

Minutes of the Brookings County Ad Hoc Committee to Study Drainage Issues
Approved Minutes
February 25, 2020

Brookings County Development Director Robert W. Hill called the meeting to order at 8:30. Jim Sampson, Lee Ann Pierce, Jay Gilbertson, Spence Hawley, Lyle Bowes, and Ben Kleinjan were present. Brookings County Development Deputy Director Richard Haugen was also present.

Mr. Hill asked for members to introduce themselves.

Gilbertson moved/ Pierce seconded to approve the agenda for today's meeting.

There were no meeting minutes to approve or old business, as this was the first meeting.

Mr. Hill opened up for nominations for Chairperson. Pierce nominated Spence Hawley for Chairperson and Jay Gilbertson for Vice Chair. Mr. Hill asked for further nominations three times. Jim Sampson moved nominations cease and to cast a unanimous ballot for Spence Hawley as Chairperson and Jay Gilbertson for Vice Chair. All member's voted "aye". Mr. Hill turned the meeting over to Chairperson Hawley.

Chair Hawley opened for discussion for a mission statement of the board. After discussion the board the mission statement is as follows: "Study the drainage system to include, natural and manmade features, in Brookings County and make recommendations to the Brookings County Drainage Board as to how the drainage system might be improved by February 1, 2021."

The board discussed: 1) What is the history of drainage and drainage judicial cases in Brookings County; 2) Historical maps to see where drainage changes has occurred over the years; 3) Private drainage ways and culverts that maybe plugged or restricted; 4) Individual watersheds; 5) Definition of waterway; 6) South Dakota Codified Laws pertaining to drainage; 7) Water projects districts; 8) Inventory of culverts and bridges in the townships and county; 9) Invite adjoining counties with drainage boards to a meeting to discuss how drainage is or is not working in their respective county.

Items of discussion to be looked for the next meeting include: 1) Overview of Brookings County Geographic Information System (GIS); 2) Discussion on which watersheds to study; 3) Inventory list of culverts and bridges in the townships and county.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 11, 2020 at 3:00 PM, with the public invited to address the committee during the first 30 minutes of a scheduled meeting. Future meeting schedule will be determine by what dates and times work best for the committee members to attend.

Bowes moved to adjourn the meeting/Pierce second. Motion carried.

Submitted by
Richard Haugen
Brookings County Development
Deputy Director

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