

DRAINAGE BOARD

March 17, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Larson 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, Bult, Blaaid, Edinger, Buchholz, Klumb, & Nebelsick. The members absent were none. Ex-Officio members present were Acting Administrator Wegleitner. Ex-Officio members absent were Director of Equalization Vissia & Highway Superintendent Weinberg.

Guests: Spencer Neugebauer (applicant), Derek Evans, and Bryce Gillen from Gridline.

MEETING EXPECTATIONS

Chairperson 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 AMENDED AGENDA

Acting Administrator Wegleitner added three additional administratively approved applications: Gordon Stahl, Richard Gerlach, & Jarod & Angie Klock.

Motion by Edinger, seconded by Bult, to approve the amended agenda for the March 17, 2026, meeting. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

DECLARE CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS

Chairperson Larson asked for any conflicts of interest. Nebelsick was unsure if he had a conflict because he was renting the SW ground from his grandparents. The board decided he was okay to vote.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Buchholz, seconded by Bult, to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2026, 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 SPENCER NEUGEBAUER'S DRAINAGE APPLICATION

Motion by Bult, seconded by Edinger, based on findings, to grant a drainage permit to drain the following, the NW ¼ of Section 4, T 101 N, R 60, West of the 5th P.M., Davison County, SD, as requested by Spencer Neugebauer.

The plan is to install approximately 200' of a solid 12" line and 36,715' of perforated 4", 6", 8", and 10" line in the NW ¼ in Section 4, T 101 N, R 60, West of the 5th P.M., Davison County, South Dakota, with a 12" solid line out letting on the same property. The water will flow into an intermittent stream of

Twelve Mile Creek on land described by the SW ¼ of Section 33-102-60, travel NE, then under Highway 37 South into the NW ¼ of Section 35-102-60, then head SE into Twelve Mile Creek. The water will then continue to travel SE into Hanson County, and eventually into the James River in Hutchinson County.

Application received February 18, 2026.

Applicant and necessary neighbors were notified on March 3, 2026.

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Acting Administrator Wegleitner explained that she had one landowner, George Ryks, who had concerns about the proposed drainage project. Mr. Ryks stated the current plan pushes all the water onto his property, which is already wet.

Derek Evans of Gridline Field Tile submitted a revised drainage plan on behalf of Spencer Neugebauer after concerns were raised by neighboring landowner George Ryks regarding the original design. Initially, all proposed drainage was directed northwest toward Ryks' property, which prompted objections. In response, the revised plan incorporates an additional outlet to the southeast, splitting the drainage between two directions and substantially reducing the volume of water flowing toward Ryks. The southeast outlet routes water across downstream properties owned by Nebelsick and Miller, both of whom have signed the required consent forms (Appendix b) authorizing drainage across their land. To support this change, the plan includes a one-time maintenance and cleanout of an existing ditch on those properties to ensure adequate capacity and proper conveyance of water to Twelvemile Creek. Mr. Evans notes that while some water will continue to flow northwest, the amount has been greatly reduced and is not expected to negatively impact Ryks' property. Ryks has reviewed the updated design and indicated that his concerns have been satisfactorily addressed. Based on the revised drainage pattern, landowner approvals, and planned improvements, Mr. Evans concludes that the project complies with applicable county and state drainage regulations and does not impose an unreasonable burden on adjacent or downstream properties.

The board asked whether both outlets discharge into a blue line, and Mr. Evans confirmed that they do. The board had no concerns with the original plan or the revised plan with the addition of the extra outlet.

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-aye, Larson-aye, Blaalid-aye, Nebelsick-aye, Klumb-aye. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVELY APPROVED APPLICATION

Acting Administrator Wegleitner informed the board that there have been four Administratively Approved Applications since the last meeting.

Jared Deinert's application was approved on February 18, 2026, for routine maintenance on an existing ditch located on the SE ¼ of Section 32, T 104 N, R 61 in Davison County. The applicant rents the land

from the Annschell Family Limited Partnership LLP and would like to clean out the ditch located on the property. He has no plans to change or alter, only cleanout to its original state.

Gordon Stahl's application was approved on March 10, 2026 for the Installation of approximately 105,000' of drain tile in the S ½ of the SW ¼ of Section 8, the NW ¼ of Section 17, & the NE ¼ of Section 18, all in T 102 N, R 60, in Davison County, with the outlet in the SW ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 17, T 102 N, R 60, in Davison County. The water will drain into Enemy Creek, which will drain into the James River in Hanson County.

Richard Gerlach's application was approved on March 12, 2026, for routine maintenance on an existing ditch located on the N ½ of the NE ¼ of Section 18, T 101 N, R 61 in Davison County. The applicant is requesting to fill in a small portion of a ditch located on their property in order to improve the area for agricultural use. Over time, erosion has widened and deepened the ditch, making the surrounding land difficult to farm. The applicant intends to bring in dirt to stabilize the area and make the land adjacent to the ditch more suitable for farming operations. The ditch ultimately drains into Twelve Mile Creek, which then flows into the James River. The applicant has stated that there is no intention to fill the entire ditch, alter the natural drainage pattern, redirect water flow, or obstruct the movement of water. The proposed work is intended to be routine maintenance and minor land improvement to address erosion and allow for continued agricultural use of the property.

Jarod & Angela Klock's application was approved on March 12, 2026, for routine maintenance on an existing ditch located on SE ¼ of Section 30, T 101 N, R 61 in Davison County. The applicant is requesting to fill in a small portion of a ditch located on their property in order to improve the area for agricultural use. Over time, erosion has widened and deepened the ditch, making the surrounding land difficult to farm. The applicant intends to bring in dirt to stabilize the area and make the land adjacent to the ditch more suitable for farming operations. The ditch ultimately drains into Twelve Mile Creek, which then flows into the James River. The applicant has stated that there is no intention to fill the entire ditch, alter the natural drainage pattern, redirect water flow, or obstruct the movement of water. The proposed work is intended to be routine maintenance and minor land improvement to address erosion and allow for continued agricultural use of the property.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS: None.

SET DATE AND TIME FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Chairperson Larson set April 21, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. as the next meeting date and time.

ADJOURN

At 7:39 PM, Chairperson Larson adjourned the meeting.

ATTEST


Kathy Wingert, Auditor


Jay Larson, Chairman

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