

RICHLAND-SARGENT JOINT WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
 Richland County Courthouse, Wahpeton, ND
 January 24, 2017

The Richland-Sargent Joint Water Resource Board (RSJWRB) met January 24, 2017 at 9:00 AM at the Richland County Courthouse, Wahpeton, North Dakota.

THOSE PRESENT: Managers Lucas Siemieniewski, Todd Stein, Korey Martinson, Roger Zetocha, Arv Burvee, Robert Rostad, Gary Friskop, James Haugen, Secretary-Treasurer Monica Zentgraf, Technician Justin Johnson, Engineer Mike Bassingthwaite (Interstate Engineering, Inc), and Gene & Cari Wefel.

The meeting was called to order by Chr. Haugen.

Minutes

A motion was made by Mgr. Siemieniewski and seconded by Mgr. Rostad to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2016 meeting as presented. The motion carried.

Financial Matters

A motion was made by Mgr. Burvee and seconded by Mgr. Zetocha to accept the December 2016 financial report as presented. The motion carried.

Mr. and Mrs. Wefel joined the meeting.

Phase II Reconstruction

- Engineer's Report- Mr. Bassingthwaite presented the Board with his report for the RS Legal Drain #1 Extension and Channel Improvements (Phase II). Mr. Bassingthwaite reminded the Managers that permanent easements were secured at the same time as the Phase I easements; however, temporary construction easements will be needed. Consensus of the Managers was to pay crop damage in lieu of paying for temporary construction easements and to spread the spoil after the crops are harvested. Total project cost is \$1,000,000 with local costs estimated at \$550,000. Based on the estimate, the District will be able to proceed with the project using maintenance levies.

- Resolution of Necessity- At this time a motion was made by Mgr. Stein and seconded by Mgr. Siemieniewski to approve the RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY REGARDING RICHLAND-SARGENT DRAIN #1 IMPROVEMENTS, PHASE II. Upon roll call vote, Managers Martinson, Stein, Zetocha, Siemieniewski, Burvee, Rostad, Friskop, and Haugen voted in favor of said motion, no Managers voted against said motion, and Manager Moffet was absent and not voting. The motion carried. (The Resolution is on file in the Office of the Richland-Sargent Joint Water Resource District.)

- South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT) Railroad Crossing- Mr. Bassingthwaite presented the Board with his report regarding the SDDOT railroad crossing. The Board considered the report and a motion was made by Mgr. Burvee and seconded by Mgr. Zetocha to approve the RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY REGARDING

CROSSING IMPROVEMENTS TO ACCOMMODATE RICHLAND-SARGENT DRAIN #1, RS #1 PHASE II IMPROVEMENT PROJECT. Upon roll call vote, Managers Haugen, Friskop, Rostad, Burvee, Siemieniewski, Zetocha, Stein, and Martinson voted in favor of said motion, no Managers voted against said motion, and Manager Moffet was absent and not voting. The motion carried. (The Resolution is on file in the Office of the Richland-Sargent Joint Water Resource District.)

- North Dakota State Water Commission (ND SWC) Cost Share Request- A motion was made by Mgr. Zetocha and seconded by Mgr. Burvee to submit a cost-share request in the amount of \$378,000 to the ND SWC for the Phase II Improvement Project. Upon roll call vote, Managers Siemieniewski, Zetocha, Stein, Martinson, Haugen, Friskop, Rostad, and Burvee voted in favor of said motion; no Managers voted against said motion, and Manager Moffet was absent and not voting. The motion carried.

- North Dakota State Surface Drain Permit- A motion was made by Mgr. Siemieniewski and seconded by Mgr. Rostad to submit a surface drain permit to the North Dakota State Engineer for the Phase II Improvement Project. Upon roll call vote, Managers Martinson, Stein, Zetocha, Siemieniewski, Burvee, Rostad, Friskop, and Haugen voted in favor of said motion; no Managers voted against said motion; and Manager Moffet was absent and not voting. The motion carried.

- United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Permit- A motion was made by Mgr. Burvee and seconded by Mgr. Martinson to submit an application to the USACE for a permit for the Phase II Improvement Project. Upon roll call vote, Managers Siemieniewski, Zetocha, Stein, Martinson, Haugen, Friskop, Rostad, and Burvee voted in favor of said motion; no Managers voted against said motion; and Manager Moffet was absent and not voting. The motion carried.

- Advertisement for Bids - The project will be advertised in the official newspapers for Richland and Sargent Counties as required under North Dakota Century Code.

- Bid Opening and Project Completion Date- A motion was made by Mgr. Stein and seconded by Mgr. Zetocha to set the Phase II Improvement Project bid opening for March 28, 2017, the project completion date for October 1, 2017 (for all work except spoil spreading), and the spoil spreading completion date for November 15, 2017. Upon roll call vote, Mgrs. Martinson, Stein, Zetocha, Siemieniewski, Burvee, Rostad, Friskop, and Haugen voted in favor of said motion, no Managers voted against said motion, and Manager Moffet was absent and not voting. The motion carried.

Beaver Dams

Mgr. Siemieniewski reported that he received a telephone call from Clint Arndt, of the Duerr Township Board of Supervisors, about a beaver dam on the north side of Park Lake, located in the N1/2 Section 6, Duerr West (LTL). Discussion was held relative to the RS #1 assessment district sharing in the cost of the dam removal. The Managers felt the assessment district should share the cost as removing the dam would benefit the legal drain. A motion was made by Mgr. Siemieniewski and seconded by Mgr. Stein to

cost-share the removal of the beaver dam in the N1/2 Section 6, Duerr West (LTL) at a rate of 50% of the bill up to a maximum of \$500. The motion carried.

2017 Legislative Issues

The Managers discussed the many legislative bills that have been introduced and the ramifications to the Districts, should the proposed bills pass.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chr. Haugen adjourned the meeting at 10:15 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Monica Zentgraf
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Secretary

James Haugen
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Chairman of the Board