Regular Meeting September 13, 2022 7:00 AM

Members present: Larry Skiftun, Tom Deede, Bryon Brynjulson, Devin Long and Chad Reimche

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

Gary Heintz was also in attendance via video conferencing.

The Wells County Water Resource District Board meeting began at 7:07 am.

Minutes of the August 9, 2022 meeting were reviewed. Bryon made the motion, seconded by Tom to approve the minutes with the recommended changes. All voting aye, motion carried.

**Hurdsfield Project**

* Thomas will reach out to John Roller with additional information. Thomas has had no additional contact with John.

**Harvey Dam**

* Apex Engineering is conducting the Hydrology Study to determine if the dam can hold the water. Thomas reported that Apex Engineering will have a preliminary report for the board at the next meeting.

**Highway 52 Drain #1 Crossing**

* Thomas reported that he has been in contact with ND Water Resources and they are determining if there this project is of statewide significance. Kale reported that ND Water Resources has been stating that project may be of statewide significance. They then ask for a 30 day comment period from agencies. Discussion was held regarding sending letters to agencies that they could send to ND Water Resource stating this project does not meet the statewide significance. Tom made the motion, seconded by Chad to have Thomas and Kale draft those letters. All voting aye, motion carried.

**Aaron Opdahl**

* Aaron Opdahl met with the board regarding no access in the NE corner of Section 10-148-72. Wells County put a channel in and took out the approach many years ago. Tammy will check with the County Recorder to see what the easement states regarding an approach.

**Drain Assessments**

* The board discussed drain assessments for 2022-taxes collected in 2023.
* Tom made the motion, seconded by Devin to place $1.00 per acre on Drain #1. All voting aye, motion carried
* Tom made the motion, seconded by Chad to place $1.00 per acre and $20.00 per parcel on the Fessenden Drain. All voting aye, motion carried
* Bryon made the motion, seconded by Tom to place $1.00 per acre on Oak Creek. All voting aye, motion carried.

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

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

The board reviewed the bill from Lloyds Construction. Tom made the motion, seconded by Chad to pay this bill. All voting aye, motion carried.

The following bills were allowed and ordered paid:

#6654 Larry Skiftun- per diem, mlge & exp $361.98

#6655 Chad Reimche-per diem, mlge & exp 348.23

#6656 Devin Long- per diem, mlge & exp 177.86

#6657 Bryon Brynjulson-per diem, mlge & exp 205.36

#6658 Tom Deede-per diem, mlge & exp 172.86

#6659 Tammy Roehrich- Salary 1292.90

#6660 Apex Engineering-Engineering Sevices 14,334.00

#6661 VOID

#6662 Wells Co Treas-Ottertail share 52.36

#6663 Rinke-Noonan-Legal Fees 500.00

**Drain Fund**

#852 Apex Engineering-Engineering Services 5008.00

#853 Rinke-Noonan-Legal Fees 540.00

#854 Lloyds Construction-Fessenden Drain 17,273.83

#855 Northern Plains Electric-Hurdsfield Power 136.85

With no further business, meeting adjourned.

Approved: Attest