

RICHLAND COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
Richland County Courthouse, Wahpeton, ND
February 10, 2015

The Richland County Water Resource Board (RCWRB) met February 10, 2015 at 9:00 AM at the Richland County Courthouse, Wahpeton, North Dakota.

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

Minutes

It was moved by Mgr. Burvee and seconded by Mgr. Haugen to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2015 meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Financial Matters

2014 yearend financial reports were presented to the Board. Upon review, a motion was made by Mgr. Friskop and seconded by Mgr. Burvee to accept the 2014 yearend financial reports as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

The January 2015 financial reports were presented to the Board. Upon review, a motion was made by Mgr. Burvee and seconded by Mgr. Haugen to accept the January 2015 financial reports as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Mail

1. Bank of New York Mellon- \$3,987,743.95 pledged securities.
2. North Dakota Water Users- Legislative Reports #3 through #6.
3. North Dakota State Water Commission- Minutes of the September 15, 2014 meeting.
4. North Dakota State Water Commission- 2015 North Dakota State Water Management Plan
5. Pat Downs, Red River Retention Authority- Notice of February 26, 2015 meeting with NRCS personnel regarding PL-566 program rules.
6. Gene and Cari Wefel- Correction to December 22, 2014 RCWRD minutes regarding their position on the culvert issue in Section 2, Brandenburg Township. Mr. and Mrs. Wefel prefer a culvert installed across County Road #15 in line with the field ditch on the SW1/4. (Option #1). If Option #2 is selected and the water is drained to the north in the county road ditch to the NWCR Section 2 and the existing culvert is lowered, they would like to see the culvert size increased from the existing 30 inch culvert to a 36 inch culvert. They have no objection to this culvert being lowered and, in fact, feel it should be lowered. Option #2 would increase the amount of water flowing backward north through the culverts in the township road ditch and cause flooding in Section 35, Mooreton Township. They feel a flap gate on the south end of the culverts would be needed. In either situation, they feel very little, if any, additional water will flow into Proj #66A until the flow in Proj #66A begins to drop because of the flap gates on the culverts, so no increase in size of the existing north-south culverts in Proj #66A is needed. This information will be forwarded to Richland County Assistant Engineer Lowell Bladow. It was suggested that an on-site meeting be scheduled early in the spring. (Jim Miller Appl #14-107)
7. Interstate Engineering- Report relative to the Chuck Haus and Dave Muehler complaint for drainage done in 2014 in the SE1/4 Section 30, Brightwood Township. Upon review of the report, the Managers directed a copy of the report be forwarded to Attorney Fredricks for legal advice. (Obj #14-295)
8. Camilla Leedahl- Members of the Helendale Private Drain, LLC are working towards the requirements necessary to progress their drain application to the hearing process. (Appl #13-088)

Hipp/Miller Complaint- SW1/4 Section 2, Brandenburg Township

The Board reviewed the **Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order** in the Hipp/Miller complaint for the SW1/4 Section 2, Brandenburg Township. A motion was made by Mgr. Haugen and seconded by Mgr. Burvee to approve the **Findings of Fact,**

Conclusions of Law, and Order in the matter of the Complaint of an Illegal Dam and/or Dike filed by Jerry and Mary Hipp against Paul Berndt. Upon roll call vote, Managers Haugen, Rostad, and Burvee voted in favor of said motion; Manager Friskop voted against said motion. Manager Moffet was absent and not voting. The motion carried. (Hipp/Miller #14-106)

Applications

Appl #15-001, Red River Telephone Assn: Sec 12, Grant Twp A motion was made by Mgr. Burvee and seconded by Mgr. Friskop that the RCWRD has no jurisdiction and the applicant should contact the Richland County Highway Department directly. The motion carried unanimously.

Appl #15-002, Ben Dotzenrod: NW1/4 Sec 15, Freeman Twp A motion was made by Mgr. Friskop and seconded by Mgr. Haugen to defer the application pending submission of an approved AD-1026 form by the applicant. The motion carried unanimously.

Appl #15-003, Angeline Anderson: SE1/4 Sec 18, Nansen Twp A motion was made by Mgr. Friskop and seconded by Mgr. Burvee to defer the request pending an on-site inspection in the spring. The motion carried unanimously.

Appl #15-004, Ron Sherven: SE1/4 Sec 7, Waldo Twp A motion was made by Mgr. Haugen and seconded by Mgr. Burvee to refer the application to the Waldo Township Board of Supervisors and to recommend the Township Board of Supervisors require the signature of Frank Maas. Upon roll call vote, Mgrs. Haugen, Burvee, and Rostad voted in favor of said motion; Mgr. Friskop abstained from voting. The motion carried.

Administrative Matters

Discussion was held relative to office equipment needs for Engineering Technician Johnson. Mr. Johnson also presented a proposed inspection form he recommends the District utilize for drain inspections. The Managers were in favor of using the forms; Mr. Johnson will prepare forms for all of the drains.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Vice Chr. Rostad adjourned the meeting at 11:35 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Monica Zentgraf
Secretary

Robert Rostad
Vice Chairman of the Board