

RICHLAND COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
Richland County Courthouse, Wahpeton, ND
February 7, 2017

The Richland County Water Resource Board (RCWRB) met February 7, 2017 at 9:00 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.

THOSE ABSENT: Managers Friskop and Moffet.

Minutes

The January 24, 2017 minutes were presented. A motion was made by Mgr. Haugen and seconded by Mgr. Rostad to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Financial Matters

•2016 Year End Report- The 2016 yearend financial reports were presented to the Board. Upon review, a motion was made by Mgr. Rostad and seconded by Mgr. Haugen to accept the reports as presented. The motion carried.

•January 2017 Financial Reports- The January 2017 financial reports were presented to the Board. Upon review, a motion was made by Mgr. Haugen and seconded by Mgr. Rostad to accept the reports as presented. The motion carried.

Mail

- 1.) North Dakota Department of Health- Notice of water quality management stakeholder meeting. Consensus of the Board was for Mr. Johnson to attend the meeting.
- 2.) North Dakota Insurance Reserve Fund- Notice that there will not be a conferment of benefits in 2017.
- 3.) US Department of Agriculture- Notice that Dave Jones will serve as Interim Acting Red River Basin Coordinator and technical point of contact.

Fargo-Moorhead Flood Diversion Project

A conference call was held with Attorney David Bliss to discuss the pending litigation with the State Engineer's Office. Consensus of the Board was to allow Mr. Bliss to discuss scheduling order deadlines with the North Dakota State Water Commission.

Wild Rice River Debris Removal

Bids for removal of debris from the Wild Rice River, located in the SECR SW1/4 Section 34, Walcott East, were reviewed at this time. The following bids received were received:

American Enterprises	\$16,000.00
JAV Construction	\$16,600.00

A conference call was held with Mike Staber, of American Enterprises. Mr. Staber advised that he would start work in approximately 2 ½ weeks. Concerns were addressed regarding snowmobilers on the river while the debris is removed as well as after the work is completed. Mr. Staber will run a tape across the river as a safety precaution. Appl #17-003 was completed and a motion was made by Mgr. Rostad and seconded by Mgr. Haugen to award the debris removal project to American Enterprises based on their bid of 16,000. The motion carried.

Legislative Bills

Discussion was held relative to issues associated with the pending legislative bills in both the House and Senate. Mgrs. Rostad, Haugen, and the Office Staff attended the hearings in Bismarck on February 2 and 3, 2017. HB 1416 received a unanimous "Do Not Pass" recommendation from the Committee; SB 2263 is being negotiated with Ellingson Drain Tile; HB 1393 and HB 1339 were heard and are still in Committee; the

hearing for HB 1390 is scheduled for February 10, 2017. A conference call was held with the District's legal counsel, Sean Fredricks, to discuss the draft amendment to SB 2263.

Applications

Appl #17-004, L. Boll/C. Miller: SW1/4 Sec 18, Fairmount North A motion was made by Mgr. Rostad and seconded by Mgr. Haugen to defer the application pending receipt of a hydraulic study by Interstate Engineering. Work at Proj #26 expense. The motion carried.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Vice Chr. Burvee adjourned the meeting at 12:00 Noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Monica Zentgraf
Secretary

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Vice Chairman of the Board