

RICHLAND COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT  
Richland County Courthouse, Wahpeton, ND  
June 30, 2015

The Richland County Water Resource Board (RCWRB) met June 30, 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. Burvee and seconded by Mgr. Friskop to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2015 meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Mail**

1. Jason Hanson, NRCS- The NRCS abstained from offering any opinion on placement of the culvert in the NWCR Section 32, Viking Township. (Richard Breden requested the culvert be lowered; the RCWRB deferred action pending submission of an approved AD-1026 form.) Considerable discussion followed; the Board would continue discussion later in the meeting. (Breden #13-152)

### **Detention**

Randy Gjestvang, of the North Dakota State Water Commission, met with the Board to discuss the Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP). Engineer Mike Bassingthwaite attended via telephone conference call. Mr. Gjestvang reported that the Red River Retention Authority (RRRA) recently accepted and approved all twenty applications (from North Dakota and Minnesota) for watershed detention study funding through the RCPP. NRCS will provide staff time to the RRRA to negotiate local partnership agreements. The process to complete the local partnership agreements will take a considerable amount of time and NRCS requested the RRRA provide a list of the top five or six studies where the agreements should be pursued first. Mr. Gjestvang is in the process of meeting with the individual North Dakota applicants to obtain additional information about their projects before ranking the applicants. His intention is to rank the top three in North Dakota. Mr. Gjestvang asked various questions, including how far the District was in the planning process and if the District would have funding constraints. The District has funds for their local share of the engineering expense but expressed concern about timelines for reimbursement of funds from the other cost share participants. Mr. Gjestvang suggested the District address funding reimbursement concerns with Keith Weston, of NRCS. His rankings will be turned over to the RRRA for further consideration.

### **Continuation of Mail**

1. Discussion resumed on Breden Appl #13-152. The Managers directed that Richard Breden and Mike Hoffert be asked to meet with the Board to discuss the matter.
2. Attorney Sean Fredricks- Explanation of easements/flowage easements for drain tile applications. Consensus of the Managers was to add a statement to the drain tile condition form recommending applicants obtain easements and flowage easements.

### **Proj #3**

Secretary Zentgraf provided additional information about the Proj #3 abandoned right-of-way brought before the Board at the June 23, 2015 meeting. Rights-of-way in the NE1/4 and S1/2 Section 9, Lamars Township, were deeded to the District when the drain was originally constructed in 1905; however, no documents were found for the NE1/4 Section 4 or NW1/4 Section 9. The deeded acres were never removed from the tax rolls. Attorney Fredricks will be consulted about how to clear the records in the Richland County Deeds Office.

### **Proj #10**

Mgr. Haugen reported that Proj #10 is not flowing due to moss in the drain. He has been in contact with Scott Olerud, of the Ransom County WRB. The Ransom County Board is willing to spray the drain. RCWRD would be responsible for 50% of the bill. Consensus of the Managers was to spraying the drain where needed. (RCWRD #15-051)

### **NWCR Section 4, Walcott East**

Mgr. Haugen reported that Roy Biel contacted him about RCWRD assistance to take care of whatever is holding up the water in the natural in the NWCR Section 4, Walcott East. Mr. Biel contends that cattails are growing in his yard because of the block in the natural. It was determined that no funding was available through the RCWRD. Mr. Biel will be notified accordingly.

### **Sections 15/16, Waldo Township**

Brad Pfeifer, of the ND Department of Transportation (ND DOT), spoke briefly with the Board about the culverts in the ND DOT right-of-way between Sections 15 and 16, Waldo Township. Mr. Pfeifer wanted to know if there was a reason the culverts were plugged. Mgr. Burvee explained that the culverts were plugged a number of years ago to force the water to go north on the west side to the Wild Rice River. The Board did not want the water to go east, as it causes overland flooding.

### **Applications**

Appl #15-069, Betty Workin: W1/2W1/2 Sec 20, Colfax East A motion was made by Mgr. Burvee and seconded by Mgr. Rostad to approve the drain tile application. Work at no cost to the drain. The motion carried unanimously.

Appl #15-070, Corey Theede: SE1/4 Sec 17, Waldo Twp A motion was made by Mgr. Haugen and seconded by Mgr. Rostad to refer the application to the Waldo Township Board of Supervisors. The motion carried unanimously.

Appl #15-071, Tom Klosterman Farm Inc: NE1/4 Sec 35, Viking Twp A motion was made by Mgr. Haugen and seconded by Mgr. Friskop to refer the application to the Richland County Hwy Dept. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chr. Moffet adjourned the meeting at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Monica Zentgraf  
Secretary

Don Moffet  
Chairman of the Board