Regular Meeting December 14, 2021 8:00 AM

Members present: Larry Skiftun- via video conference. Tom Deede, Bryon Brynjulson, Devin Long, and Chad Reimche.

Kale Van Bruggen-Rinke-Noonan, was in attendance via video conference. Thomas Demke- Apex Engineering were also in attendance via video conference.

The Wells County Water Resource District Board meeting began at 8:00 am.

Minutes of the November 9, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Devin made the motion, seconded by Tom to approve the minutes. All voting aye, motion carried.

Minutes of the November 29, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Bryon made the motion, seconded by Devin to approve the minutes. All voting aye, motion carried.

**Hurdsfield Project**

* The pump has not been winterized yet. Larry and gateman Brad Wolbert will do it soon.
* Testing equipment has been received by Apex Engineering. Testing equipment will be installed in the spring.

**Harvey Dam**

* The district is still waiting on the water permit.

**Highway 52 Bridge Clean Out**

The ND DOT will clean out their ROW, but the WRD would need permission to clean out the area outside of the ROW. There is a question on how many feet of ROW is owned by the DOT and by the Railroad. Tammy will check easements.

**Drain #1 Easement**

* Thomas is working with the Fish and Wildlife and will have more information at the January meeting.

**Beaver Dam**

* Tammy contacted Cody Krause about the Beaver Dam. She has not heard back from Cody if the dam has been destroyed.

**Construction Permit Application 2675 (Monty Schaefer)**

* Kale reported that the Office of the State Engineer (OSE) will run models on if the Rosefield Dam breaches if it would cause damages to Kittleson Crossing and to the Red River Valley Railroad. If the model shows that it will cause damage the OSE will reclassify the dam as a medium impact dam. If the model shows no impact the OSE will not act on our letter and will not reclassify the dam which is currently a low standard dam.
* Monty Schaefer has a flowage easement from the landowners immediately upstream, but not farther upstream.
* The Board reviewed the Eddy County Stream Crossing Determination from the ND Department of Environmental Quality.
* Discussion was held in having Apex Engineering to do a hydrological and technical memo on the size of the culverts to determine the effect on the Oak Creek Drain. Bryon made the motion, seconded by Chad to have Apex Engineering create the memo for WCWRD. All voting aye, motion carried.

**Fessenden Drain Clean-out**

* The Fessenden Drain needs to be cleaned out and culverts replaced from the Fessenden Co-op east to the main drain. Larry will work with the Fessenden PW Director to complete this work in the spring.

**Rinke-Noonan 2022**

* The board reviewed the contract from Rinke-Noonan for Legal Services for 2022. Tom made the motion, seconded by Chad to approve Option #1 and for Larry to sign the contract. All voting aye, motion carried.

**2022 Meeting Schedule**

* The board reviewed the 2022 Meeting Schedule. Bryon made the motion, seconded by Chad to approve the 2022 Meeting Schedule. The Meeting Schedule will be posted on the Wells County webpage.

**Training for the Board**

* The board will complete their required training after the January meeting.

The board reviewed the bill from Apex Engineering. Tom made the motion, seconded by Bryon to pay this bill. All voting aye, motion carried.

The board reviewed the bill from Rinke-Noonan. Devin made the motion, seconded by Tom to pay this bill. All voting aye, motion carried.

The board reviewed the bill from Kingdom Construction for clean out on Drain #1. Chad made the motion, seconded by Tom to table this bill until January. The board will invite Jerald to the January meeting. . All voting aye, motion carried.

The board reviewed the bill from Tammy Roehrich for Office/Jt Board Expenses.. Bryon made the motion, seconded by Devin to pay this bill. All voting aye, motion carried.

The board reviewed the bill from ND Water Resource District Association for dues. Tom made the motion, seconded by Devin to pay this bill. All voting aye, motion carried.

The following bills were allowed and ordered paid:

#6567 Bryon Brynjulson-per diem, mlge & exp $602.44

#6568 Tom Deede-per diem, mlge & exp 515.08

#6569 Devin Long-per diem, mlge & exp 352.35

#6570 Chad Reimche-per diem, mlge & exp 177.29

#6571 Tammy Roehrich-salary/supplies 1280.64

#6572 Apex Engineering- Engineering Services 6120.70

#6573 Rinke-Noonan-Legal Fees 825.00

#6574 ND Water Resource Dist Assn-Dues 675.00

#6575 Wells Co Treasuer-Ottertail Share 34.69

#6576 Larry Skiftun-per diem, mlge & exp 1011.34

**Drain Fund**

#814 Void

#815 Void

#816 Northern Plains Electric-Hurdsfield Power 80.00

#817 Apex Engineering-Engineering Services 3246.00

With no further business, meeting adjourned.

Approved: Attest: