DRAINAGE BOARD July 15, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Administrator Wegleitner called the regular meeting of the Davison County Drainage Board to order at 7:00 p.m. Auditor Wingert took roll call as follows: Members of the Board present were Larson, Buchholz, Bult, Klumb, and Nebelsick (called in). The members absent were Edinger and Kiner. Ex-Officio members present were Deputy Administrator Wegleitner. Ex-Officio members absent were Highway Superintendent Weinberg and Director of Equalization Vissia.

Guests: Mark Wipf, Gordon Stahl & Jim Stofferan.

OATH OF OFFICE

As this was the first Drainage Board meeting of the year, Auditor Wingert administered the oath of office to all the Drainage Board members present.

ELECT CHAIRPERSON

Auditor Wingert called for nominations for chairperson. Motion by Buchholz, seconded by Bult, to nominate Jay Larson as chairman. Auditor Wingert called for other nominations three times. Hearing none, motion by Klumb, seconded by Bult, to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Jay Larson. A roll call vote was taken as follows. Buchholz—aye, Bult-aye, Edinger-absent, Larson-aye, Kiner-absent, Nebelsick (call in)-aye, Klumb-aye, motion carried.

ELECT VICE-CHAIRPERSON

Auditor Wingert called for nominations for a vice-chairperson. Motion by Bult, seconded by Klumb, to nominate Chet Edinger as vice-chairman. Auditor Wingert called for other nominations three times. Hearing none, motion by Larson, seconded by Klumb, to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Chet Edinger. A roll call vote was taken as follows. Buchholz—aye, Bult-aye, Edinger-absent, Larson-aye, Kiner-absent, Nebelsick (call in)-aye, Klumb-aye, motion carried.

CHAIRMAN TAKES OVER MEETING

At this time (7:04 PM), Chairman Larson took over the remainder of the meeting.

MEETING EXPECTATIONS

Chairman Larson recited expectations of the meeting.

A checklist of items required in accordance with the Davison County Drainage Ordinance and SDCL 46A-10A will be considered on each permit. The checklist is on file in the Davison County Auditor's office and the Drainage Administrator's office.

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Buchholz, seconded by Bult, to approve the agenda for the July 15, 2025, meeting. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

DECLARE CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS

Chairman Larson asked for any conflicts of interest. Hearing none, the meeting moved forward.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Bult, seconded by Klumb, to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2024, meeting. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT & CITIZEN COMPLAINTS

Chairman Larson asked for any public input for items not on the agenda and reminded all in attendance that no action would be taken. Hearing none, the meeting moved forward.

CONSIDER SHANNON HUTTERIAN BRETHREN, INC. DRAINAGE REQUEST

Motion by Klumb, seconded by Bult, based on findings, to grant a drainage permit to drain the following, as requested by Shannon Hutterian Brethren, Inc., SE ¼, less H-1, of Section 13, T 101 N, R 60 W of the 5th PM in the County of Davison (10000-10160-134-00).

The outlet will be in the NE ¼ of Section 19, T 101 N, R 59 W of the 5th PM in the County of Hanson (101-59-019-001-000-01).

The plan is to add 129,280.93' of 4", 6", 8", 10", 12" & 15" perforated & solid drain tile with one outlet in Hanson County, which goes into Twelve Mile Creek, a 3-dot blue line creek. The water will eventually merge with the James River.

Application received: June 20, 2025.

Applicant and necessary neighbors notified: July 1, 2025.

Published in the paper: July 5, 2025.

Deputy Administrator Wegleitner explained there were no calls or letters from abutting property owners or other residents. Shannon Colony obtained the necessary permits through the SD DOT, and the Hanson County Drainage Board has approved their application. Deputy Administrator Wegleitner explained that Mark Wipf from Shannon Colony spoke with some of the abutting neighbors about their project, and they had no issues.

Mark Wipf and Jim Stofferan from M & S Drainage, the contractor for Shannon Colony, explained that they would like to speed up the water when there is heavy rain, instead of sitting in the field. Jim Stofferan explained that he is working with the SD DOT and both Davison and Hanson County with their drainage applications.

Gordon Stahl, an abutting property owner, was present. The board asked if he had any issues with their application, and he had no issues.

Board members were given a few minutes to review the items to consider before a decision, in accordance with Section 2:05 of the Davison County Drainage Ordinance. The items were placed on the screen for all to view.

Special Conditions: None.

A roll call vote was taken as follows. Buchholz-aye, Bult-aye, Edinger-absent, Larson-aye, Kiner-absent, Nebelsick (call in)-aye, Klumb-aye. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVELY APPROVED APPLICATIONS

Deputy Administrator Wegleitner informed the board that there was one Administratively Approved Application for Roger & Richard Gerlach on January 22, 2025. The legal description of the project is the SW ¼ of Section 31, T 102 N, R 61 W of the 5th PM, Davison County, South Dakota. The drainage plan is to fill in about half an acre of the ditch in the field to make it farmable. The applicant plans to bring in dirt to make the land farmable around and near the ditch. There is a dam on the property the water flows into, then naturally flows into an unnamed stream, eventually ending up in Twelve Mile Creek, which is a 3-dot blue line. The applicant has no intention of filling in the whole ditch, changing the flow of water, or stopping the water, but routine maintenance is being performed. This is for information only, no vote required.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS: None.

SET DATE AND TIME FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Chairman Larson set August 19, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. as the next meeting date and time.

ADJOURN

At 7:26 PM, Chairman Larson adjourned the meeting.

ATTEST

Kathy Wingert, Auditor

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