTH DAKOTA.

Those present were Managers Randall Emanuelson, Ted Juhl (by phone), William Gunderson, Donald Kemp, and LuAnn Kemp, secretary. Attorney Robert Fleming also present. A motion was made by Randall Emanuelson seconded by William Gunderson, by vote unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2024 as amended.

The board reviewed the Cameron Tile notification for a project under 80 acres. Discussion followed on current notification form that allows the tile company to provide the notice which does not provide landowner contact information. This may be problematic if notification to shut off the system during flood times is needed. ND WRD Association will be contacted regarding a possible revision.

A motion was made by Randall Emanuelson, seconded by Ted Juhl, by vote unanimously carried to approve the concrete pipe order for Drain 34 from Old Castle. 2023 price quote will be honored.

The board reviewed the notice letters for the Johnson Farms vs Hughes and Cameron vs Johnson Farms determinations.

Manager Gunderson reported that he had been in contact with Fitzsimonds and will be facilitating a site visit when weather conditions allow.

Manager Emanuelson discussed the need for a Drain 67E cleanout in both Pembina and Walsh counties – he will be visiting with Walsh as a concerned landowner later this morning.

Manager Kemp reported that the EAP funding was approved from the Red River Joint Board.

Jon Kippen arrived at this time.

Attorney Fleming and Manager Emanuelson reviewed the Drain 55 permit and new NDCC that allows for bond from the petitioners instead of assessing to the taxes. Discussion followed on the amount of the bond to be set and process to obtain a quote for preliminary engineering.

Bart Swanson met with the board regarding the Drain 80 failed petition. Swanson indicated that he was not sure what he signed when he signed the petition. Swanson confirmed that the signature on the notarized petition was his. No action can be taken regarding reducing the Swanson debt on Drain 80 – it was assessed to a Swanson farm parcel for 2023 taxes.

Fleming also discussed the bridge pier removal by St. Thomas. Discussion followed on the need for a stream crossing standard in order to allow parcels to drain into Drain 67. An estimate from Houston will be requested.

Manager Emanuelson discussed a tile project under 80 acres that is in Walsh County but will likely drain into Pembina County Drain 55. Discussion followed on re-assessment procedures.

The board met with the Pembina County Commission. Updates were given on Snagging and clearing, the Renwick gate, EAP cost-share and the Tongue River Cutoff.

Attest:

LuAnn Kemp, Secretary

Donald Kemp, Vice Chairman