

RICHLAND COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
Richland County Courthouse, Wahpeton, ND
June 6, 2017

The Richland County Water Resource Board (RCWRB) met June 6, 2017 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 23, 2017 minutes were presented. A motion was made by Mgr. Rostad and seconded by Mgr. Moffet to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Mail

- 1.) North Dakota Water Users- Notice of Board of Directors meeting scheduled for July 13, 2017. Discussion was held relative to Monica Zentgraf accepting appointment to the Board of Directors. The matter was tabled until the June 13, 2017 meeting.
- 2.) Red River Retention Authority- Notice of a special meeting scheduled for June 15, 2017. Mgr. Rostad will attend as an alternate for the Red River Joint Water Resource Board.
- 3.) Mike Bassingthwaite, Interstate Engineering- Proposed final pay estimate to Drewes Construction for reconstruction of Proj #5(27). The Managers reviewed the list of unfinished items and Mgrs. Rostad and Friskop reported on the inspection they and Mr. Bassingthwaite made last week. The unfinished items will be assigned to a local contractor at a later date. By contract, the Owner (RCWRD) has the right to charge \$500 per day for each day the project was not completed past the October 21, 2016 completion date. The contractor was given every opportunity to complete the job and was frequently reminded by the Project Engineer of how far behind schedule they were. As a show of good faith to the contractor, the consensus of the Managers was to return \$4,000 out of the \$14,000 in liquidated damages even though they were not obligated to do so. The final pay estimate will be prepared and presented to the Board for approval later in the month. (RCWRD #14-124)
- 4.) Mike Bassingthwaite, Interstate Engineering- Recommendation for Lynn Boll and Casey Miller Appl #17-004, for the SW1/4 Section 18, Fairmount North (Proj #26). The matter was tabled pending clarification of Mr. Bassingthwaite's recommendation to replace and lower the two inlet culverts.
- 5.) Chad Engels, Moore Engineering- Notification that SECass Water Resource Board passed a motion recommending the Red River Joint Water Resource Board (RRJWRB) include a recommendation to the RCWRB and State Engineer that the following condition be placed on the Helendale Private Drain, LLC surface drain permit: "All Helendale Twp. Drain project gates shall be closed when flows on the Sheyenne River exceed 3,000 cfs at the Kindred, ND USGS Gage (US Gage 05059000)." Subsequent email correspondence from Randy Gjestvang, of the North Dakota State Water Commission, Camilla Leedah, of Helendale Private Drain, LLC, and Mr. Engels were reviewed with the Managers. No action was taken by the Managers pending receipt of a recommendation from the RRJWRB. (Helendale Private Drain, LLC #13-088).

2017 Drain Tile Law

Discussion continued from the May 23, 2017 meeting relative to various issues resulting from the 2017 changes to the drain tile law. Information obtained from Legal Counsel was reviewed with the Board. The Managers agreed to incorporate conditions and recommendations pertaining to drain tile outletting into county road rights-of-way, if the Richland County Commission so desires.

Technician's Report

Mr. Johnson provided a report on the May 25, 2017 meeting of the (Fargo-Moorhead Flood) Diversion Authority.

Mr. Johnson also provided the following drain inspection reports:

Proj #5(57)

Site #262: NWCR NW1/4 Section 12, West Walcott Township- Replace 42 inch culvert.

Appl #17-035 was completed and a motion was made by Mgr. Burvee and seconded by Mgr. Moffet to defer the application pending a hydraulic study by Interstate Engineering for Site #262. The motion carried unanimously.

Proj #12

Site #253: SE1/4 Section 1, Garborg Township- Replace 18 inch culvert and flap gate.

Appl #17-036 was completed and a motion was made by Mgr. Moffet and seconded by Mgr. Haugen authorizing replacement of the culvert and flap gate by JAV Construction with a completion date of October 31, 2017. The motion carried unanimously.

Proj #14

Site #254: SECR SE1/4 Section 11, Viking Township- Repair erosion by mainline culvert.

Appl #17-037 was completed and a motion was made by Mgr. Rostad and seconded by Mgr. Burvee assigning Site #254 to JAV Construction with a completion date of August 31, 2017. The motion carried unanimously.

Proj #95

Site #257: NECR NE1/4 Section 1, Danton Township- Replace end of inlet culvert and flap gate.

Site #258: SE1/4 Section 35, Homestead Township- Replace end of inlet culvert and flap gate.

Site #260: NW1/4 Section 27, Antelope Township- Replace end of inlet culvert and flap gate.

Site #261: SW1/4 Section 31, Ibsen Township- Replace end of inlet culvert and flap gate.

A motion was made by Mgr. Burvee and seconded by Mgr. Moffet to assign Proj #95 repairs to JBX with a completion date of October 31, 2017. The motion carried unanimously. (RCWRD #17-005)

Applications

Appl #17-038, Dean Swenson: NE1/4 Section 4, Colfax West A motion was made by Mgr. Haugen and seconded by Mgr. Rostad to approve cleaning of the field ditch and refer the work in the county road ditch to the Richland County Highway Department. Work at no cost to the drain. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chr. Friskop adjourned the meeting at 12:00 Noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Monica Zentgraf
Secretary

Gary Friskop
Chairman of the Board