

HANSON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
Tuesday, November 15, 2022

Commissioner Fox called the meeting of the Hanson County Drainage Board to order on Tuesday, November 15, 2022 with members Bumgardner, Kjetland, Schoenrock and Waldera present.

Motion Kjetland, seconded by Waldera to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion Schoenrock, seconded by Bumgardner to approve the November 1st meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Conflict of Interest: Waldera presented and read the following statement to the Board.

What is a Personal Philosophy? A personal philosophy is a set of beliefs, values and principles that guide an individual's behavior. It encompasses everything from how a person views the world and their place on it, to what they believe is important in life and consider to be right or wrong.

I'm sharing this definition of my personal philosophy with my fellow County Commissioners and taxpayers of Hanson County so all understand why I as a County Commissioner and a member of the Hanson County Drainage Board, which all Commissioners are required members, know why on drainage issues I abstain for personnel reasons.

I consider myself a conservationist with values and principles, I have very strong beliefs that God was a very outstanding Engineer, until he put us humans on earth. Along with much other he designed (large and small) lowlands, slews, lakes and waterways all for a reason.

I do not wish to be put in the "extremist" category as I feel the property owner has the right to their "Personal Philosophy" also, as long as they get along with their downstream neighbors.

I feel it is wrong for me as a board member to approve "Good Faith Waivers", some of which I do not agree or feel I am not qualified to answer, to justify destroying what the very best Engineer designed.

If anyone wishes to visit on this issue or any other county business this is Richard Waldera 605-999-1543 or stop in 241 9th St. Alexandria. Thank you.

Discussion was held amongst the board members about Waldera's personal philosophy. Waldera then made a motion to abolish the drainage board. The motion died due to the lack of a second.

Chairman Fox then asked for a motion to continue as a four-member drainage board. Kjetland motioned to continue as a four-member board, the motion died due to the lack of a second.

Appointing a possible replacement board member or what can be done, if anything, will be discussed with the States Attorney later in the meeting.

Chairman Fox discussed the drain tile that Scott Brown would like to repair south of Alex. Brown is asking if the County would help with the cost of fixing the tile as this would help keep water off 421st Ave. If approved, there might be potential for everyone to ask the County for help paying for other projects that are done with the same result. Motion Kjetland, seconded by Bumgardner to deny the request for the county to help pay for drain tile repair. All voted aye, motion carried.

After reviewing the permit and drainage checklist attached, motion Kjetland, seconded by Bumgardner to approve permit #22-47 for Edward Miller to tile in section 12-104-57. All voted aye, motion carried.

Motion Schoenrock, seconded by Waldera to approve permit #22-48 for the SD DOT to install a new driveway with culvert for Dennis Thelen in the SE4 20-103-57. All voted aye, motion carried.

After reviewing the permit and drainage checklist attached, a motion by Bumgardner, seconded by Schoenrock to approve permit #22-49 for Ed Engelmeyer to tile in the NW4 of section 20-101-58. All voted aye, motion carried.

As there was no further business before the Board, a motion was made by Kjetland, seconded by Schoenrock to adjourn meeting. All voted aye, motion carried.

Curtis Fox, Chairman
Hanson County Drainage Board

ATTEST:
Lesa Trabing, Auditor
(SEAL)

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