

RICHLAND COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
Richland County Courthouse, Wahpeton, ND
June 23, 2015

The Richland County Water Resource Board (RCWRB) met June 23, 2015 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

It was moved by Mgr. Rostad and seconded by Mgr. Friskop to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2015 meeting as presented. Mgrs. Haugen and Burvee abstained from voting. The motion carried unanimously.

Vouchers

A motion was made by Mgr. Burvee and seconded by Mgr. Haugen to approve Vouchers #16867 through #16889 and the electronic funds transfer for the IRS payment. The motion carried unanimously.

Mail

1. Randy Gjestvang- The Red River Retention Authority (RRRA) accepted and approved all applications for the Regional Conservation Partnership Program. (RCWRD was one of the applicants.) Local partnership agreements will be prepared and forwarded to the applicants.

Proj #3

Tony Luick recently contacted the Office about right-of-way, in the SE1/4 Section 9, Lamars Township, deeded to the District in 1905 when Proj #3 was constructed. The drain was rerouted some years later. Mr. Luick requested the right-of-way where the drain was abandoned be deeded back to him and his brother, Gordie, who are the current owners of the SE1/4 Section 9. After reviewing a map showing the original and current routes, the Managers requested the landowners along the remaining portion of the abandoned channel (in Sections 4 and 9) be contacted to see if they also want the right-of-way deeded back to them.

Engineer Bassingthwaite joined the meeting.

Proj #72

Technician Johnson reported erosion on the inslope of the drain in the SE1/4 Section 7, Abercrombie West, where Dan Hendrickson worked on the bank this spring. Mr. Johnson reported the erosion is getting worse because of recent rains and needs to be repaired and seeded. Mgr. Rostad reported that he spoke with Mr. Hendrickson and he agreed to make the repairs after harvest, however, Mr. Hendrickson's recollection of the December 9, 2013 meeting was that the District would pay for the seeding. Meeting minutes were reviewed; seeding was not addressed. Mr. Johnson also reported that a caution tape is exposed indicating a utility line may be buried two feet below the tape. Mr. Johnson was asked to contact Red River Telephone Company to see if the line is a fiber optic telephone cable. He will report back to the Board, at which time the Managers will make a decision about the repairs and seeding. (Loff /Hendrickson #13-089)

Proj #4

Engineer Bassingthwaite met with the Board to discuss work needed on Proj #4(4, 28, 32, 33). Several applications have been submitted in the past for various repairs to the four drains, but work was not approved due to lack of available funds and the need to accumulate money for reconstruction. Engineer Bassingthwaite provided the Board with a written summary of work pending. Consensus was that reconstruction of Proj #4(28) in Sections 3 and 4, Ibsen Township, is top priority. The Managers felt it would be better to borrow money for reconstruction than to conduct a vote for an excess levy as they were not confident a vote would pass. The Managers would like to accumulate some funds before proceeding with reconstruction. Dallas Loff and Larry Wold recently submitted a

request for cleaning the channel in Section 4 (Appl #15-053). It was agreed by all that it would not be cost effective to clean the channel now and then do reconstruction in a few years. At this time a motion was made by Mgr. Burvee and seconded by Mgr. Haugen to deny Loff/Wold Appl #15-053 due to lack of funds and plans for future reconstruction. The motion carried unanimously.

Engineer Bassingthwaite left the meeting.

Haus/Muehler Complaint

Mgr. Burvee reported that Mr. Berg has complied with the District's Order to close the unpermitted drainage in the SE1/4 Section 30, Brightwood Township. A motion was made by Mgr. Rostad and seconded by Mgr. Haugen to assess James Berg for the District's expenses in processing the unpermitted drainage complaint. Upon roll call vote, Mgrs. Friskop, Rostad, Haugen, Burvee, and Moffet voted in favor of said motion. The motion carried unanimously. Attorney Fredricks will prepare the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order and provide Notice of Decision to Mr. Berg. (Haus/Muehler #14-295)

N1/2 Section 25, Viking Township

Gary Lee, Clerk of the Viking Township Board of Supervisors, contacted the Office and requested two Water Resource Board Members attend the Viking Township Board of Supervisors meeting on June 26th. The purpose of the Township Board meeting is to consider Richardson Trust Application #15-061 for cleaning the township road ditch on the north side of the N1/2 Section 25. Mgrs. Haugen and Friskop will attend the meeting.

Applications

Appl #15-066, R & P Rydell, LP: NE1/4 Section 19, Nansen Twp The RCWRB acknowledged receipt of the drain tile application. No action required, as project is less than 80 acres.

Appl #15-067, Jeff Leinen: NE1/4 Sec 24, Mooreton Twp A motion was made by Mgr. Friskop and seconded by Mgr. Haugen to assign installation of an approach to Comstock Construction. Work at Proj #41 expense. The motion carried unanimously.

Appl #15-068, Glenn Fixen Trust: SE1/4 Sec 10, Ibsen Twp A motion was made by Mgr. Rostad and seconded by Mgr. Burvee to approve installation of drain tile. Work at no cost to the drain. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chr. Moffet adjourned the meeting at 10:55 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Monica Zentgraf
Secretary

Don Moffet
Chairman of the Board