

RICHLAND COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT  
Richland County Courthouse, Wahpeton, ND  
April 16, 2019

The Richland County Water Resource Board ("RCWRB") met April 16, 2019 at 9:00 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.

THOSE ABSENT: None

### **Minutes**

The April 9, 2019 minutes were presented. A motion was made by Mgr. Haugen and seconded by Mgr. Moffet to approve the April 9, 2019 minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Mail:**

- 1.) Metro Flood Diversion Authority Board- Notice of the April 16, 2019 meeting between Lieutenant General Semonite, Chief of Engineers of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and North Dakota Senator John Hoeven.
- 2.) Houston Engineering- As part of the Proj #7 reconstruction, an additional breakout area needs to be constructed in the SW1/4 Section 22, Garborg Township. The engineer reported "There is a low point in the roadway and without providing breakout conveyance to the north at this location, the roadway and property south of the roadway, including the existing farmstead, would be at a greater risk of damage due to flooding." Upon the Board's review of the data, a motion was made by Mgr. Burvee and seconded by Mgr. Haugen to approve construction of a breakout area in the SW1/4 Section 22, Garborg Township, per Houston Engineering's recommendation. The motion carried unanimously. (RCWRD #17-016)
- 3.) Christi Fisher, NRCS- Copy of email to Mike Bassingthwaite, of Interstate Engineering, requesting an update and expressing her concern about progress on the Antelope Creek Regional Conversation Partnership Program (RCPP"). The Managers will visit with Mr. Bassingthwaite later in the meeting. (RCWRD #16-017)

### **Fargo-Moorhead Diversion Authority/Eagle Township Board of Supervisors Meeting**

Chr. Friskop reported on the April 9, 2019 meeting he attended between the Fargo-Moorhead Diversion Authority and Eagle Township Board of Supervisors. The meeting centered around the buyout process.

### **Proj #1 Reconstruction**

At the Board's request, Kelly Miller met with the Managers to discuss various issues relating to the Proj #1 reconstruction. Mike Bassingthwaite, of Interstate Engineering, and Tony Wulfekuhle were also present. Discussion included options on how to bid the project (i.e alternates, length of the project), rights-of-way, completion deadline, financial constraints, and drain assessments. Consensus was to proceed with bidding the west 150 Feet of the NW1/4 Section 28 and approximately the east 7/8<sup>th</sup> mile in the N1/2 Section 29, all in Abercrombie East. Right-of-way documents will be requested from Legal Counsel. (RCWRD #17-017)

Mr. Miller and Mr. Wulfkuhle left the meeting.

### **Antelope Creek RCPP Project**

The Managers visited briefly with Mr. Bassingthwaite about the email Christi Fisher, of the NRCS Office, sent regarding her request for an update on the project and her concern about the progress of the project. Mr. Bassingthwaite reported some of the information Ms. Fisher is waiting for is now ready to be sent. He also

explained his opinion of the sequence of events in which parts of the study should be done/come together. He will be contacting Ms. Fisher to set up a conference call/meeting; he would like Randy Gjestvang, of the ND State Water Commission, and Keith Weston, of the Red River Retention Authority, to take part in the call/meeting. (RCWRD #16-017)

### **Legislative Matters**

SB 2020 (North Dakota State Water Commission ("ND SWC") appropriations bill) passed on the House floor and has been assigned to Conference Committee.

SB2139 (Snagging and Clearing) passed on the House floor. This bill reinstates the ability of the ND SWC to cost-share snagging and clearing operations in natural waterways.

SB 2293 (Aquatic Nuisance Species Program Fund) passed on the House Floor.

SB 2358 (Definition of a Watercourse) passed on the House floor and has been assigned to Conference Committee.

### **Applications**

Appl #19-008, Carson & Haley Klosterman, Jerome Halvorson: SW1/4 & SW1/4SE1/4 Section 29, Garborg Twp A motion was made by Mgr. Burvee and seconded by Mgr. Rostad to defer Drain Tile Appl #19-008 pending the required thirty day notice to downstream landowners. The motion carried unanimously.

Appl #19-009, Mark Huseth: A motion was made by Mgr. Haugen and seconded by Mgr. Moffet to approve removal of snow from Proj #12 by Marshall Braaten. Work approved at drain expense due to the nature of immediate threat to Applicant's livestock facility. The motion carried unanimously.

Appl #19-010, Charles Breuer: N1/2 Section 36, Antelope Township A motion was made by Mgr. Rostad and seconded by Mgr. Burvee to approve at no cost to the drain. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Technician's Report**

●**Current Conditions-** Mr. Johnson reported emergency situations have subsided; he will be inspecting the legal drains for damages as soon as waters recede.

●**Proj #31-** A washout in road has occurred on Proj #31 located in the SW1/4 Section 21, Devillo Township. Repairs need to be made as soon as possible. Appl #19-011 was completed and a motion was made by Mgr. Burvee and seconded by Mgr. Rostad authorizing Interstate Engineering to proceed with a hydraulic study for replacement of the three culverts. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Adjournment**

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Monica Zentgraf*  
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Secretary

*Gary Friskop*  
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Chairman of the Board