

## **Sargent County Water Resource District Summer Tour 8/1/2024**

The following people departed from the Sargent County Courthouse grounds at 8:05 AM on 8/1/2024 in three separate vehicles: Chairman Lucas Siemieniewski, Managers Michael Wyum, Todd Stein, Roger Zetocha, Bruce Speich. Tim Faber (Sargent County Highway Department), Wade Anderson (Sargent County Commissioner), Brady Woodard (Moore Engineering), ND Senator Robert Erbele, and ND Representative Mike Brandenburg.

The tour commenced at the downstream end of Drain 11. After a brief stop, the tour continued along the recently improved Drain 11, stopping at the point where recent construction ended to show the contrast between old and new. En route to the northerly end of Drain 11, a couple bridges in need of replacement were viewed.

A group of about ten Hall Township landowners met the group at the outlet end of Drain 7 around 11:00 AM. Discussion centered around the need to improve flow from this point to the Wild Rice River and how best to accomplish that goal.

At 1:30 PM, after lunch at The Schoolhouse in Delamere, two sites south of Highway 13 on 147<sup>th</sup> Avenue (County Road 14) were visited.

Passing by Drain 2, the group drove to an area east of the Jim Gaukler, Sr. farmsite to observe an area of persistent flooding which could be corralled with an extension of R-S 1 Drain. Jim Gaukler, Jr. and Bill Gaukler met the group at this point.

A drive through Rutland to observe the depth and hazard of Drain 8 concluded the tour - arriving in Forman around 3:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Wyum

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Wendy Willprecht, Secretary/Treasurer    Lucas Siemieniewski, Chairman