

RICHLAND COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
Richland County Courthouse, Wahpeton, ND
March 29, 2016

The Richland County Water Resource Board (RCWRB) met March 29, 2016 at 9:00 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

A motion was made by Mgr. Burvee and seconded by Mgr. Rostad to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2016 meeting as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

Mail

- 1.) NDSU Extension Service- Notice of Township Officers Meeting scheduled for April 7, 2016. Mgr. Friskop will represent the RCWRB at the meeting.

Interstate Engineering

Engineer Bassingthwaite met with the Board at this time. The following matters were brought forward:

●**Proj #2 Reconstruction**- Low bidder for the reconstruction of Proj #2 was Riley Bros Construction, Inc. with a bid of \$621,703.60. A motion was made by Mgr. Rostad and seconded by Mgr. Friskop to award the Proj #2 reconstruction to Riley Bros Construction, Inc. based on their bid of \$621,703.60. The motion carried unanimously. (RCWRD #10-079)

●**Proj #18 Reconstruction**- The Managers and Engineer discussed the condition of the east-west township road along the north side of Sections 25 and 26, Center West and the need for reconstruction. Engineer Bassingthwaite reported that the road is holding due to drier conditions the past few years. He cautioned that additional sloughing will occur if weather conditions change and it becomes wet. Consideration was given to reconstructing the entire drain south of Highway 13 or reconstructing only the east-west portion. Reconstructing any portion of Proj #18 will require an excess levy. Consensus was to monitor the township road.

Proj #65 Silt Berm Removal

Mr. Johnson reported the affected landowners are in favor of the District removing silt berms on Proj #65 in Sections 11, 14, 23, 26, and 35, Waldo Township. It appears that there is no need to hold a meeting with the landowners adjacent to the channel. (RCWRD #15-125)

Proj #5(27) Reconstruction Bid Opening

Bid opening for the reconstruction of Proj #5(27) commenced at 10:00 a.m. with Engineer Bassingthwaite and several contractors present. The following bids were received:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Bid</u>
Adelman Concrete & Excavating, Inc	\$ 874,795.00
Comstock Construction, Inc	\$ 767,330.00
Dennis Drewes, Inc	\$ 655,322.05
Foothills Contracting, Inc	Bid received after 10:00
H&S Contracting, Inc	\$ 896,743.55
JAV Construction, Inc	\$ 688,416.00
R. J. Zavoral & Sons, Inc	\$1,050,039.05
Riley Bros Construction, Inc	\$ 783,233.45
Wanzek Construction	\$ 890,104.15

Upon conclusion of the bid opening, a motion was made by Mgr. Burvee and seconded by Mgr. Friskop to refer the bids to Interstate Engineering for verification and tabulation. The motion carried unanimously. (RCWRD #14-124)

March 24, 2016 Red River Retention Authority Meeting

Mgr. Rostad reported on the Red River Retention Authority meeting he attended March 24, 2016. He reported that Randy Gjestvang, of the ND State Water Commission (ND SWC), feels it will take a month for the Antelope Creek Watershed Retention Project to go through the federal review.

Proj #31 Reconstruction Bid Opening

Bid opening for the reconstruction of Proj #31 commenced at 10:30 a.m. with Engineer Bassingthwaite and several contractors present. The following bids were received:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Bid</u>
Adelman Concrete & Excavating, Inc	\$353,668.25
Bolman Trenching Service	\$265,219.40
Comstock Construction, Inc	\$243,460.00
Foothills Contracting, Inc	\$246,801.25
H&S Contracting, Inc	\$255,338.50
JAV Construction, Inc	\$258,553.00
Johnson Excavation	\$263,055.10
M&M Contractors, LLC	\$244,349.40
R. J. Zavoral & Sons, Inc	\$387,588.53
Riley Bros Construction, Inc	\$435,821.40
Wanzek Construction	\$338,967.50

Upon conclusion of the bid opening, a motion was made by Mgr. Burvee and seconded by Mgr. Haugen to refer the bids to Interstate Engineering for verification and tabulation. The motion carried unanimously. (RCWRD #13-054)

Proj #65 Silt Berm Removal

The Managers met briefly with Jim and Andrew Viele, of JAV Construction, to discuss removal of the silt berms on Proj #65. The Vieles' plan to begin work soon. Mgr. Burvee reported an inlet culvert should be installed in the SE1/4 Section 23, Waldo Township. A motion was made by Mgr. Burvee and seconded by Mgr. Friskop authorizing JAV Construction to install an 18 inch inlet culvert in the SE1/4 Section 23, Waldo Township. The motion carried unanimously. This work will be done in conjunction with removal of the silt berms. (RCWRD #15-125)

Engineer Bassingthwaite left the meeting.

Ben Eisenschenk Ring Dike

Ben Eisenschenk is planning to make changes to the ring dike around his farmstead located in the NE1/4 Section 15, Walcott West. (The ring dike was constructed in 2011 under the ND SWC Ring Dike Cost Share Program.) Office staff contacted Randy Gjestvang, from the ND SWC West Fargo Office, regarding the proposed changes. Mr. Gjestvang said plans would be needed showing the changes to be made. Mr. Gjestvang further advised that by moving the dike further south, it could reduce the conveyance to the east. This could cause a stage increase and possibly force more water south. The area where the dike would be moved to is in the 100 year floodplain; therefore a floodplain development permit would also be required. Mr. Gjestvang's opinion was that Mr. Eisenschenk should be required to show the proposed changes would not cause a stage increase or force more water to the south.

The Managers agreed with Mr. Gjestvang's opinion. They also expressed concern about the placement of the dike in relation to the location of Proj #5(37), as access is required for future work on the drain. Mr. Johnson will check the drain right-of-way and report back to the Board at their next meeting. (Eisenschenk #10-050)

Applications

Appl #16-005, Keith Hage: NE1/4 Sec 32, Colfax East No action required by the RCWRB; application forwarded to the Richland County Highway Department and City of Colfax for their decision.

Appl #16-006, D&J Yaggie, LP & B Yaggie, LP A motion was made by Mgr. Burvee and seconded by Mgr. Rostad to approve the application for drain tile at no cost to the RCWRD. The motion carried unanimously.

Technician's Report

Mr. Johnson reported that he plans to begin drain inspections later this week.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chr. Moffet adjourned the meeting at 11:40 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Monica Zentgraf
Secretary

Don Moffet
Chairman of the Board