

RICHLAND COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
Richland County Courthouse, Wahpeton, ND
September 29, 2015

The Richland County Water Resource Board (RCWRB) met September 29, 2015 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 moved by Mgr. Burvee and seconded by Mgr. Rostad to approve the minutes of the September 22, 2015 meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Mail

1. MnDak Upstream Coalition- Notification of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) public comment period for the Environmental Impact Statement. The Coalition also asked for financial assistance with the case against the Fargo-Moorhead Diversion project. (The RCWRB will meet with Senator Larry Luick later in the day to discuss preparation of a letter to the DNR.)
2. US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)- Letter and report in response to the RCWRD's letter of January 7, 2013 in which the Board expressed concerns over the flow capacity of the river channel downstream of White Rock Dam and maintenance responsibilities for the channel. (Engineer Bassingthwaite will meet with the Board later in the day to discuss the report.)

Technician's Report

Project #14

Justin Johnson reported that he inspected a field inlet culvert in the S1/2 Section 29, Viking Township. The culvert is an old riveted pipe with a bulge in the middle, the flap gate is missing, and some work is also needed on the berm. Consensus of the Managers was to wait with replacing the culvert until that portion of the channel is reconstructed. A motion was made by Mgr. Burvee and seconded by Mgr. Friskop authorizing JAV Construction to install a flap gate and repair the berm. (RCWRD #15-046)

Project #65

Mr. Johnson inspected the lateral to Proj #65, located in Section 26, Waldo Township. There is one small area of erosion Mr. Johnson feels should be monitored. A small amount of sediment has built up on the west side of the bridge between Sections 26 and 35, Waldo Township. The sediment should be removed when the silt blocks are removed along the main channel next year. The rest of the lateral is in good condition. (RCWRD #15-125)

Windshield Replacement

Mr. Johnson reported that he has numerous rock chips in the windshield of his pickup and he needs to get the windshield replaced. Approximate cost for the windshield is \$360 plus tax. A motion was made by Mgr. Friskop and seconded by Mgr. Burvee to replace Justin Johnson's windshield at RCWRD expense. The motion carried unanimously.

Applications

Appl #13-193, Jan & Sandra Rieger: NE1/4 Section 30, Colfax West A motion was made by Mgr. Friskop and seconded by Mgr. Haugen to approve installation of one pump outlet in lieu of the two gravity flow outlets for the applicants drain tile. Work at no cost to the drain. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mgr. Burvee and seconded by Mgr. Rostad to approve Appl #15-153 through #15-162 with no cost to the drains or RCWRD. The motion carried unanimously.

Appl #15-153	Mark & Brian Boyer	Sec 1, Antelope Twp
Appl #15-154	Mark & Brian Boyer	Sec 2, Antelope Twp
Appl #15-155	Mark & Brian Boyer	NE1/4 Sec 4, Antelope Twp
Appl #15-156	Brian Boyer	SW1/4 Sec 6, Antelope Twp
Appl #15-157	Mark & Brian Boyer	NE1/4 Sec 7, Antelope Twp
Appl #15-158	Mark & Brian Boyer	Sec 10, Antelope Twp
Appl #15-159	Mark & Brian Boyer	SW1/4 Sec 12, Antelope Twp
Appl #15-160	Mark Boyer	NW1/4 Sec 16, Barney Twp
Appl #15-161	Brian Boyer	SW1/4 Sec 29, Colfax West
Appl #15-162	D. Mumm, R & M Conzemius	S1/2 Sec 33, Dwight West

Appl #15-163, Mark Boyer: SW1/4 Sec 8, Barney Twp A motion was made by Mgr. Haugen and seconded by Mgr. Friskop to approve with Allan Goerger's signature. Work at no cost to the RCWRD. The motion carried unanimously.

Appl #15-164, Mark & Brian Boyer: NW1/4 Sec 6, Ibsen Twp A motion was made by Mgr. Burvee and seconded by Mgr. Rostad to approve with Jerry Luebke signature. Work at no cost to the drain. The motion carried unanimously.

Appl #15-165, Mark & Brian Boyer: N1/2 Sec 35, Nansen Twp A motion was made by Mgr. Rostad and seconded by Mgr. Burvee to approve the field ditching and refer the work in the road ditch to the Richland County Highway Department. Work at no cost to the drains. The motion carried unanimously.

Appl #15-166, Gary Nelson: SW1/4 Sec 21, Walcott East A motion was made by Mgr. Friskop and seconded by Mgr. Haugen to refer the application to the Walcott Township Board of Supervisors. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mgr. Rostad and seconded by Mgr. Burvee to refer Appls #15-167 and #15-168 to the Richland County Highway Department. The motion carried unanimously.

Appl #15-167	Arlen & Jan Willprecht	NE1/4 Sec 7, Colfax East
Appl #15-168	Gregg Johnson	Secs 8 & 17, Colfax East

USACE Report on Bois-de-Sioux River

Engineer Bassingthwaite met with the Board for the purpose of reviewing the USACE report regarding the Bois-de-Sioux River which was presented to the Board earlier in the meeting. The Board originally contacted the USACE because of concerns expressed by local landowners. Engineer Bassingthwaite reported the Corps did extensive survey work before the report was prepared. The USACE reported vegetation is not a problem in the channel and any sediment that is present is offset by degradation of the channel bottom. The Corps concluded that the channel still meets the design criteria and no work is needed.

Proj #39 Cleanout & Culvert Replacement

Engineer Bassingthwaite reported that the contractor has begun the cleanout and inlet culvert replacement project. Engineer Bassingthwaite was contacted by a local landowner about the three culverts by the river in Sections 9 and 16, Fairmount South. The landowner felt the culverts were in poor condition and should also be replaced. Engineer Bassingthwaite inspected the culverts and found that they were in very poor condition. He recommended the Board replace the culverts. A motion was made by Mgr. Burvee and seconded by Mgr. Friskop authorizing JBX to replace the three culverts as recommended by Engineer Bassingthwaite. Work at Proj #39 expense. The motion carried unanimously. (RCWRD #11-275)

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

Senator Larry Luick met with the Board to discuss the Board's desire to submit a letter to the Minnesota DNR regarding the Environmental Impact Statement on the Fargo-Moorhead Diversion project.

Senator Luick recently met with Fargo Mayor, Mahoney, one of their engineers, and the Fargo City Planner, to discuss alternatives to the Diversion project. Mayor Mahoney was very interested in the options presented by Senator Luick and indicated they need to have an engineering firm look into these options. Senator Luick told the RCWRB this would need to be spearheaded by an entity such as the RCWRD. Senator Luick also spoke with Senator Hoeven; he feels Fargo needs to look at other alternatives, as federal funding does not look favorable.

Senator Luick is very willing to assist the District with a letter to the DNR.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chr. Moffet adjourned the meeting at 11:15 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Monica Zentgraf
Secretary

Don Moffet
Chairman of the Board