

RICHLAND COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
Richland County Courthouse, Wahpeton, ND
April 23, 2019

The Richland County Water Resource Board ("RCWRB") met April 23, 2019 at 9:00 AM at the Richland County Courthouse, Wahpeton, North Dakota.

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

THOSE ABSENT: James Haugen

Minutes

The April 15, 2019 special meeting minutes and April 16, 2019 regular meeting minutes were presented. A motion was made by Mgr. Burvee and seconded by Mgr. Rostad to approve the April 15 and 16, 2019 minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Financial Matters

●Vouchers- Vouchers for the month of April 2019 were presented for the Board's review and approval. A motion was made by Mgr. Rostad and seconded by Mgr. Moffet to approve Vouchers #18039 through #18063 and the electronic funds transfer for the IRS payment. The motion carried unanimously.

Mail:

- 1.) Interstate Engineering- Recommendation for a culvert replacement in the SW1/4 Section 21, Devillo Township. Mr. Johnson reported there is also erosion damage on Proj #31 in the SE1/4 Section 7, Lamars Township. A motion was made by Mgr. Burvee and seconded by Mgr. Rostad to assign the culvert replacement and erosion repair to JBX. Culvert project to include replacing the two 36 inch culverts and one 30 inch culvert with two 42 inch culverts (per Interstate Engineering's recommendation) and the 24 inch high flow culvert (same size/same elevation); erosion damage to be repaired by ~~lining both channel banks with riprap between the concrete shoot and the existing riprap~~ continuing the rock shoot approximately 100 feet south and tying into the existing rock drop. The motion carried unanimously. (RCWRD #19-011)

(Mike Bassingthwaite, of Interstate Engineering, and Jesse Sedler, Richland County Engineer, joined the meeting mid-way through the Proj #31 discussion.)

Legal Drain #18/County Road #7

Mr. Sedler reported damage to County Road #7, located in NW1/4 Section 14, Center West. Mr. Sedler indicated he would be making repairs to the road in the immediate future, but would like to replace the existing box culvert, in Proj #18, later this year. Based on a hydraulic study previously prepared by Interstate Engineering, Mr. Sedler proposed replacing the box culvert with two lines of 87 inch x 63 inch cmpa. Total cost of the project could range between \$40,000 and \$50,000; bids will be solicited. County forces will handle some portions of the project. Cost share between the RCWRD and County would be 60% (RCWRD)/40% (County). Appl #19-012 was submitted accordingly by Mr. Sedler. A motion was made by Mgr. Burvee and seconded by Mgr. Moffet authorizing Richland County Highway Department to replace the box culvert as requested, based on a 60/40 cost share. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Sedler left the meeting.

Proj #31 Reconstruction

Mgr. Burvee and the Secretary reported on conversations with the tenants/lanowners regarding the sale of right-of-way to the RCWRD for reconstruction of Proj #31 in the E1/2 Section 28 and SE1/4 Section 21, Devillo

Township. The Secretary will contact Houston Engineering for an update on the status of the project. (RCWRD #18-022)

Proj #2

Monte Gylland and Brad Hage met with the Board to discuss flooding which occurred on Proj #2 during this year's spring thaw. Mike Bassingthwaite, of Interstate Engineering, also took part in the meeting. Mr. Hage explained the legal drain, in the NE1/4 Section 27, Colfax East and N1/2 Section 26, Eagle South, has a long history of not opening up in the spring and causing erosion damage in the fields. Mr. Gylland stated the amount of water flooding his property this year was worse than before Proj #2 was reconstructed. He also indicated there was washing in his field this year. Both parties feel the berm needs to be raised along the eastern 1/2 of the NE1/4 Section 27 and at various locations along the N1/2 Section 26, as water washed over the berm. Mr. Hage and Mr. Gylland also asked the Managers to be mindful of the possible need for a trench to be made in the channel from I-29 (in the NE1/4 Section 27) to the NECR Section 26 to augment snow melt in years of heavy snow cover. Appl #19-013 was presented to the Board for building up the berm as discussed. The meeting concluded with a motion by Mgr. Moffet, seconded by Mgr. Rostad, authorizing JAV Construction to raise the berm in the NE/4 Section 27, Colfax East and N1/2 Section 26, Eagle South, as determined by Interstate Engineering. Work at Proj #2 expense. The motion carried unanimously.

Proj #1 Reconstruction

The Secretary provided input she obtained from Legal Counsel pertaining to bidding procedures for the reconstruction of Proj #1. Consensus of the Managers at the April 16, 2019 meeting was to proceed with bidding the west 150 Feet of the NW1/4 Section 28 and approximately the east 7/8th mile in the N1/2 Section 29, all in Abercrombie East. Due to information from Legal Counsel, consensus of the Managers was to include an alternate bid for the remainder of the N1/2 Section 28, Abercrombie East. (RCWRD #17-017)

Antelope Creek Regional Conservation Partnership Program ("RCPP")

Mr. Bassingthwaite was asked if he contacted Christi Fisher about the RCPP Project as discussed at the April 16, 2019 board meeting. Mr. Bassingthwaite indicated he has not been able to connect with Ms. Fisher yet. (RCWRD #16-017)

Mr. Bassingthwaite left the meeting.

Technician's Report

●**Proj #7-** The inlet culvert in the SWCR SW1/4 Section 19, Garborg Township, may have some minor damage to the band. Mr. Johnson was planning to make the repair when the road was repaired (from the flood event). The County Highway Department has already repaired the road so Mr. Johnson suggested monitoring the culvert. The Managers agreed with Mr. Johnson.

System for Awards Management ("SAM")

The Secretary informed the Board that they are required to authorize an Entity Administrator for the annual SAM registration process. A motion was made by Mgr. Rostad and seconded by Mgr. Moffet authorizing Monica Zentgraf to serve as the SAM Entity Administrator. The motion carried unanimously.

Applications

Appl #19-014 Tim Jones: NE1/4 Section 34 and N1/2 Section 35, Homestead Township A motion was made by Mgr. Burvee and seconded by Mgr. Rostad to approve the cleanout (within the District's right-of-way) in the "Abandoned Homestead Drain" in the NE1/4 Section 34, Homestead Township. Work at no cost to the drain. The motion carried unanimously. (It was noted that the RCWRD has right-of-way in the NE1/4 Section 34, but not the N1/2 Section 35, and therefore the District does not have jurisdiction in Section 35. Mr. Jones will need to secure approval from the landowners if working outside the District's right-of-way in the NE1/4 Section 34 and for all work in the N1/2 Section 35.)

Annual Spring Township Officers Meeting

Mgr. Burvee reported on the Township Officers Meeting he attended April 16, 2019.

Legislative Matters

SB 2020 (North Dakota State Water Commission appropriations bill)- Changes were made by the Conference Committee and passed by the Senate and House of Representatives. The bill will now go to the Governor for his signature.

SB 2293 (Aquatic Nuisance Species Program Fund)- Still in Conference Committee.

SB 2358 (Definition of a Watercourse)- Assigned to Conference Committee and passed by the Senate and House of Representatives.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chr. Friskop adjourned the meeting at 11:25 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Monica Zentgraf
Monica Zentgraf
Secretary

Gary Friskop
Gary Friskop
Chairman of the Board