

RICHLAND-SARGENT JOINT WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
Richland County Courthouse, Wahpeton, ND
April 30, 2019

The Richland-Sargent Joint Water Resource Board (RSJWRB) met April 30, 2019 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, Mike Wyum, Lucas Siemieniewski, Roger Zetocha, Todd Stein (via conference call), Secretary-Treasurer Monica Zentgraf, Technician Justin Johnson, Engineer Mike Bassingthwaite (Interstate Engineering), and Cari Wefel.

THOSE ABSENT: Bruce Speich

Vice Chr. Friskop called the meeting to order.

Minutes

The November 27, 2018 and March 19, 2019 minutes were presented. A motion was made by Mgr. Siemieniewski and seconded by Mgr. Wyum to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Financial Matters

- Financial Reports- November and December 2018 and January, February, and March 2019 financial reports for the Maintenance, Construction, and Sinking Funds were presented for the Board's review. A motion was made by Mgr. Haugen and seconded by Mgr. Moffet to accept the financial reports as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

- Sinking Fund Payment Schedule- As approved at the March 19, 2019 meeting, bonds in the amount of \$500,000 were called. The Secretary-Treasurer reported the remaining bonds will be paid off May 1, 2022.

Phase II Reconstruction

Mr. Bassingthwaite reported JAV Construction has been on-site since April 23rd spreading spoil, but had to stop due to recent rains; additional work will be needed when the spoil dries out. Concerns Mr. Bassingthwaite has heard from landowners are that some spoil areas likely will not be cropped this year, reduced crop production, pasture/hay land may not come back as good this year, time will be needed on the landowners part for debris removal, and spoil should have been spread out further. Kurt Breker has approached Mr. Bassingthwaite about compensation. Mgr. Siemieniowski feels the pasture/hay land will come back based on current conditions. Mr. Bassingthwaite expressed the need for patience as everything is dependent on weather conditions and what can still be accomplished this spring. He reminded the Managers the original agreement was to pay for crop damage during construction (2018) with the expectation that the land would be farmed this year. There may need to be some payments for crop loss this year as well but it is too early to make that determination. Despite the concerns expressed by landowners regarding the work remaining, it was noted that several landowners stated they are very happy with the way the improved channel functioned this spring.

Seeding needs to be done as soon as possible, but conditions need to improve first. Field inlet culverts and Texas crossings also need to be installed. Mgr. Siemieniowski noted more riprap will likely be needed at the east box culvert on the NE corner as some erosion is occurring. Mr. Bassingthwaite commented that several cleanup items such as this will be addressed prior to project completion.

Discussion was held relative to setting a price for 2018 crop damages. The Managers discussed methods for calculating payments. A motion was made by Mgr. Zetocha, seconded by Mgr. Burvee, and carried unanimously to set the following prices for 2018 crop damages:

Corn: 200 Bushels/Acre @ \$5/Bushel

Soybeans: 50 Bushels/Acre @ \$11/Bushel

Mr. Bassingthwaite will meet with landowners to present the recorded damages from last fall and secure signed agreements for payments. There was approximately three acres of each crop damaged during construction.

Decision on 2019 crop damages was tabled. Interstate Engineering will GPS record the limits of the final spoil spreading areas so crop damages can be considered later if necessary.

2019 Spring Damages

A 90 inch x 80 foot CMP, located between the SECR Section 2 and NECR Section 11, Kingston Township, washed out during the recent spring flood event. Interstate Engineering provided the District with a study in 2006 which included the background data for considering the replacement of this culvert. Mr. Bassingthwaite reviewed the upstream and downstream culvert information with the Board and recommended the existing culvert be replaced with a 112 inch x 75 inch x 90 foot CSPA. Appl #19-001 was completed and a motion was made by Mgr. Siemieniowski and seconded by Mgr. Rostad authorizing JBX to replace the culvert between Sections 2 and 11, Kingston Township, as recommended by Mr. Bassingthwaite. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Vice Chr. Friskop adjourned the meeting at 8:40 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Monica Zentgraf
Monica Zentgraf
Secretary

Gary Friskop
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Vice Chairman of the Board