

RICHLAND COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
Community Room, Richland County Law Enforcement Center, Wahpeton, ND
April 13, 2021- Legal Drain #66A Watershed Informational Meeting

The Richland County Water Resource Board ("RCWRB") held an informational meeting regarding the Legal Drain #66A Watershed Study on April 13, 2021 at 9:30 AM, in the Community Room of the Richland County Law Enforcement Center, Wahpeton, North Dakota.

THOSE PRESENT: Managers Clint Arndt, Arv Burvee, Mark Fahsholz, Gary Friskop, Don Moffet, Engineering Technician Justin Johnson, (via Zoom) Secretary-Treasurer Monica Zentgraf, and Mike Bassingthwaite, of Interstate Engineering.

GUESTS: Tim Fenske, Dave Link, JD Link, Joe Krump, Troy Thimjon, Tony Luick, Gordie Luick, Chris Johnson, Jim Sedler, Jessie Sedler, John Herding, Darin Prochnow, Carie Wefel, Gene Wefel, John Kube, Harlan Dieke, Tyler Bircherm of Interstate Engineering).

THOSE ABSENT: None

Chr. Burvee opened the meeting with introduction of the Board Members, Staff, and Engineer. Chr. Burvee spoke about Interstate Engineering's Drain #66A watershed study, prepared at the request of the Board.

The following issues were brought forward:

Interstate 29 Road Ditches

Discussion was held about cleaning portions of the Interstate 29 road ditches in Mooreton and Brandenburg Townships. Mr. Bassingthwaite explained the amount of sediment in the Interstate ditches varied from 6 inches to 2 feet with the average being 1.5 feet. Troy Gilbertson, of the North Dakota Department of Transportation (ND DOT), has been contacted about this work. Mr. Gilbertson was not able to attend the meeting but was supportive of maintenance work in the Interstate ditches. Landowners are required to secure permits from the ND DOT before any work commences.

Placement of the Interstate road ditch culverts are a concern of some of the group, as well as culvert capacity not being fully utilized. Some people felt the culvert through the overpass in Section 21, Mooreton Township, should be upsized.

A question was asked if the RCWRD can help with the cost of cleaning the Interstate ditches? Chr. Burvee explained the Board cannot spend Drain #66A funds in the Interstate ditches because they are not part of the legal drain.

Legal Drain Assessments

Discussion was held regarding Drain #66A's overall assessment district. Some attendees expressed concern about land west of the Interstate that is assessed. They believe they receive very little to no benefit from the legal drain. Chr. Burvee explained that the landowners should submit a petition to the Board if they want the drain reassessed.

Kube Drain

Cleaning the Kube Drain (private drain) was discussed among the group as well as turning it into a legal drain. The landowners along the Kube Drain agreed to meet to discuss cleaning it this year and to possibly pursue making it a legal drain in the future.

It was noted that the Kube Drain should be cleaned before the Interstate road ditches because it is the outlet for the Interstate water.

Drain #66A Maintenance/Reconstruction

Mr. Bassingthwaite indicated Drain #66A is pretty much at capacity. He said the water could be changed to take it south, but it would be a huge undertaking. There is concern about water standing in the culverts after they were replaced in the Summer of 2020. There was agreement that the legal drain could use a maintenance cleanout. Mr. Bassingthwaite was doubtful a cleanout would make much difference when the drain is running full. Resloping (reconstructing) the north $\frac{3}{4}$ to 1 mile of the drain was also discussed because of the amount of water flowing through the last crossing before Antelope Creek. Concern is the culverts on the north end are not flowing full, but the further south you go, the culverts are completely submerged during larger events.

Summary

Chr. Burvee summarized the meeting:

- Kube Drain and Interstate 29 ditch cleaning will be pursued by the landowners.
- Drain #66A cleanout and resloping the north end of the drain will be further investigated by the RCWRD.

Adjournment

Chr. Burvee adjourned the meeting at 10:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

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Chairman of the Board