

RICHLAND COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
Richland County Courthouse, Wahpeton, ND
April 7, 2020

The Richland County Water Resource Board ("RCWRB") met April 7, 2020 at 9:30 AM via teleconference.

THOSE PRESENT: Managers Arv Burvee, Mark Fahsholz, Gary Friskop, James Haugen, Don Moffet, Engineering Technician Justin Johnson, and Secretary-Treasurer Monica Zentgraf.

THOSE ABSENT: None

Minutes

The March 24, 2020 minutes were presented. A motion was made by Mgr. Fahsholz and seconded by Mgr. Haugen to approve the March 24, 2020 minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Financial Matters

● **March 2020 Financial Reports**- A motion was made by Mgr. Moffet and seconded by Mgr. Burvee to accept the March 2020 financial reports as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

● **Bremer Bank Letter of Credit**- 110% of the District's securities totaled \$8,503,537.88. Bremer Bank increased the Letter of Credit to \$8,800,000.00 on March 5, 2020 which adequately covers the District's funds.

● **Bond Payments**- The Secretary-Treasurer reported the following bond payments are due:

Bond #2	\$ 43,130.00
Bond #5	\$ 82,405.00
Bond #7	\$341,268.76
Bond #14	\$ 62,005.00
Bond RS #1	<u>\$243,575.00</u>
Total Payment	\$772,383.76

A motion was made by Mgr. Fahsholz and seconded by Mgr. Haugen to approve Voucher #18320, payable to Starion Bond Services, in the amount of \$772,383.76 for the herein reported bond payments. The motion carried unanimously.

Mail

- 1) None

Cass-Rich Drain (CR #1)

The Cass County Water Resource District recently notified the Office that Kelly Rustad will take over gate operation duties on CR #1.

North Branch Antelope Creek Watershed Study- Regional Conservation Partnership Program ("RCPP")

The District previously submitted cost share requests to the North Dakota State Water Commission ("ND SWC") and Red River Joint Water Resource District ("RRJWRD") for the \$50,000 engineering over-run. The District has not yet received an answer from the ND SWC; the RRJWRD will consider the request at their meeting tomorrow. If cost share assistance is granted by both entities, Interstate Engineering may resume work on the study. If either entity denies assistance, the matter will require further consideration by the RCWRB before work resumes. (RCWRD #16-017)

Applications

Appl #20-005, David Fixen: SE1/4 Section 27, Ibsen Township A motion was made by Mgr. Moffet, seconded by Mgr. Fahsholz, and unanimously carried to defer the drain tile application pending the 30 day notification to downstream landowners.

Appl #20-006, Stuart Gunness: S1/2SE1/4 Section 16, Colfax East The RCWRB acknowledged the application for drain tile was filed for notification purposes only. No State Subsurface Permit is required and no action is required by the RCWRB as the project involves less than 80 acres.

Larson Helicopters

Mike Larson, of Larson Helicopters, joined the meeting for the purpose of discussing spraying services for 2020. Mr. Larson has sprayed the District's legal drains for weeds, trees, and cattails for several years. At the request of the Board, the past two years Mr. Larson has sprayed cattails in July. Mr. Larson feels it is a little too early, as there is growth that does not get sprayed. He prefers to spray mid-August.

Mr. Larson advised that last year he started using a new herbicide, called Polaris, on cattails. He has seen good results from this product, which has a longer residual effect ranging from two to three years. Cost is comparable to the product used in the past. Using Polaris should result in a cost savings since the drains would not have to be sprayed as often. Application cost for broadleaf weeds and cattails will be the same as 2019. Board consensus was to use Polaris on cattails and to spray them in mid-August.

The District's Secretary reported Cari Wefel contacted the Office about thick weeds on Richland-Sargent Drain #1 ("RS #1") where the drain crosses from Section 6, Duerr West, Richland County, into Section 1, Kingston Township, Sargent County. A color map showing the location of the problem area was emailed to Mr. Larson. He indicated in the past he only had a black and white map of the drain and could not see the entire route of the channel. He will pay close attention to that area when spraying this year.

The District will forward information to Mr. Larson for weed and tree spraying by mid-May and by mid-July for cattails.

Mr. Larson and Mgr. Burvee left the meeting.

Technician's Report

●Spring Thaw- Mr. Johnson reported he has been out in the county inspecting various drains and areas where there have been problems in past years. The thaw appears to have gone exceptionally well; snow did not have to be removed from any of the legal drains. Mr. Johnson indicated there are more issues from the recent snow and rain events than from the spring thaw; some issues on Proj #7 will need to be addressed later this spring.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chr. Friskop adjourned the meeting at 10:40 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Monica Zentgraf
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Secretary

Gary Friskop
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Chairman of the Board