

RICHLAND COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
Richland County Courthouse, Wahpeton, ND
October 11, 2016

The Richland County Water Resource Board (RCWRB) met October 11, 2016 at 8:00 AM at the Richland County Courthouse, Wahpeton, North Dakota.

THOSE PRESENT: Managers Arv Burvee, James Haugen, Don Moffet, Robert Rostad, Engineering Technician Justin Johnson, and Secretary-Treasurer Monica Zentgraf.

Minutes

A motion was made by Mgr. Haugen and seconded by Mgr. Rostad to approve the minutes of the September 27, 2016 meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Financial Reports

A motion was made by Mgr. Burvee and seconded by Mgr. Rostad to accept the August and September 2016 financial reports as presented. The motion carried.

Mail

- 1.) Bank of New York Mellon- \$5,706,755.39 pledged securities as of September 30, 2016.
- 2.) North Dakota State Water Commission- Agenda for the October 12, 2016 meeting.
- 3.) Keith Weston, NRCS-Agenda for Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) workshop scheduled for October 26-27, 2016. Mike Bassingthwaite, of Interstate Engineering, will attend for the RCWRD.
- 4.) Interstate Engineering- Copy of letter to Riley Bros Construction, Inc relative to completion deadline for the Proj #2 reconstruction. (RCWRD #10-079)
- 5.) Attorney John Boulger- (Representing Thomas and Jill Lavelle) Concerns regarding damage to the NE1/4 Section 30, Sheyenne Township. Consensus was to have legal counsel forward a letter to Mr. Boulger advising that the District will not respond until they have the opportunity to discuss the matter with their legal counsel. (Proj #10- RCWRD #10-104)

Proj #14 Reconstruction

Applications for the United States Army Corps of Engineers permit and North Dakota State Surface Drain permit were presented to the Board. A motion was made by Mgr. Burvee and seconded by Mgr. Haugen authorizing Chr. Moffet to sign the applications. The motion carried. (RCWRD #11-001)

Proj #14 Erosion Repairs

The Construction Agreement and Notice to Proceed were presented to the Board. A motion was made by Mgr. Rostad and seconded by Mgr. Burvee authorizing Chr. Moffet to sign the agreement and notice. The motion carried. (RCWRD #13-181)

Fargo-Moorhead Flood Diversion Project

A conference call was held with the District's Attorney, David Bliss. Brief discussion was held relative to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MN DNR) denial of the permit for the Fargo-Moorhead Flood Diversion Project. Mr. Bliss felt it was important for the RCWRD to release comments on the decision; a draft Press Release was provided to the Managers for their review. A motion was made by Mgr. Burvee and seconded by Mgr. Haugen to approve the Press Release as presented. The motion carried.

Mr. Bliss updated the Managers on the appeal of the North Dakota State Engineer granting the permit for the project inlet structure.

Dan and RaeDell Braaten Drain Tile Application #15-014

Township Clerk Gary Lee contacted the RCWRD this past week regarding Braatens drain tile application for the S1/2SE1/4Section 14 and W1/2 Section 23, Viking Township. The plan originally submitted included one gravity flow outlet in the SECR SE1/4 Section 14 and one pump outlet in the SW1/4 SE1/4 of Section 14. 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. Mr. Lee reported the township road ditches in Sections 14 and 23 were deepened and widened and not just "cleaned" as Braatens application, #11-150, stated. The Township Board ordered Braatens to improve the field side ditch slope. Mr. Lee indicated the Township is still not satisfied. Braatens will need to file an updated tile plan with the RCWRD for the drain tile outlet as installed. The Township Board's concerns with the ditch slope is under the jurisdiction of the Township Board; however, the Managers directed that a letter be forward to Braatens advising them that if they deepened and widened the road ditches they are required to obtain a state surface drain permit.

John Nagel Complaint

The meeting was turned over to Vice Chr. Rostad before the Managers entered into discussion about the work proposed by Steve Mauch in the S1/2 Section 30, Antelope Township. (On September 20, 2016, the four remaining Managers voted unanimously to require Mgr. Moffet to not participate in Steve Mauch's project-related matters pertaining to the SW1/4 Section 30, Antelope Township.)

The Managers were informed that Mr. Mauch called the Office and advised that he visited with the downstream landowners (as requested by the Board) and it appears he will be able to secure easements from all parties. The Managers directed that Mr. Mauch secure the signed flowage easements and submit them to the Office so this matter can be finalized. (Nagel Obj #15-194)

The meeting was turned over to Chr. Moffet.

Technician's Report

- Proj #31- Mr. Johnson reported the culvert in the SE1/4 Section 7, Lamars Township, was lowered 3 to 4 inches, per Bruce Luick's request. The "026" waiver has been signed. (RCWRD #16-059)

- Proj #63- Mr. Johnson reported the field approach culvert in the SE1/4 Section 21, Nansen Township, is in poor condition and is in need of replacement. The bottom of the mainline culverts in the SE1/4 Section 21 and in the SWCR Section 27, also in Nansen Township, are being pushed up and appear to be part of the reason water is being held up in the drain. Due to the lack of adequate funds in the drain maintenance account and lateness of the construction season, the Managers felt work should wait until next spring. Hydraulic studies, however, could be completed this fall. The Managers will visit with the County Commission and Highway Department at the October 18, 2016 meeting, as the County will be responsible for 40% of the cost to replace the mainline culvert in the SWCR Section 27.

- Contractor Update- Mr. Johnson provided a status report.

- Culvert Inventory- Mr. Johnson reported the culvert inventory has been completed on three drains.

Applications

Appl #16-075, Danny Walter: NE1/4 Sec 17, Lamars Twp No action was taken pending Mgr. Burvee visiting with Ray Schroeder about burying a pipe in the township road ditch in lieu of lowering the culvert and deepening the ditch.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chr. Moffet adjourned the meeting at 11:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Monica Zentgraf
Secretary

Don Moffet
Chairman of the Board