

RICHLAND COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
Richland County Courthouse, Wahpeton, ND
December 11, 2018

The Richland County Water Resource Board (RCWRB) met December 11, 2018 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 November 27, 2018 minutes were presented. A motion was made by Mgr. Haugen and seconded by Mgr. Rostad to approve the November 27, 2018 minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Financial Matters

●November 2018 Financial Reports- A motion was made by Mgr. Rostad and seconded by Mgr. Burvee to accept the November 2018 financial reports as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

●Bremer Bank Letter of Credit- The October and November 2018 Letter of Credit reports were reviewed with the Managers.

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| October 2018 Credit Required | \$6,494,351.02 |
| November 2018 Credit Required | \$6,262,456.72 |

The Secretary-Treasurer reported the \$7,900,000 Letter of Credit adequately covered the District for both months.

Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP)

Mike Bassingthwaite, of Interstate Engineering, met with the Board to discuss the status of the RCPP North Branch Antelope Creek Watershed Study. Also present were Keith Weston, from the Red River Retention Authority, and Randy Gjestvang, from the North Dakota State Water Commission.

Mr. Bassingthwaite said frequent meetings will be needed going forward to meet NRCS' July 2019 deadline for submission of the final watershed plan.

Mr. Bassingthwaite reported the Hydraulic & Hydrology (H & H) existing condition models were submitted to the NRCS for review; comments have been received and are being addressed. Barr Engineering has been assisting with this work; calibration of the models has been a challenge due to lack of published historical data in the watershed other than the gaging station at Dwight. Alternative impacts can be considered when the existing models are complete.

Discussion centered around the "Alternative" work in progress. Mr. Bassingthwaite focused on the Proj #95 detention site status and the watershed-wide culvert study. He stated alternatives related to Antelope Creek itself would be the topic of discussion at the next meeting. In August 2018, preliminary soil borings were completed on the reduced footprint of the detention site. The preliminary report was somewhat discouraging as sandy soil was found to an average depth of 35 feet. Even though there would be additional costs for features required to deal with the subsoils, consensus was that the site was worth continued study and a preliminary design.

Considerable time was spent discussing the culvert study. Consensus was to continue with the culvert study work for inclusion in the watershed plan as an alternative.

Technician's Report

- Beaver Dams- Multiple beaver dams need to be removed. Mr. Johnson will be assigning contractors this week.

- Tree Grubbing- Appl #18-035 was completed and a motion was made by Mgr. Burvee and seconded by Mgr. Rostad authorizing JBX to remove tree and brush debris from Projs # 2, 5, 12, 14, 15, 48, 62, 65, 67-8, 72, 95, & 97. The motion carried unanimously.

- Drone- Mr. Johnson will work on securing his pilot's license this winter so he can use the drone for inspecting the drains in the spring.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chr. Friskop adjourned the meeting at 11:20 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Monica Zentgraf
Monica Zentgraf
Secretary

Gary Friskop
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Chairman of the Board