

RICHLAND COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
Richland County Courthouse, Wahpeton, ND
January 24, 2017

The Richland County Water Resource Board (RCWRB) met January 24, 2017 at 10:20 AM at the Richland County Courthouse, Wahpeton, North Dakota.

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

Proj #14 Reconstruction

Mr. Bassingthwaite reported that he is ready to advertise for bids for the Proj #14 reconstruction. Discussion was held relative to the bid opening date and project completion date. A motion was made by Mgr. Haugen and seconded by Mgr. Rostad to schedule the Proj #14 reconstruction bid opening for March 14, 2017 and set the project completion date for October 7, 2017. The motion carried unanimously. (RCWRD #11-001)

Helendale Private Drain

Mr. Bassingthwaite had a brief discussion with the Board regarding the process which must be followed for the Helendale Private Drain (surface drain) application which has been deemed of statewide significance. (Helendale #13-088)

Mr. Bassingthwaite left the meeting.

Minutes

The January 17, 2017 minutes were presented. A motion was made by Mgr. Rostad and seconded by Mgr. Burvee to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Vouchers

Vouchers for the month of January 2017 were presented to the Board. A motion was made by Mgr. Burvee and seconded by Mgr. Haugen to approve Vouchers #17394 through #17414 and the electronic funds transfer for the IRS payment. The motion carried unanimously.

Mail

- 1.) ND Water Users- Legislative Reports No. 5.

Legislative Bills

Discussion was held relative to the issues associated with the legislative bills which have been introduced. The Managers are very concerned, as all of the bills contain language which will negatively impact Water Resource Districts and landowners. A committee hearing is scheduled for January 26th regarding SB 2263 (Drain Tile). Mgrs. Burvee, Friskop, Haugen, and the Office Staff will attend the hearing.

Applications

Appl #17-002, SE Water Users: SW1/4 Sec 8, Colfax East- Work is within the township road right-of-way and therefore under the jurisdiction of the Colfax Township Board of Supervisors. The application will be forwarded to the Township Board of Supervisors.

Technician's Report

- Mr. Johnson reported he and Mgr. Rostad inspected the Wild Rice River, in the SECR SW1/4 Section 34, Walcott East. There is considerable debris in the river (an approximate distance of 500 feet) which needs to be removed. Consensus of the Managers was for Mr. Johnson to secure bids from American Enterprises, JAV Construction, and JBX.

- Mr. Johnson and Chr. Friskop reported on the Red River Basin Commission International Summit Conference they attended this past week.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chr. Friskop adjourned the meeting at 11:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Monica Zentgraf

Secretary

Gary Friskop

Chairman of the Board