

RICHLAND COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
Richland County Courthouse, Wahpeton, ND
October 20, 2015

The Richland County Water Resource Board (RCWRB) met October 20, 2015 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

It was moved by Mgr. Rostad and seconded by Mgr. Burvee to approve the minutes of the September 29, 2015 meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Financial Reports

It was moved by Mgr. Haugen and seconded by Mgr. Rostad to accept the September financial reports as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Mail

1. Richland County Commission- Minutes of the September 2015 meetings.
2. Bank of New York Mellon- \$3,925,391.16 pledged securities.
3. Interstate Engineering- Recommended size for approach culvert on Proj #5(64) located in the NWCR Section 26, Walcott West. Upon review of the recommendation and a conversation with Engineer Bassingthwaite, a motion was made by Mgr. Rostad and seconded by Mgr. Burvee authorizing Comstock Construction to replace the existing 18 inch x 40 foot culvert in the NWCR Section 26, Walcott West, with a 24 inch x 40 foot culvert and to replace the two 35 inch x 24 inch x 30 foot culverts in the approach in the NECR Section 27, Walcott West, with two 42 inch x 29 inch x 40 foot culverts. The motion carried unanimously. (Ulven Appl #15-127)
4. Interstate Engineering- Report of culvert sizing for the SECR Section 30, Colfax West, per the request of Jan Rieger. Upon review of the report, the Managers scheduled a meeting with the affected landowners and Colfax and Viking Township Supervisors for October 29, 2015 at the Viking Township Hall, to discuss the Engineer's findings. (Rieger Appl #15-099)

Richland-Sargent Joint Water Resource District Administration Agreement

The Managers were presented with a draft administration agreement for the Richland-Sargent Joint Water Resource Board. No changes were recommended; the agreement will be forwarded to the Sargent County Water Resource District for their review.

Dallas Loff Appl #13-089

Mgr. Rostad reported that Dallas Loff contacted him about cleaning they are doing in the county road ditch between Sections 7 and 18, Abercrombie West. They intended to lay the ditch slope back but are not able to due to the power and telephone lines.

Technician's Report

Technician Johnson updated the Board on various projects.

Applications

Appl #15-169, Steve Mauch: SW1/4 Sec 30, Antelope Twp The RCWRB acknowledged receipt of the application. Road authority approval submitted with the application.

Appl #15-170, Stuart Gunness: SE1/4 Sec 10, Colfax East The RCWRB acknowledged receipt of the drain tile application. No action required, as project is less than 80 acres.

Appl #15-171, Dan & RaeDell Braaten: NE1/4 Sec 19, Helendale Twp A motion was made by Mgr. Burvee and seconded by Mgr. Rostad to refer the application to the Richland County Highway Department with the recommendation to deny the application due to unpermitted and uncompleted Helendale group drain project. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mgr. Haugen and seconded by Mgr. Burvee to approve Appls #15-172 through #15-174 with no cost to the drains or RCWRD. The motion carried unanimously.

Appl #15-172	Hermunslie Viland Farms	N1/2 Sec 24, Abercrombie West
Appl #15-173	Tom & Kathy Radig	SW1/4 Sec 25, Abercrombie West
Appl #15-174	Dan Dotzenrod	Sec 14, Freeman Twp

Appl #15-175, Jake Barton: NW1/4 Sec 28, Walcott East A motion was made by Mgr. Rostad and seconded by Mgr. Haugen to approve the field ditching and refer the work in the road ditch to the Walcott Township Board of Supervisors. Work at no cost to the RCWRD. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mgr. Burvee and seconded by Mgr. Rostad to approve the installation of drain tile under Appls #15-176 and #15-177 and refer the outlet to the respective Township Boards of Supervisors. Work at no cost to the drains. The motion carried unanimously.

