

RICHLAND COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT  
Richland County Courthouse, Wahpeton, ND  
August 23, 2016

The Richland County Water Resource Board (RCWRB) met August 23, 2016 at 8:00 AM at the Richland County Courthouse, Wahpeton, North Dakota.

THOSE PRESENT: Managers Arv Burvee, James Haugen, Robert Rostad, Engineering Technician Justin Johnson, and Secretary-Treasurer Monica Zentgraf.

### **Minutes**

A motion was made by Mgr. Burvee and seconded by Mgr. Haugen to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2016 meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Financial Matters**

Comstock Construction Pay Estimate #1, for the reconstruction of portions of Proj #31, was presented to the Board. The pay estimate was for \$14,315.99, which represents completion of 7% of the project. A motion was made by Mgr. Burvee and seconded by Mgr. Haugen to approve Proj #31, Pay Estimate #1, in the amount of \$14,315.99. The motion carried unanimously. (RCWRD #13-054)

Vouchers for the month of August 2016 were presented for the Managers review. A motion was made by Mgr. Haugen and seconded by Mgr. Burvee to approve Vouchers #17254 through #17278 and the electronic funds transfer for the IRS payment as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Fargo-Moorhead Flood Diversion Project**

A conference call was held with the District's legal counsel, David Bliss, to discuss the comment letter to be sent to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MnDNR) regarding Fargo-Moorhead Flood Diversion Project Permit Appl #2016-0386. Deadline for submission of comments is August 26, 2016. Upon conclusion of the conference call, a motion was made by Mgr. Burvee and seconded by Mgr. Haugen authorizing Vice Chr. Rostad to sign the letter.

### **Mail**

- 1.) Senator Larry Luick- Email with three draft bills which would amend the current Quick-Take Eminent Domain law. Senator Luick will be notified that the Board does not support any of the proposed changes.
- 2.) Lazy Acres Farms- Notice of application for appropriation of water from the SE1/4 Section 33, Viking Township, for the purpose of irrigation. The Managers had no comments.

### **Proj #14 Reconstruction**

A cost share request was submitted to the North Dakota State Water Commission (ND SWC) in November 2014 for design engineering associated with the Proj #14 reconstruction (Phase 4). The District never received a response to the request and in follow up with the State it was found that they have no record of receiving the request. If the District wishes to pursue funding a request for an exception would have to be presented to the State Engineer. Discussion followed regarding whether or not to request an exception due to the delay that will occur with the remaining engineering work. Consensus of the Managers was not to request an exception as the delay outweighs the amount of cost share funding lost. (RCWRD #11-001)

### **2017 Budget**

Due to the absence of two Board Members, the Managers deferred action on the 2017 budget. A motion was made by Mgr. Burvee and seconded by Mgr. Haugen authorizing Vice Chr. Rostad to sign the letter to Richland County Finance Director Bailey requesting the Commission approve a 4 mill levy to the RCWRD for calendar year 2017. The motion carried unanimously. The final budget will be forwarded to Mr. Bailey upon completion.

### **Technician's Report**

- Contractor Update- Mr. Johnson provided a status report.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Vice Chr. Rostad adjourned the meeting at 9:15 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Monica Zentgraf  
Secretary

Robert L. Rostad  
Vice Chairman of the Board