

McLEAN COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT

Meeting Date: May 11, 2023

Location: Rusted Rail, Underwood, ND

Members Present: Lynn Oberg, Gerard Goven, Shannon Jeffers

Also Present: Roger Clay, Ulteig Engineers.

Chr. Oberg called the meeting to order at 12:10 AM.

1. Posting of Board Minutes to County Web Site: Chairman Oberg discussed the requirement to post meetings as per ND Legislature. Minutes will be forwarded to dblumhagen@nd.gov who will post to the McLean County web site.

2. Miller Culverts (Turtle Lake): The board considered the situation at the Darin Miller property (T147N R80W, S34). One of two existing culverts (18" X 30') located in the access road to his residence has collapsed and needs replacing. Discussion: The landowner has a pending request to the Board to provide a replacement culvert to replace the collapsed one. He also plans to ask the Township Board to provide a culvert to replace the damaged one, but is not anticipating approval of his request, as his access road is not a township road. Mr. Miller has indicated that he would provide the equipment and labor to remove the existing culvert and install the new one at his expense. Noted that culverts are located in an established water waterway (Lake Williams drainage) and provide for access to the Millers residence. Motion for Board to provide one new 18"X30' culvert for installation by Mr. Miller made by Jeffers and seconded by Goven. Motion passed unanimously. Also noted that if township board approves Miller's request, the Board will not provide the new culvert.

3. Katz Dam Funding and Fish Passage: Mr. Clay provided an update to the Board concerning the status of Outdoor Heritage Fund (OHF) and ND Water Resource Dept/SWC funding applications. The OHF application due May 26 will be completed next week. Application to OHF will request the full amount of the project. Noted that SWC would be open to providing additional funding for the fish passage which may be used to provide the 25% Board cost share portion of the fish passage project.

4. Schlichting Addition West Drainage Issue: St. Mary Township Board is denying a request by the cabin association to provide a culvert crossing on township road. Association contacted Mr. Jeffers for assistance. Discussion: Mr. Jeffers meet with Jim Altringer on site to investigate. It was clear given the fact that surface water flowed over the township road that there is a drainage issue. Further investigation is warranted to establish an appropriate solution. The township board as shown no interest in providing resources either to investigate or resolve the issue. The Board considered the level of assistance it should provide given that culverts and road maintenance is a township board responsibility.

5. Noted that a site visit and inspection of the Hecht land (Painted Woods) will be conducted on May 21, 2023.

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 PM.

ATTEST:


SHANNON JEFFERS - Secretary (Acting)


LYNN OBERG - CHAIRMAN