

Renville County Water Resource Board

Minutes of RCWRB Assessment Drain Informational Meeting, June 24, 2025, held in the Fire Hall, Tolley Fire Department, 102 Bertelson Street, Tolley, ND 58787.

Present:

Chair Peter Gates

Vice Chair Dan Steinberger

Manager Guy Solemsaas

Attorney Kale Van Bruggen

Engineer Jennifer Malloy

See attached sign-in sheet

The informational meeting on assessment drains was called to order by Chair Peter Gates at 9:00 a.m.

Chair Gates introduced Vice Chair Dan Steinberger and Manager Guy Solemsaas as members of the Renville County Water Resource District. Chair Gates noted that the Board invited its legal counsel, Kale Van Bruggen from Rinke Noonan Law Firm, and its engineer, Jennifer Malloy, P.E. from Apex Engineering, to provide general information on assessment drain projects.

At the informational meeting, Attorney Van Bruggen provided an overview about the process in N.D. Century Code ch. 61-16.1 for establishing an assessment drain project by petition. Van Bruggen covered procedures for the petition, the bond to cover preliminary expenses, the Board review of the petition and appointment of an engineer, the engineer design and preparation of a draft preliminary report, the informational meeting, the preparation of a proposed list of percentage assessments and benefits, the notice and public hearing procedures, landowner voting, the notice and assessment hearing procedures, and appeals. Van Bruggen also reported on compliance with U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service waterfowl production area conservation easement restrictions and on USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service wetland conservation compliance provisions.

Engineer Malloy provided an overview on the engineering survey and design process, the engineer's report, coordinating with landowners on the project design, assessment drain financing and cost-share funding, considerations of downstream impact concerns and permitting.

Following the presentations by Attorney Van Bruggen and Engineer Malloy, questions and comments were offered by members of the public in attendance.

Following the conclusion of the question and answer and public discussion portion of the informational meeting, Chair Peters thanked those still in attendance for coming. Having

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completed the agenda for the informational meeting, Chair Gates declared the meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Minutes approved by the Board on July 14, 2025.

Peter Gates, Chair

Kale R. Van Bruggen, Secretary

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Sign In Sheet

Assessment Drain Informational Meeting Renville County Water Resource District

Tuesday, June 24, 2023 | 9:00am CST | Fire Hall, Tolley, ND

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