

Pursuant to due call and notice there of the Southside Township Board of Supervisors met for a special meeting on Wednesday March 3, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at Southside Town hall and via zoom for the purpose of reviewing 109th ST NW. The following members were present: Chairman Tim Hable, Supervisor Jim Hallstrom and Marty Ferguson and Clerk/Treasurer Carmen Merrill. Also present Rebecca Carlson, CRWD Engineer, Ron Bray, WSB Township engineer, Phil Haataja, Dale Homuth, Lonnie Hendricks.

Rebecca started the meeting with photos of the 109th St NW roadway runoff and erosion issues along the road. She stated CRWD receives call from the residents along 109th St regarding the sediment that runs off 109th St into Lake Marie. She showed the delta formed from the runoff and stated it is 6000 ft long. The cost to fix the road is high and would have a big impact on the surround property owners. The purpose of tonight's meeting is to find out if we can come up with a way to pay for the project with a grant or other State or County money. She has contacted Wright county highway department and was told they have no funds for a project such as this. She asked Ron Bray if he had an estimate of the cost for repair or alleviation of runoff.

Ron stated the township did a feasibility study a few years back, but the cost was prohibitive to the residents and nothing further was done. The study included gutters and a settling pond for sediment. He could not remember the cost.

Rebecca suggested that she and Ron meet to discuss possible solutions for 109th. She asked if the Board was agreeable to incurring engineer costs for 109th. The Board agreed it would be a justifiable cost. Chairman Hable stated the Board has been dealing with this for years and we've yet to come up with a viable solution. We would welcome the input of both funds and ideas.

Rebecca felt ultimately the township would recoup the money with less cost for putting sediment down on the road that ended up in the lake. An area would be needed for ponds. Phil stated he saw a little lot that would possibly work. If he can find it, he will forward to Rebecca.

Rebecca has asked for time and money from CRWD. She has been charged with coming up with 2 levels of conceptions to fix the runoff issue. She asked the Board if there were other areas in the township that perhaps had the same issue. She felt we would be a better candidate for a grant if we had more than one area with an issue such as this. The Board stated 62nd ST NW has a similar issue but that is not within the CRWD. Norton Ave NW has issues with run off into Lake August.

Rebecca showed the area the CRWD has placed culverts and a ditch for water off 100th ST NW to flow through a ravine and then into the lake. Supervisor Hallstrom will talk to the property owner on the south side of 100th about placing a culvert in the ditch to move the water west where it can dissipate in the grassy area until it is absorbed.

Rebecca showed a few areas the CRWD is working with around Lake Augusta. The areas have erosion and deep ravines that allow sediment to enter the lake. If the tree canopies near these areas were managed to keep the understory vegetation strong it would help to keep the soil intact and less runoff.

Rebecca stated the CRWD will place a baffle on the culvert on the west end of 100th St NW. She and Ron will work together to come up with a couple of ideas to work on 109th St runoff. She will continue to look for MN DOT grant opportunities. Her fellow CRWD member will look for a few other areas in their district to work on.

Phil will check with the lake associations to see if perhaps they had funds to put towards the project. Rebecca asked him to find out how much people were willing to put towards the project to reduce the sediment in the lake.

The next meeting of CRWD is 3/17. She and Ron will get together to figure out preliminary costs.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.