

MINUTES OF VIRTUAL / CONFERENCE CALL SPECIAL MEETING
SOUTHEAST CASS WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
ORIGINATING AT THE CASS COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
VECTOR CONFERENCE ROOM
WEST FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA
APRIL 30, 2024
8:30 A.M.

A special meeting of the Southeast Cass Water Resource District was held on April 30, 2024, at 8:30 a.m.

Present were Keith Weston, Chairman; Dave Branson, Manager; Rick Steen, Manager; Melissa Hinkemeyer, Secretary-Treasurer; Leilei Bao, Accountant; Carolyn Fiechtner, Administrative Assistant; Sean M. Fredricks, Ohnstad Twichell, P.C.; Kurt Lysne, Alexa Ducioame, and Kyle Volk, Moore Engineering, Inc.; Duane Breitling, Cass County Commissioner; and those whose names appear on the attached rosters.

Chairman Weston called the meeting to order and explained that the purpose for the meeting was to hold hearings regarding the reassessments of benefits for Drains #21, #40, #45 and #60.

Drain #21 – Hearing regarding reassessment of benefits

Kurt Lysne gave a presentation on the proposed reassessment of Drain #21. A copy of the presentation is on file in the Water Resource District office.

Mr. Lysne discussed the proposed amended boundaries of the assessment district for Drain #21. Mr. Lysne stated there is no change to the assessment methodology. The main purpose of the reassessment process is to update the parcels that have been developed since the previous reassessment and to update the property values, as well as modify the boundaries of the assessment district as needed.

Mr. Lysne opened up the hearing to comments and questions from those in attendance. Discussion was held on the design and function of Drain #21 north of the City of West Fargo.

Chairman Weston thanked everyone for attending and closed the hearing.

Drain #40 – Hearing regarding reassessment of benefits

Chairman Weston commenced the hearing regarding the proposed reassessment of benefits for Drain #40.

Kurt Lysne gave a presentation on the proposed reassessment of Drain #40. A copy of the presentation is on file in the Water Resource District office.

Mr. Lysne discussed the proposed amended boundaries of the assessment district for Drain #40. Mr. Lysne stated there is no change to the assessment methodology. The main purpose of the reassessment process is to update the parcels that have been developed since the previous reassessment and to update the property values, as well as modify the boundaries of the assessment district as needed.

Mr. Lysne opened up the hearing to comments and questions from those in attendance. Raymond Albrecht expressed his assessment boundary concern; the assessment of his property will be verified. Bernard Clarys stated his property drains to Drain #45 not Drain #40, the assessment of his property will be verified

Chairman Weston thanked everyone for attending and closed the hearing.

Drain #45 – Hearing regarding reassessment of benefits

Chairman Weston commenced the hearing regarding the proposed reassessment of benefits for Drain #45.

Kurt Lysne gave a presentation on the proposed reassessment of Drain #45. A copy of the presentation is on file in the Water Resource District office.

Mr. Lysne discussed the proposed amended boundaries of the assessment district for Drain #45. Mr. Lysne stated there is no change to the assessment methodology. The main purpose of the reassessment process is to update the parcels that have been developed since the previous reassessment and to update the property values, as well as modify the boundaries of the assessment district as needed.

Mr. Lysne opened up the hearing to comments and questions from those in attendance. Discussion was held regarding retention ponds and city lift stations in relation to Drain #45.

Chairman Weston thanked everyone for attending and closed the hearing.

Drain #60 – Hearing regarding reassessment of benefits

Chairman Weston commenced the hearing regarding the proposed reassessment of benefits for Drain #60.

Kurt Lysne gave a presentation on the proposed reassessment of Drain #60. A copy of the presentation is on file in the Water Resource District office.

Mr. Lysne discussed the proposed amended boundaries of the assessment district for Drain #60. Mr. Lysne discussed the proposed change to the assessment methodology. The main purpose of the reassessment process is to update the parcels that have been developed since the previous reassessment and to update the property values, as well as modify the boundaries and methodology of the assessment district, as needed.

Mr. Lysne opened up the hearing to comments and questions from those in attendance. Discussion was held on potential future additional maintenance and improvement possibilities regarding Drain #60 in coordination with the City of Kindred near Newport Parkway following the reassessment. Kelly Perhus expressed his assessment boundary concern; the assessment of his property will be verified.

Chairman Weston thanked everyone for attending and closed the hearing.

The Board indicated comments regarding the reassessment of benefits for Drains #21, #40, #45, and #60 will be accepted until the Board's next regular meeting on May 14, 2024.

Adjournment

There being no further business for the Board to consider, the meeting adjourned without objection.

APPROVED:

Keith Weston
Chairman

ATTEST:

Melissa Hinkemeyer
Secretary-Treasurer