DRAINAGE BOARD
September 17, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Larson called the regular meeting of the Davison County Drainage Board to order at 7:00 p.m. Deputy Auditor Norwick took roll call as follows: Members of the Board present were Jay Larson, Chet Edinger, Jerry Buchholz, Gregg Bult, Mark Klumb, & Chris Nebelsick. The members absent were Mike Blaalid. Ex-Officio members present were Deputy Administrator Wegleitner. Ex-Officio members absent were Director of Equalization Vissia, Highway Superintendent Weinberg, & Administrator Bathke.

Guests: Gary Schlaffman, Scott Hansen, Ernie Hohn, Bob Endres, & Josh Endres.

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 AGENDA

Motion by Nebelsick, seconded by Edinger, to approve the agenda for the September 17, 2026, meeting. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

DECLARE CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS

Chairperson Larson asked for any conflicts of interest. There were no conflicts of interest; the meeting continued.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Bult, seconded by Edinger, to approve the minutes of the May 19, 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 ENDRES'S DRAINAGE APPLICATION

Motion by Nebelsick, seconded by Edinger, based on findings, to grant a drainage permit to drain the following, the SE ¼ of Section 24, T 101 N, R 60, West of the 5th P.M., Davison County, SD, as requested by Josh Endres.

The proposed project consists of installing approximately 2,420 feet of solid line and 64,745 feet of perforated line in the SE ¼ of Section 24, Township 101 North, Range 60 West of the 5th P.M., Davison County, South Dakota. The project is intended to remove excess moisture from approximately 70 acres of the Endres's Farm.

The water will outlet into an existing stock dam located on the Endres property, then cross underneath 412th Avenue and discharge into an intermittent stream of Twelve Mile Creek in Hanson County. The water will continue downstream into a stock dam located on property legally described as the NE ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 19, Township 101 North, Range 59 West of the 5th P.M., Hanson County, South Dakota, and then continue into Twelve Mile Creek.

From Twelve Mile Creek, the water will continue east through Hanson County and eventually discharge into the James River in Hutchinson County, South Dakota.

Deputy Administrator Wegleitner explained that this project is shared with Hanson County. Hanson County held its meeting on September 1 and approved of the application. The minutes from that meeting were provided for the Board's review. Signed Appendix B forms from the landowners through whose properties the water will flow were also included in the packet for the Board's review.

Scott Hansen, of East River Land Improvement, is the contractor for the project. The Board asked whether the contractor would be trenching through 412th Avenue. Mr. Hansen stated that they would and explained that they have an agreement in place with Rome Township, which was also provided for review in the packet.

Application received August 31, 2026.
Applicants and necessary neighbors were notified on September 3, 2026.
Published in the paper on September 5, 2026.

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-absent, Nebelsick-aye, Klumb-aye. Motion carried.

CONSIDER SCHLAFFMAN'S DRAINAGE APPLICATION

Motion by Klumb, seconded by Edinger, based on findings, to grant a drainage permit to drain the following, the SW ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 26, T 103 N, R 60, West of the 5th P.M., Davison County, SD, as requested by Gary Schlaffman.

The proposed project consists of installing approximately 1,050 feet of perforated line in the SW ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 26, Township 103 North, Range 60 West of the 5th P.M., Davison County, South Dakota. The project is intended to remove approximately 2 acres of surface water.

The water will outlet into an intermittent stream of Dry Run Creek on the Schlaffman property. From there, it will cross underneath I-90, continue north, and then travel east before discharging into Dry Run Creek. The water will then continue east through Dry Run Creek and eventually discharge into the James River.

Gary Schlaffman explained that water sits on his property during heavy rains and comes close to his house. Deputy Administrator Wegleitner explained that there was one concerned neighbor, Ernie Hohn.

Mr. Hohn expressed concerns that water would run onto his property to the west. Once the project was explained, Mr. Hohn no longer had any concerns, as the water will not reach his property.

Application received September 1, 2026.
Applicants and necessary neighbors were notified on September 3, 2026.
Published in the paper on September 5, 2026.

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-absent, Nebelsick-aye, Klumb-aye. Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS: None.

SET DATE AND TIME FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Chairperson Larson set October 20, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. as the next meeting date and time.

ADJOURN

At 7:27 P.M., Chairperson Larson adjourned the meeting.

ATTEST

Christy Norwick, Deputy Auditor

Jay Larson, Chairman

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