Appl #15-176	Klosterman Farms, Inc	SE1/4 Sec 20, Garborg Twp
Appl #15-177	Donald & Kathryn Emde	SW1/4 Sec 11, Waldo Twp

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

Proj #39 Cleanout & Culvert Replacement

Engineer Bassingthwaite provided the Board with a report on the three bridges and low water crossing situated on Proj #39. The Engineer and Board also discussed the current cleanout and culvert replacement project being undertaken by the District on Proj #39. A motion was made by Mgr. Burvee and seconded by Mgr. Rostad to add the following work to the current project:

- *Replace low water crossing in the N1/2 Section 16, Fairmount South
- *Clean the channel in Section 29, Fairmount South
- *Replace two inlet culverts in Section 29, Fairmount South

The motion carried unanimously. (RCWRD #11-275)

Minnesota DNR Open Comment Period for Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on Fargo-Moorhead Flood Diversion Project

Discussion was held regarding the preparation of a letter to the Minnesota DNR regarding the EIS. Engineer Bassingthwaite will be meeting with Senator Larry Luick regarding this matter tomorrow. Consensus of the Board was to allow Engineer Bassingthwaite to assist with preparation of a letter.

United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Report on Bois-de-Sioux River

Engineer Bassingthwaite suggested sending a response to the USACE on the Bois-de-Sioux River report. Consensus of the Managers was to allow Engineer Bassingthwaite to prepare a draft letter.

Proj #15 Reconstruction

Engineer Bassingthwaite provided an update on the project. Consensus of the Managers was to close out the project in November.

Robert and Patricia Sanden, Jeffrey Mauch, and Wayne Mauch Drain Tile Application

The drain tile application of Sandens and Mauchs, for the NW1/4 Section 20, Barney Township, had not yet been brought before the Board due to letters of opposition submitted to the District. Office Staff told the applicants to work out the concerns with downstream landowners James and Joyce Shorma and their tenant, Brett Johnson, and to submit a written explanation of how the dispute will be resolved. Signatures of all parties would be required for any additional work done or Shormas and Johnson could withdraw their objections. Differences between the parties have not been resolved. James and Joyce Shorma spoke with the Board Chairman and

Secretary regarding this matter. Shormas indicated trenching was being done on the NW1/4 and a culvert was also lying on site. This information was reported to the Board Members and a conference call was made to Mr. Sanden. Mr. Sanden advised that since differences were not worked out, they were proceeding with tiling 75 acres to stay under the state requirement for a permit (80 acres or more). Mr. Sanden further reported the main line has been installed and the pump set in place. When asked about the route of the water, Mr. Sanden indicated the water would run east from the NECR of the NW1/4 and turn south at the NECR NE1/4 and flow on the east side of the NE1/4 (Shorma property). Mr. Sanden was informed that a state permit would be required if additional acres are tiled.

Engineer Bassingthwaite left the meeting.

Applications

Appl #15-178, R & P Sanden, J & W Mauch: A motion was made by Mgr. Rostad and seconded by Mgr. Haugen that no action required for the drain tile as the applicants advised they are tiling less than 80 acres and do not need a permit. Request for culvert in approach referred to Barney Township Board of Supervisors. Board action on request for culvert through shelterbelt deferred pending James and Joyce Shorma written approval submitted to RCWRD. The motion carried unanimously.

Appl #15-179, Terry Marohl: NE1/4 Sec 35, Antelope Twp A motion was made by Mgr. Burvee and seconded by Mgr. Haugen to refer the application to the Antelope Township Board of Supervisors. The motion carried unanimously.

Appl #15-180, Gordie & Tony Luick: NE1/4 Sec 10, Brandenburg Twp A motion was made by Mgr. Burvee and seconded by Mgr. Rostad to bore under the legal drain. Richland County Highway Department approval required for county road right-of-way. Work at no cost to the drain. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mgr. Rostad and seconded by Mgr. Burvee to refer Appls #15-181 and #15-182 to the Richland County Highway Department. The motion carried unanimously.

Appl #15-181	Dan & RaeDell Braaten	N1/2 Sec 2, Viking Twp
Appl #15-182	Dan & RaeDell Braaten	SW1/4 Sec 35, Barrie Twp

Appl #15-183, KTM Farm: NE1/4 Sec 30, Dwight East A motion was made by Mgr. Burvee and seconded by Mgr. Haugen to refer the application to the City of Wahpeton. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chr. Moffet adjourned the meeting at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Monica Zentgraf
Secretary

Don Moffet
Chairman of the Board