

**RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**MAY 19, 2014**

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on May 19, 2014 at the Richland County Courthouse with Commissioners Sid Berg, Tim Campbell, Jason Heitkamp, Perry Miller and Dan Thompson. Also present were Administration Personnel Bailey and DeVal; States Attorney McBeth; a Daily News Reporter and Visitor Rollie Ehler for a portion of the meeting.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT**

Dive Team - The Dive Team assisted three days in the search for a missing NDSCS Student; the Salvation Army assisted with meals.

City of Lidgerwood - High water problems from the South - the city dug a trench going to the east to overflow into the golf course. Lambrecht met with Steve Dunn from the city street dept.

2014 Homeland Security Grant/1.5 million available - No match is required, an application was submitted last week for \$83,979 for sirens, cameras, security door, intercom system, 911 Interface, metal detector, and training.

Outdoor Heritage Grant - this grant is connected with NRCS and may be available to help several residences in the County where the ground is sliding/giving away from wind, erosion, etc.

FEMA - Received FEMA funds for a low water crossing by Dave Ward's to install a new 60" CMP culverts and concrete - Now working on the permit process.

Emergency Command Trailer - A claim was submitted for hail damage done last summer to the trailer, this trailer is used by the Ham Radio Operators. The assessed value is \$5,000 however the damage was estimated at more than that. The high salvage value is \$1,525 and the deductible is \$100 leaving an insurance payment of \$3,375 if we were to retain the trailer; however we may not have coverage for future hail damage - Lambrecht is working with the adjuster on this. The Board had no objections to accepting the \$3,375 insurance payment, provided the trailer still had insurance coverage (less future hail damage coverage).

## MISC/CORRESPONDENCE

- Correspondence from Zenas Baer Law Office re- Heitkamp Petition

A motion was made by Berg to approve a Game Site Authorization for the Hankinson American Legion Post 88 Dept of American Legion for gaming at Wakeside Bar & Grill, Hankinson; motion seconded by Heitkamp. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Miller to approve a Game Site Authorization for the Great Bend Volunteer Firefighters for gaming at Texas Crossing, Wahpeton; motion seconded by Berg. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Heitkamp to approve the sale of County Property in Wyndmere to the City of Wyndmere for \$1 (parcel 45-0001-01714.000); motion seconded by Campbell. Vote was unanimous.

Miller reported that the LEC is having issues with the Main Pit/Sewage Lift Station. The walls are made of metal and are rotting out - the drain tile is going to the lift station and overworked it with all the rain.

Miller reported he had been in contact with some individuals who want to put a restaurant in the old KC Hall Building, but the County no longer owns it. He was asked if the County was in a position to help - with the idea of, if they contribute \$100,000 can the County contribute \$100,000 and match dollar for dollar. The taxes are one year unpaid - if the city owns can we help? Discussion followed:

McBeth replied, it was unlikely the County could give them money.

Bailey asked - is this what the JDA (Jobs Development Authority) is for?

Thompson commented - at one time the County owned and faced demo - he asked Miller if he assumed it would happen again. Miller replied, if it crumbles and falls in, we will likely get the property back. Thompson stated it is difficult for us, until the property comes back to the County.

No action was taken by the Board.

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

Highway Personnel in attendance were Justin Flack and Lowell Bladow.

Spring Load Restrictions - Plan to remove all restrictions on May 27<sup>th</sup>. Fargo District of DOT is removing their restrictions today but we are holding off one week longer due to the recent rains and condition of our gravel roads.

County Rd 16 Overlay Project (Mantador to State Hwy 18) - This is a carry-over project from last year. Mark Sand & Gravel will be starting after Memorial Day. We will have an informal pre-construction meeting this week. Liquidated damages start on June 1<sup>st</sup>, per board action last fall.

County Rd 22 and County Rd 1 Bids - Central Specialties is apparent low bidder.

Base Bid, County Rd 22	\$3,292,688.84
Alt 1, Co Rd 22 w/ recycle	\$2,953,463.84
Alt 2, Co Rd 1	\$ 828,238.70
Alt 3, Co Rd 1 Guard railing	No bid by apparent low bidder
Alt 4, Co Rd 22 and Co Rd 1	\$3,747,577.74

Total budgeted for construction is \$2,796,634. Of that - \$2,496,634 is from the State (HB 1358) & \$50,000 from Wheaton-Dumont Elevator

Estimating for engineering, inspection services and construction contingency; County budget is potentially \$525,000 short to complete Co Rd 22 only; and \$1,400,000 short to complete both Co Rd 22 and Co Rd 1.

The Board discussed losing the \$2,496,634 from the state if the project was not done, and scrapping the Co Rd 1 project for this year. Campbell asked Bailey if there were any County funds available. Bailey replied the general fund is budgeted to be at 2.5 million at year end - however, some has already been spent for the 11<sup>th</sup> Street Project and if you spend \$500,000 to do Co Rd 22 that would bring the balance down to 1.7 million and that is adequate. Our goal is to stay over 1 million.

Following discussion a motion was made by Campbell to proceed with Alt 1, County Road 22 w/recycle for \$2,953,463.84; motion seconded by Miller. Vote was unanimous.

Wild Rice Bridge Project (Bridge 126-30) - Bids received through the DOT.

