

RICHLAND COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT  
Richland County Courthouse, Wahpeton, ND  
June 5, 2018

The Richland County Water Resource Board (RCWRB) met June 5, 2018 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.

THOSE ABSENT: None

### **Minutes**

The May 29, 2018 minutes were presented. A motion was made by Mgr. Burvee and seconded by Mgr. Rostad to approve the May 29, 2018 minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Mail**

- 1.) Red River Basin Commission- Itinerary for June 6, 2018 tours (Devils Lake and Tolna Coulee Control Structure) and June 7, 2018 Basin Commission board meeting.
- 2.) Mike Bassingthwaite, Interstate Engineering- Email regarding Interstate Engineering's long standing relationship with the RCWRD and request to meet with the Board. A meeting will be scheduled with Mr. Bassingthwaite and Damon DeVillers

### **Engineering Services**

Discussion was held in preparation for the meeting scheduled later in the morning with Zach Herrmann, of Houston Engineering. Talking points for that meeting were brought forward at this time.

### **Fargo-Moorhead Flood Risk Management- Revised Project**

The Managers reviewed comments prepared by Mr. Bassingthwaite, on the Board's behalf, relative to the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement. Upon review, a motion was made by Mgr. Burvee and seconded by Mgr. Rostad authorizing Chr. Friskop to sign the comment letter. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Cattail Spraying**

Consideration was given to the timeframe to spray cattails. Consensus of the Managers was to spray earlier in the year before the cattails go to seed. A motion was made by Mgr. Moffet and seconded by Mgr. Haugen authorizing Larson Helicopters to spray cattails in the legal drains as needed before they go to seed but not to spray Projs #1, 4, 4(28), 4(32), 4(33), 17, 19, and 41 (only N1/2SE1/4 Section 1, Mooreton Township and W1/2SW1/4 Section 6, Center East, not to be sprayed). The motion carried unanimously.

### **Proj #7 Reconstruction**

Zach Herrmann, of Houston Engineering, met with the Board at their request to discuss assuming the remainder of the design phase and the construction phase for the Proj #7 reconstruction. Mr. Herrmann indicated Houston Engineering is willing to accept the project. Numerous issues were discussed including, but not limited to, the pending United States Army Corps of Engineers permit, review of the plans and specs for any changes Houston Engineering would require prior to stamping and signing the plans, need for a group meeting with the affected landowners, acquisition of rights-of-way (tentatively planned a meeting with the group in August and individual meetings for acquisition of rights-of-way prior to September 15, 2018) and construction engineering services. Discussion about timelines for reconstruction projects and general engineering services for smaller projects, i.e. hydraulic studies, was also held. It was suggested that a Task Order be used for large projects and a general contract for small projects on a time and

materials basis. Also discussed was Mr. Herrmann providing the District with a rate schedule and approximate cost for engineering services associated with the Proj #7 reconstruction. Another meeting will be scheduled with Mr. Herrmann in two weeks. (RCWRD #17-016)

Mr. Herrmann left the meeting.

#### **North Branch Antelope Creek Watershed RCPP Study**

Mr. Johnson provided a recap of the June 1, 2018 meeting with landowners who would be affected by a potential retention site in the Proj #95 watershed. Several landowners spoke in opposition to a retention site; one landowner expressed interest in development of a site. Comments were made about dissatisfaction with the speed water is removed from the watershed because of Proj #95. There appeared to be support for slowing the water down (make sure Proj #95 culverts are not oversized) to reduce flash flooding on Antelope Creek, work on Antelope Creek such as clearing, grubbing, and cleaning starting from the outlet. Mr. Bassingthwaite was previously directed to set up a meeting with affected landowners in the Proj #15 watershed, but the consensus of the Board was to cancel that meeting and focus on the Proj #95 watershed and options for work on Antelope Creek. The Board will meet with Mr. Bassingthwaite in a couple weeks to discuss the June 1<sup>st</sup> meeting and how to proceed. (RCWRD #16-017)

#### **Proj #31**

Mr. Johnson provided two options for repairing the head cutting on Proj #31 in the NECR SE1/4 Section 7, Lamars Township (Site #248). Consensus of the Managers was that installing fill from the west channel bank in the bottom of the drain without riprap would not be an adequate long term solution for the erosion damage. A motion was made by Mgr. Burvee and seconded by Mgr. Haugen to install one additional rock drop structure and riprap in the channel bottom up to the next rock drop to the north, and repair the north rock drop. The motion carried unanimously. (RCWRD #17-032)

#### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chr. Friskop adjourned the meeting at 11:00 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Monica Zentgraf*  
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Secretary

*Gary Friskop*  
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Chairman of the Board