

RICHLAND COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
Richland County Courthouse, Wahpeton, ND
November 1, 2016

The Richland County Water Resource Board (RCWRB) met November 1, 2016 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 brought to the attention of the Office Staff that an error was made in the October 11, 2016 minutes. In the matter of "Dan and RaeDell Braaten Drain Tile Application #15-014" it was stated that "The pump was not placed in the location as depicted on the plan, but rather was placed in the NE1/4 SW1/4 Section 23." The correct description of where the outlet was placed was the NW1/4 Section 23. A motion was made by Mgr. Haugen and seconded by Mgr. Burvee to approve the correction as stated. The motion carried unanimously.

The October 18, 2016 minutes were presented. A motion was made by Mgr. Rostad and seconded by Mgr. Burvee to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

The October 25, 2016 minutes were presented. A motion was made by Mgr. Burvee and seconded by Mgr. Haugen to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Drain Tile Condition Forms

Per discussion of the drain tile condition forms at the October 25, 2016 meeting, the forms were revised and presented for the Managers review. Further review to be held later in the meeting.

Interstate Engineering

Engineer Mike Bassingthwaite met with the Board to discuss the following projects:

- Proj #2 Reconstruction- Riley Bros is still pushing hard to do the work on the west end of the project this fall. Legal Counsel was contacted this past week and a Hold Harmless Agreement was drafted and presented to the contractor by Mr. Bassingthwaite. The Managers reviewed the Agreement with discussion following. It was Mr. Bassingthwaite's opinion that even if the contractor completes the project this fall, the contract should be left open until 2017 because of the lateness of the season. After much consideration, a motion was made by Mgr. Burvee and seconded by Mgr. Friskop authorizing Chr. Moffet to sign the Hold Harmless Agreement contingent upon Riley Bros signing the document. The motion carried unanimously. (RCWRD #10-079)

- Proj #5(27)- Mr. Bassingthwaite reported the subcontractor is making progress on the concrete drop structures.

Mr. Bassingthwaite also reported that the landowners in Section 18, Walcott East, along with the Walcott Township Board of Supervisors, want the 18 inch inlet culvert installed in the middle of the quarter in the SW1/4. Mr. Bassingthwaite has not been able to talk to the owner of the farmstead who has expressed concern about the culvert. Mr. Bassingthwaite will continue to try to contract the owner. (RCWRD #14-124)

- Proj #18 Cleaning and Culvert Replacement- On August 16, 2016 an agreement was made between the Center Township Board of Supervisors and RCWRB for replacing the culvert in the Bois-de-Sioux overflow channel in Section 3, Center West. The agreement was that the Township Board would pay for the culvert and the RCWRB would pay for installation. Township Board Chairman, Rod Romereim, recently contacted the Office and Mr. Bassingthwaite, as the culvert bill is \$600 more than he expected because of beveling the ends of the culvert. Mr. Romereim requested a 50% (\$300) cost share from the RCWRD. Mr. Romereim indicated the Township Board does not bevel ends

because of the added cost and they were not told that would be done on this culvert. Mr. Bassingthwaite agreed the Township Board did not know about the beveling. Mr. Bassingthwaite explained that the road overtops frequently so grout and riprap will be installed to better secure the crossing; the ends were beveled for ease of installing the grout and riprap. Mr. Bassingthwaite stated that when the project is done, the Township will have an improved crossing requiring less maintenance in the future. A motion was made by Mgr. Burvee and seconded by Mgr. Friskop to split the \$600 additional charge on a 50-50 basis. Upon roll call vote, Mgrs. Friskop and Burvee voted in favor of said motion; Mgrs. Haugen, Moffet, and Rostad voted against said motion. The motion failed. Mr. Bassingthwaite will notify Mr. Romereim of the Board's decision to deny the request for payment. (Hoefs & Group #16-055)

- Proj #14 Erosion Repair- Mr. Bassingthwaite previously reported that Verdell Jordheim agreed the District could take spoil from the spoil bank on his property on the east side of the NE1/4 Section 35, Barrie Township, for the erosion repair project. Mr. Jordheim told Mr. Bassingthwaite it would benefit him to get rid of some of the spoil to lower the bank. Mr. Jordheim did not request payment for the material at that time. Approximately 3,000 CYs of spoil was removed. Mr. Jordheim has now told Mr. Bassingthwaite he wants to be paid for the spoil material. Mr. Bassingthwaite felt he had a "gentlemens agreement" that no payment would be made since removal of the spoil would benefit Mr. Jordheim; no written agreement was secured. After much consideration of the matter, consensus of the Board was that no payment would be made to Mr. Jordheim. (RCWRD #13-181)

- RCPP (Regional Conservation Partnership Program)- Mr. Bassingthwaite reported on the meetings he attended October 26 and 27, 2016 for the RCPP program. He also updated the Managers on the public meeting scheduled for November 10, 2016.

Drain Tile Condition Forms

The Managers further reviewed the drain tile condition forms. A motion was made by Mgr. Burvee and seconded by Mgr. Friskop to approve the revised condition forms. The motion carried unanimously.

Beaver Dams

Joel Lyons, of Animal Damage Control, contacted the Office requesting permission to blow four beaver dams in Antelope Creek, in Section 28, Nansen Township. Mr. Lyons is not able to trap the beaver because the dams are holding back an extremely large amount of water. The water is backed up to Mr. Anderson's farm and into the crop land. Because of the extremely high water level, possibility of crop damage, and time delay mobilizing a contractor to the site, the consensus was that the quickest and best way to get rid of the water would be to allow Mr. Lyons to blow the dams. The beaver will be trapped after the water recedes. A motion was made by Mgr. Rostad and seconded by Mgr. Friskop authorizing Animal Damage Control to blow four beaver dams in Section 28, Nansen Township. Work at Waterways expense. The motion carried unanimously.

Technician's Report

- Contractor Completion Deadlines- JBX and JAV Construction have projects either past the completion deadlines or near the deadlines. Mr. Johnson has visited with both contractors; they are well aware of the completion deadlines and are currently working on their various projects. Mr. Johnson recommended letting the deadline dates ride until freeze-up and revising the matter at that time. The Managers agreed with Mr. Johnson.

- Proj #4(28)- Ibsen Twp Chr. Larry Wold notified the Office of a problem with the culverts in the NWCR Section 4, Ibsen Township. Mr. Johnson inspected the site and found the west end section of the south concrete culvert appears to be separating and the edge of the township road is sloughing. This area of the drain should be reconstructed and so the Managers felt only minimal repairs should be made to secure the road pending anticipated reconstruction within the next two years. Appl #16-081 was completed and a motion was made by Mgr. Burvee and seconded by Mgr. Friskop authorizing Ehlert Excavating to make repairs at Proj #4 expense. Work completion date December 15, 2016. The motion carried unanimously.

Applications

Appl #16-082, Tom Egan: SE1/4 Sec 17, Brandenburg Twp The RCWRD acknowledged receipt of the application. The application will be referred to the Richland County Highway Department, as work is within the county road right-of-way.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chr. Moffet adjourned the meeting at 10:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Monica Zentgraf
Secretary

Don Moffet
Chairman of the Board