

RICHLAND COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
Richland County Courthouse, Wahpeton, ND
August 30, 2016

The Richland County Water Resource Board (RCWRB) met August 30, 2016 at 8:00 AM at the Richland County Courthouse, Wahpeton, North Dakota.

THOSE PRESENT: Managers Arv Burvee, Gary Friskop, James Haugen, Don Moffet, 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 23, 2016 meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Mail

- 1.) Sean Fredricks- Copy of bill draft Mike Dwyer and David Ashley prepared and sent to the Water Topics Overview Committee suggesting the Overview Committee accept the draft and present to the Legislature in the 2017 session. This "draft puts the onus on Water Resource Districts to exhaust all reasonable efforts at negotiating before commencing any type of eminent domain, but rejecting the language that would limit Water Resource District quick-take to water supply projects only."
- 2.) Heitkamp Construction, Inc- Equipment rates, contractor's license, certificate of insurance, and W-9. Upon review of the information provided, a motion was made by Mgr. Burvee and seconded by Mgr. Friskop to approve Heitkamp Construction, Inc as an eligible contractor for RCWRD work. The motion carried unanimously.

Proj #39 Cleanout

Joe Sauter contacted the RCWRD this past week about spoil from the Proj #39 cleanout that was piled adjacent to his property in the NW1/4 Section 29, Fairmount South. Mr. Sauter was concerned about weeds in the spoil material going to seed. The spoil will be spread after his soybeans are harvested. Mr. Sauter wanted to know if it was his responsibility to spray the weeds or if the District would take care of it. Mgr. Burvee was contacted after Mr. Sauter called the Office. Mgr. Burvee reported that he inspected the site and met with Mr. Sauter. Mr. Sauter had already started to apply herbicide; he may submit a bill to the District. (RCWRD #11-275)

John Nagel Complaint

Steve Mauch's deadline for closing or filling the ditch and/or dam improvements constructed on the SW1/4 Section 30, Antelope Township, was previously extended to September 1, 2016. Mr. Mauch's surface drain permit application filed with the Office of the State Engineer (OSE) was recently forwarded to the RCWRD by the OSE as the project is not of statewide or interdistrict significance. During review of the application by RCWRD Staff, it was determined that the application did not include all unpermitted work that was previously done or additional work that is going to be done. Legal Counsel was contacted and Office Staff was informed that Mr. Mauch should withdraw the current application and submit a new, complete, application to the OSE. Due to the need for resubmission to the OSE, a motion was made by Mgr. Rostad and seconded by Mgr. Friskop to extend Mr. Mauch's deadline to December 1, 2016. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Fredricks will notify both parties of the Board's action. The Managers also directed that a meeting be scheduled with Mr. Mauch to discuss conditions the Managers may require if they approve the permit. (Nagel #15-194)

Bond Sales

Mike Manstrom, of Dougherty and Company, met with the Board for the purpose of reviewing the resolutions and authorizing issuance of the \$785,000 Improvement Bonds of 2016 (Proj #2) and \$840,000 Maintenance Levy Improvement Bonds of 2016 (Proj #5). The following action was taken by the Board:

\$785,000 Improvement Bonds of 2016 (Legal Drain #2)

Mgr. Burvee introduced the resolution and moved its adoption authorizing the issuance of the \$785,000 Improvement Bonds of 2016. The motion for the adoption of the resolution was duly seconded by Mgr. Friskop and upon roll call vote, the following Managers voted in favor thereof: Burvee, Rostad, Moffet, Friskop, and Haugen. No Managers were absent, and no Managers voted against the resolution, whereupon the resolution was declared duly passed and adopted. (RCWRD #10-079)

\$840,000 Maintenance Levy Improvement Bonds of 2016 (Legal Drain #5(27))

Mgr. Rostad introduced the resolution and moved its adoption authorizing the issuance of the \$840,000 Maintenance Levy Improvement Bonds of 2016. The motion for the adoption of the resolution was duly seconded by Mgr. Haugen and upon roll call vote, the following Managers voted in favor thereof: Burvee, Rostad, Moffet, Friskop, and Haugen. No Managers were absent, and no Managers voted against the resolution, whereupon the resolution was declared duly passed and adopted. (RCWRD #14-124)

Culvert Inventory

Discussion was held relative to Mr. Johnson doing an inventory of culverts for all of the legal drains. An email from Mr. Bassingthwaite, of Interstate Engineering, was shared with the Board. In his email, Mr. Bassingthwaite conveyed his thoughts and opinions on the idea of creating a culvert inventory for the County's GIS system. Mr. Bassingthwaite feels a culvert inventory would be very useful. Consensus of the Managers was to allow Mr. Johnson to do a culvert inventory on one drain (of his choosing) as a trial project. He will report back to the Board upon completion to discuss time and cost factors.

Technician's Report

- Metro Flood Diversion Board of Authority meeting- Mr. Johnson provided an update on the August 25, 2016 meeting. Discussion was held as to Mr. Johnson's attendance at both the Fargo-Moorhead Flood Diversion Board of Authority meetings and the Metro Flood Diversion Board of Authority meetings. Consensus of the Board was for Mr. Johnson to attend all Fargo-Moorhead Flood Diversion Board of Authority meetings and, as he sees fit, the Metro Flood Diversion Board of Authority meetings.

- Proj #31- Mr. Johnson reported that he inspected the NW1/4 Section 33, Summit West, per Mgr. Burvee's request. Mr. Johnson found a considerable amount of silt in the drain from an open field inlet. A motion was made by Mgr. Burvee and seconded by Mgr. Friskop authorizing Ehlert Excavating to remove the silt and install an 18 inch culvert into the open field ditch. Project completion date was set for November 1, 2016. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Johnson will contact the landowner's son, Dale Gilles, before work commences. (RCWRD #16-055)

Applications

Appl #16-068, Dan & Steve Haverland: SW1/4 Sec 26, Viking Twp The Managers directed Mr. Johnson to measure the distance the pump is set back from the edge of the pavement. No further action was taken pending Mr. Johnson's report to the Board.

Appl #16-069, Darin Prochnow: NE1/4 Sec 24, Brandenburg Twp: The RCWRB acknowledged receipt of the application. No action required by RCWRB; application referred to the Richland County Highway Department, as work is within County right-of-way.

2017 Budget

Discussion was held relative to various items in the 2017 budget. The final budget will be presented to the Board at the September 13, 2016 meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chr. Moffet adjourned the meeting at 12:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Monica Zentgraf
Secretary

Don Moffet
Chairman of the Board