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the Pembina County Water Resource District**

September 24, 2024

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
PEMBINA COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT BOARD OF MANAGERS
WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT OFFICE, CAVALIER ND

Those present were Managers Ted Juhl, William Gunderson, Donald Kemp, Richard Kendall, and LuAnn Kemp, secretary. A motion was made by William Gunderson, seconded by Ted Juhl, by vote unanimously carried to approve the minutes of September 11, 2024.

A motion was made by Ted Juhl, seconded by Donald Kemp, by vote unanimously carried to pay the bills as presented as well as any necessary bills during harvest:

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| 14143 | LuAnn Kemp | 5,101.31 |
| 14144 | Triple D Construction and Leasing | 236,570.90 |
| 14145 | Pembina County | 2,623.60 |
| 14146 | Fischer Land Surveying and Engineering | 15,403.76 |
| 14147 | Kendall Construction | 10,963.00 |
| 14148 | Nodak Electric | 27,402.53 |
| 14149 | Houston Engineering | 340,920.54 |

A motion was made by William Gunderson, seconded by Donald Kemp, by vote unanimously carried to approve the quote of Olafson Ventures for \$3000 to remove the trees/brush on Drain 66-1 (old Drain 72 portion).

Darren Olafson met with the board regarding the complaint of Olafson vs Shephard/Pembina County DOT. Devon Johnson-Pembina County DOT also present. Discussion followed on requesting a stream crossing determination to the state versus hiring private engineer. Johnson is in agreement to hire a private firm to do the stream crossing analysis at the bridge in question.

Mark Stremick met with the board regarding Drain 51. Stremick would like to lower the culvert $\frac{3}{4}$ mile west of highway 32 in Section 17-163-56. The 24 inch CMP in the ROW of Highway 32 is also in need of a trap and repair. A motion was made by Donald Kemp, seconded by Ted Juhl, by vote unanimously carried to approve Stremick request to lower the culvert on a private drain cleanout permit with a deadline of year end 2024. The board will include the work in the ND DOT ROW and possibly lowering the culvert in 106th Street in the Drain 51/51B cleanout bid. If Stremick has not done the private work at the time of the bid, the lowered culvert will also be included.

Johnson presented Pembina County DOT ROW permits. A motion was made by Ted Juhl, seconded by Donald Kemp, by vote unanimously carried to approve the permits as follows:

- Uggerude/Hatloy/Emanuelson – Section 35-159-52 County Road #4
- Stegman – Section 27-163-54 County Road #2
- Bernhoft – Section 8-160-55 County Road #3
- Anderson – Section 4-160-55 County Road #12

The culvert request for Grzadzieleski in Section 31/32-160-52 was reviewed and received no comment.

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Clay Carufel by TEAMS and Randy Gjestvang met with the board to discuss installation of the PRESENS gauges at dams on the Tongue River. Options for possible stilling basins or dry areas were discussed to minimize ice damages. There may also be a new style in the near future that is ultrasonic and reads the water level from above. Testing needs to be done on this style. The current costs are covered by the ND DWR but that is unknown for the next biennium. Currently about \$7/month for modem or \$35/month for satellite. May need to drill small holes into the concrete for installation which would be coordinated with Dam Safety as well. ND DWR will plan site inspections to look at the sites further.

Gjestvang also discussed the drone flights ND DWR was doing over the border dike areas. The blockage on W3 outlet will also be viewed. It was suggested to involve NDDWR if we do not get response from Manitoba.

Jeff Duray -Triple D Construction, Tim Wilwand, and Dan Fischer -Fischer Land Surveying and Engineering met to discuss the change order for the Drain #34 Reconstruction. The estimates for the change order were reviewed. Discussion followed on adding culvert ends to the culvert in front of the residential property. A motion was made by Ted Juhl, seconded by Donald Kemp, by vote unanimously carried to approve the change order for Drain #34 to include work on lateral.

Fischer discussed the crossing in the Walhalla-3 that needs repair. Township prefers pipe; however, Fischer proposes a concrete Texas crossing.

A motion was made by Ted Juhl, seconded by William Gunderson, by vote unanimously carried to approve the private cleanout for Enerson on Drain 73 with a deadline of November 1, 2024.

The board spoke with Mike Ferrie – Houston Engineering by telephone. Drain 4 may need to have more design work in the area in question as there is an issue with the rock drop east of Highway 18. A motion was made by William Gunderson, seconded by Donald Kemp, by vote unanimously carried to have Houston Engineering suggest repairs to Drain 4.

A motion was made by Ted Juhl, seconded by William Gunderson, by vote unanimously carried to approve the estimate of up to \$2000.00 to set elevation stakes and develop map to repair the berm on Drain 67A (Section 28 of St Thomas Twp).

Ferrie reported that the Drain 23 site inspection has been done and will be preparing a pay estimate.

Discussion on the Bourbanis cost-share and Heck property – ND DWR will not allow the Bourbanis cost-share for any mitigation on the private property.

A motion was made by William Gunderson, seconded by Ted Juhl, by vote unanimously carried to approve the amended downstream flow map for the Estad permit.

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The board reviewed the Hughes dike permit – Houston Engineering will be requested to review the permit as well.

Manager Kemp reported on the progress on Drain 34.

Manager Kendall reported that beaver are still present downstream of the dams. Dams are all open at this time and drawing down.

A motion was made by Donald Kemp, seconded by Ted Juhl, by vote unanimously carried to approve adding the Puppe weed concern to the agenda.

A motion was made by Donald Kemp, seconded by Ted Juhl, by vote unanimously carried to hire Kendall Construction to spray the areas of Drain 66 owned by the WRD in section 15 Lodema.

No meetings are scheduled for October 1 or 8 due to harvest.

Attest: _____
LuAnn Kemp, Secretary

Richard Kendall, Chairman