

## ***Cavalier County Water Resource Board***

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June 13, 2024

Cavalier County Water Resource Board held a regular meeting on June 13, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. in the Commissioners Room in the Cavalier County Courthouse. Chairman Bob Blake called the meeting to order with Brian Hardy, and Bruce Roder, Charles Damschen (zoom), and Secretary Kensi Breyer.

Guests: Quentin Wenzel and Taylor Benneweis

Bob Blake called the meeting to order.

**Bruce Roder made a motion to approve the June 13, 2024, agenda, a second was made by Brian Hardy, motion carried.**

**Brian Hardy made a motion to approve the May 23, 2024, regular meeting minutes, and June 5, 2024, special meeting minutes with the corrections as discussed, second was made by Bruce Roder, motion was carried.**

### **New Business:**

Ramsey County Water Board entered the meeting for a joint meeting to discuss the Ramsey County Drain #10 project.

Taylor Benneweis joined the meeting to discuss different items at the Rec Area. There was a shed on a camper's lot that was hit and is now cracked. It is an older shed. Taylor will work with lot holder to come up with a solution. There is one camper that has requested we move gravel to their lot as it is in a low spot. Board members will go out to the Rec area to look at that spot. Taylor stated that a couple campers that are paying the monthly rate asked if they could pay the seasonal rate to keep their camper out there all summer. Monthly seasonal lots are to stay at what they are, and campers are not allowed to just pay the seasonal rate. Taylor is going to be meeting with Langdon Fire to get more fire extinguishers out at the rec area and be on a schedule for maintenance. Discussion on Taylor's salary was brought to the table. After discussion, Brian Hardy made a motion to increase Taylor's salary to \$25,000 for the Rec Area season with bonus potential at the end of the season, a second was made by Bruce Roder, motion carried. Included in the packets was a copy of the complaint that we have received regarding a dog. When Taylor receives a complaint form, she will inform the camper the complaint is on and keep copies, so we have a trail. Kensi Breyer stated that she has heard from Game and Fish, they will be starting on the west boat landing area on or around June 24<sup>th</sup>. Taylor stated that she talked to Ronnie Clark regarding having sand brought to the Rec Area for the beach area and volleyball sand. The cost is \$16 per yard and a tandem truck holds 12 yards. Will start with one load. Bruce Roder stated that he had a complaint brought to him about the cattails down by the beach area. Kensi will talk to Josh Short to see if he can spray the area for cattails. Taylor stated that we have had a couple different inquiries about animals in the cabin. No animals will be allowed in the cabin.

Taylor stated that the pump house dock is in the water. There was discussion on a donation for fireworks for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Bruce Roder made a motion to donate \$1000 from the board for fireworks, a second was made by Brian Hardy, motion carried.

#### Rec Area Dam Building Permits

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# 1250 Brad & Yvonne Bata

#1251 Rod Longtin

Brian Hardy made a motion to approve the above permits, a second was made by Bruce Roder, motion was carried.

Pembina County Water Board joined to have a joint meeting. The members from Pembina County Water Board include Randall Emanuelson, Ted Juhl, William Gunderson, Richard Kendall, Donald Kemp, and LuAnn Kemp, secretary.

The first item to be talked about was the Texas crossing in Walhalla 3. Dan Fischer reported that there are two options- installing a large culvert or leaving the low water crossing and armoring with cement. Brian Hardy made a motion to have Dan Fischer design the crossing to include a culvert and prepare for a soft big package, a second was by Bruce Roder, motion carried. Pembina County WRD approved the same motion.

Robert Flemming- attorney, reported that site inspections have indicated that the area directly downstream from the outlet culverts in Walhalla 3 need cleaning. The agreement from the original construction does not specify cost share percentages but rather language regarding joint work. Bruce Roder made a motion to direct Attorney Flemming to contact Manitoba regarding the need to maintenance downstream of the outlet pipes and offer cost-share of 50/50, a second was made by Brian Hardy, motion carried. Pembina County WRD approved the same motion.

The Pembina board discussed the need for Drain 51 to be cleaned. Drain 51 acts as an outlet for 51B. 51 is in Pembina County and 51-B is in Cavalier County. In 2012, the agreement was to assess both drains identically. Brian Hardy made a motion to direct Dan Fischer to survey the entire length of Drain 51 and Drain 51-B and prepare a bid package for cleanout as needed, a second was made by Bruce Roder, motion carried. Pembina County WRD approved the same motion.

Discussion followed on blockages in the channel downstream from Bourbanis Dam. According to ND Century Code 61-16.1-51 if a WRD determines that an obstruction to a drain has been caused by the result of a natural occurrence or by the negligent act of a landowner, the board shall notify the landowner. If the landowner does not remove the obstruction in no less than 15 days, the board can assess the cost of the removal against the property. Cavalier County WRD will visit with the downstream landowners regarding the need for maintenance.

William Gunderson, Pembina County WRD member discussed the need for gravel and maintenance on the access routes to the dams in Cavalier County. Brian Hardy will reach out to the Cavalier County Townships regarding the maintenance.

Brian Hardy made a motion to spray the entire lengths of W3, W2 and lateral as needed for trees and cattails as part of the Cavalier County spraying list. Pembina County WRD approved the same motion.

LuAnn presented the financials of the drains and both boards reviewed those financials. Brian Hardy made a motion, seconded by Bruce Roder, motion carried to set the assessments for 2023 and 2024 as follows:

Drain W2 and Lateral	\$1/acre
Drain W3	\$2/acre
Drain 51	\$2/acre
Drain 51B	\$2/acre

Pembina County WRD approved the same motion.

Brian Hardy discussed an area on W2 lateral that needs cleaning. After discussion, Brian Hardy made a motion to have Dan Fischer survey the W2 Lateral west of County 32 for possible cleanout and prepare a bid for necessary work, a second was made by Bruce Roder, motion carried. Pembina County WRD approved the same motion.

The following vouchers were reviewed for approval:

6054	Ramsey County Water District	\$ 10,000.00
6193	Farmers Union Oil	\$ 1,343.04
EPAY	FireFly Reservations	\$ 220.50
6219	Langdon Hardware	\$ 89.20
6177	Dacotah Paper	\$ 150.99
6034	Advanced Business Methods	\$ 57.18
5821	ND Workforce Safety	\$ 473.75
5979	Information Technology	\$ 64.80
6183	Austin Roberts	\$ 321.84
6225	Benjamin Perius	\$ 639.14
6222	United Telephone	\$ 185.68
6184	Eli Johnson	\$ 658.13
6121	Jada Moen	\$ 313.99
6210	Thomas Gendron	\$ 295.52
6106	Richard's Welding	\$ 28.00
6100	Jordan Blake	\$ 150.00
EPAY	Cavalier Rural Electric	\$ 802.26
6228	City of Langdon	\$ 217.16
6214	Northeast Regional Water	\$ 69.30
5847	Sign It	\$ 133.75
6252	Marcotte's Builders	\$ 142.28

**A motion was made by Charles Damschen, second by Brian Hardy to approve the vouchers as presented.**

Meeting adjourned.

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Chairman

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