Industrial Builders	\$1,256,969 (apparent low bid)
Engineers Estimate	\$1,267,550
Other 4 bids ranged	\$1,396,215 - \$1,675,129.80

80% of construction costs and construction engineering services would be paid by Federal Highway Administration. Remaining 20% paid by the County.

Estimating for engineering, inspection services and construction contingency. County budget is appx \$105,000 short to complete the project.

NDDOT has sent a Resolution for Board approval to enter into contract with Industrial Builders.

Campbell questioned where the additional funds would come from; discussion followed - this would be a transfer from the general fund also.

A motion was made by Heitkamp to approve the Resolution to enter into the contract; motion seconded by Berg. Vote was unanimous.

Equipment Operator Vacancy - The position was closed last week, 10 applications were received.

Tri-County Drain - Request from the Tri-County Water Resource District for the County to sign easements needed for reconstruction of the Tri County Drain. A motion was made by Miller to approve the Easement, subject to review by the County State's Attorney; motion seconded by Berg. Vote was unanimous.

**EXTENSION UPDATE**

Jason Goltz and Ron Wiederholt, Extension District Director were in attendance.

Goltz announced he has accepted a position as the Director of Field Seed Programs with the ND State Seed Department and is resigning his position with NDSU Extension Service effective June 1, 2014. Goltz reported he is finishing up details; day-to-day activities will be referred to neighboring agents and he will be available by phone to a degree.

Wiederholt requested a motion from the Board to advertise and refill the position. A motion was made by Miller to Advertise the position; motion seconded by Berg. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Berg to accept the resignation of Goltz; motion seconded by Miller. Vote was unanimous.

Wiederholt reported he has already started the paperwork to re-fill the position. It will be posted for 20 days, it will take 1-2 weeks to screen applicants and interview.

### **MISC/CORRESPONDENCE continued**

Bailey reported there is some confusion about the book shelves in the Judge's Office - On March 3 Judge Cruff had reported to the Board there were 25 book cases in the court library the he does not see a use for and it was suggested by Kaye Braaten that the book cases be sold as part of the CEE celebration; No action was taken by the Board that day except to consult with the State's Attorney on the proper procedure.

Heitkamp reported the Richland County Historical Society needs them. The Board discussed if they could be loaned or donated to the Historical Society rather than selling them. Berg recommended that if they are donated from Richland County, a sign should be placed on them.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Miller to donate the book shelves to the Richland County Historical Society; motion seconded by Campbell. Vote was unanimous.

### **WATER RESOURCE BOARD**

James Anderson Situation - Flack reported the Engineer's Report and Hydraulic Survey were received last Thursday and gave three alternatives.

- 1) Leave the 36" CMP drop structure and culvert in place and add one 24" culvert between the NWCR Sec 33 and SWCR Sec 28, Viking Twsp, under CR 4
- 2) Remove the 36" CMP drop structure and culvert and install a 24" culvert diagonally between the NECR Sec 32 and SWCR Sec 28, Viking Twsp, under CR 4; flap gate to be placed on the northeast end of the culvert
- 3) Remove the 36" culvert and replace with one 24" culvert between the NECR Sec 32 and NWCR Sec 33, Viking Twsp, at the ditch bottom

The alternatives were discussed with alternative 2 being the best choice to proceed with.

Drain 65 - Wooden Bridge - Flack reported the hydraulic study was done for removing the burned out bridge located between the SE1/4 Sec 11 and NE1/4 Sec 14, Waldo Twsp. Two alternatives were proposed.

- 1) Installation of a 10' x 7' RCBC with one 60" culvert along side the box
- 2) Installation of a 10' x 7' RCBC with one 72" culvert along side the box

Consensus of the Boards was to proceed with Alternative 2 as follows: The reinforced concrete box culvert which will be used is the structure removed from Project 65 several years ago. One of the two existing 36" culverts currently located northwest of the bridge will be relocated further to the north. A new culvert may be required depending upon the condition of the existing pipe. The two 36" culverts in the Eichhorn lateral currently outlet into the drain on the south side of the bridge; they will be removed and placed at a diagonal, outletting into Drain 65 north of the RCBC. The one culvert must be relocated due to lack of space. The RCWRB requested the second culvert be removed and placed at a diagonal to help drain the water out of the Eichhorn lateral more efficiently. Flack estimated the cost of the project to be appx \$60,000-\$65,000 (excluding relocation of the second 36" culvert in the Eichhorn lateral). The RCWRB will be responsible for 100% of the cost of the second culvert in the Eichhorn lateral; the remainder will be a 60/40 split.

Tri County Drain #6 Extension - Thompson asked about landowner resistance to the Tri-County Joint Board's request for donation of easements for the extension of the drain. WRB Haugen is on the Tri County Board and reported they may not do any work at the end of the drain if easements are not granted.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

### June

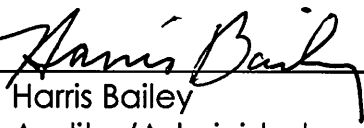
2 Commission Meeting  
23 Commission Meeting

### July

8 Commission Meeting  
21 Commission Meeting

Being there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:25 A.M.

ATTEST:

  
Harris Bailey  
Auditor/Administrator

 CHAIRPERSON  
Dan Thompson  
Board of Richland County Commissioners