

MINUTES

STUTSMAN COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD

July 27, 2022

The regular meeting of the Stutsman County Water Resource Board was called to order by Chairman Joel Lees on July 27, 2022, at approximately 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Room of the Stutsman County Courthouse. Members present were Joel Lees, John Schock, Dennis Clark, and Arlyn Schmidt. Abbagail Geroux, Secretary of the Board, was also present.

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The first order of business was to review and approve the minutes of the June 29, 2022, regular meeting. Upon review, a motion was made by Arlyn Schmidt and seconded by Dennis Clark to approve the minutes as read. Motion passed.

APPLICATION FOR SUBSURFACE DRAINAGE SUBMITTED BY NATHAN K. SMITH TRUSTEE OF THE NATHAN K. SMITH REVOCABLE TRUST

The members present reviewed the tiling maps and other documents provided and a plat map to fully understand the location that the water would travel. Ms. Geroux indicated that she received communication from Kenneth Moran, who was one of the downstream landowners indicating his concerns about the impact on his property and requested the conditions be placed on the property as set forth in the North Dakota Century Code. Ms. Geroux discussed with the board members regarding these conditions and provided them with a draft of the conditions written in more layman terms that can be attached to all drainage applications in the future.

The board discussed the benefit of such surface drainage as it puts less water on neighbor's land because it would act as a sponge to pull in the water on the land. It was noted that NDSU had conducted multiple studies on tiling and notes that it does lessen the amount of drainage on a neighbor unless the property owner hits some sort of underground spring. Upon additional discussion and review, John Schock moved and Arlyn Schmidt seconded a motion to approve the tiling applications with the conditions as presented by Ms. Geroux. An additional statement indicating that it is in accordance with the North Dakota Century Code was discussed. Motion passed.

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Next, Joel Lees indicated that his son had decommissioned a couple of wells. It was noted that the board typically does provide compensation for the decommissioning of wells. There was discussion regarding the amount that would be provided and the board indicated that a motion was made by Arlyn Schmidt and seconded by Dennis Clark to pay \$200.00 toward decommissioning of wells. Motion passed. It was noted that paperwork would be provided at the next meeting in order to confirm the wells were decommissioned and the board will approve it as a bill at that time.

BILLS, FINANCIALS, AND OTHER BUSINESS

Next the Board addressed the bills and financials. Dennis Clark moved and Arlyn Schmidt seconded a motion to approve the bills and financials as presented. Motion passed.

CHECK NUMBERS

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| 1. Dalsted & Ryan, P.C. - \$2,804.40 | #2857 |
| 2. Joel Lees - \$263.20 | #2858 |
| 3. Arlyn Schmidt - \$394.20 | #2859 |
| 4. Anthony Roorda - \$186.83 | #2860 |
| 5. John Schock - \$259.54 | #2861 |
| 6. Dennis Clark - \$628.07 | #2862 |
| 7. IRS - \$146.88 | #2863 |

There being no further business before the board, Arlyn Schmidt moved and Dennis Clark seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

ABBAGAIL GEROUX
Secretary

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BOARD APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The board approved the minutes this ____ day of _____,
2022.

JOEL LEES, Chairman, or
ANTHONY ROORDA, Vice-Chairman