

**BOIS DE SIOUX WATERSHED DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 31, 2019**

The meeting was called to order by President Vavra at 8:00 a.m. Present: Linda Vavra, Jason Beyer, Doug Dahlen, Scott Gillespie, Steven Schmidt and Allen Wold. Absent: Ben Brutlag, Jerome Deal, and John Kapphahn. Also present: Engineer Chad Engels (by phone), Attorney Lukas Croaker (by phone), Administrator Jamie Beyer, Technician Troy Fridgen, Township Supervisor Steve Johnson, Traverse County Engineer Chad Gillespie, and MN-DOT Engineer Greg Masteller.

**TCD #27
COLLAPSED
CULVERT**

The gravel road at the intersection of Highway 75 and 670th St has been closed due to a collapsed TCD #27 culvert; the closure restricts access for landowners who need to harvest their crops. According to a cost estimate prepared by Moore Engineering, culvert replacement will be \$40,000.

Board managers expressed their concerns for road safety, and stated that the culverts should be replaced immediately, dependent upon weather conditions. Engineer Greg Masteller stated that MN-DOT is willing to split material and installation, contingent upon final approval from MN-DOT officials.

Attorney Croaker introduced a possible cost-share agreement. As written, the cost-share agreement would supersede and replace the 1997 agreement; this new agreement would sunset at the project's completion, and from then on, MN Statutes would dictate responsibility for future maintenance costs. Engineer Masteller stated that a new agreement would need to be reviewed by MN-DOT officials, and was unsure how the replacement and sunset clause would be received. Masteller indicated that the 1997 agreement is limited to the project area (from the Mustinka River to approximately 7,085 feet north), and the only structures covered are the culverts in question and a concrete weir.

Gillespie made the motion, seconded by Dahlen, to allocate 50% of the cost of materials, labor, and compaction testing to replace both TCD #27 culverts from the TCD #27 Ditch Fund, contingent upon 50% cost share approved by the MnDOT and evaluation, sizing, placement, and location specifications from Moore Engineering. Motion carried.

Engineer Masteller stated that he will expedite the permit for this project, and begin proceedings to add these culverts to the MN-DOT Bridge Inventory.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 am.