

RICHLAND COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT  
Richland County Courthouse, Wahpeton, ND  
February 11, 2020

The Richland County Water Resource Board ("RCWRB") met February 11, 2020 at 11:30 AM at the Richland County Courthouse, Wahpeton, North Dakota.

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

THOSE ABSENT: Don Moffet

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

Mike Bassingthwaite, of Interstate Engineering, spoke briefly with the Board about meetings needed prior to finalizing the North Branch Antelope Creek Watershed Study. This includes meeting with the Board at Interstate Engineering's office to review data and holding meetings with landowners. (RCWRD #16-017)

Mr. Bassingthwaite left the meeting.

**Minutes**

The January 28, 2020 minutes were presented. A motion was made by Mgr. Fahsholz and seconded by Mgr. Haugen to approve the January 28, 2020 minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**Financial Matters**

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

●Bremer Bank Letter of Credit- 110% of the District's securities totaled \$7,492,192.93 on January 31, 2020. The current \$8,000,000 Letter of Credit adequately covers the District's funds.

**Mail**

- 1) Richland County Commission- Minutes of the January 2020 meeting.
- 2) North Dakota State Water Commission ("ND SWC")- Request for submission of future projects for the *Water Development Plan* which may require ND SWC cost share. Board consensus was to request Interstate Engineering's assistance identifying future projects and completing the required paperwork for the ND SWC.

**Spring Melt Preparation**

Due to heavy snow pack in the area, discussion was held regarding removal of snow from legal drains during the upcoming spring melt.

Consensus of the Board was if individuals have an emergency situation where property is being threatened, the RCWRD must be contacted; the RCWRD will consider action to be taken on a case-by-case basis. Work within the legal drains by private individuals is not allowed.

**Proj #2 Right-of-Way- Section 22, Colfax East**

On August 27, 2019, Mr. Bassingthwaite informed the Managers that Brad Hage had conversations with him about getting the Board's permission to farm the Proj #2 right-of-way where the backslope material was used to build up the bank of the drain in Section 22, Colfax East. Because of the material being removed from the land, there is approximately one acre of ground no longer needed for the drain. At the 2019 RCWRD meeting, a motion was passed to offer to sell the one acre to Mr. Hage at the price of \$5,500 (the original price paid to the Hages' in April 2016 for the right-of-way needed when the drain was reconstructed). As part of the Board's motion, if Mr. Hage refused to purchase the land, Mr. Hage's request to farm this

right-of-way was denied. The offer was subsequently made to Mr. Hage but was not accepted and he requested to meet with the Board. In preparation for the upcoming meeting with Mr. Hage, the Board discussed their previous decision. No action was taken.

**Technician's Report**

●Metro Flood Diversion Authority Meeting- Mr. Johnson reported on the January 30, 2020 meeting he attended.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chr. Friskop adjourned the meeting at 12:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Monica Zentgraf*  
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Secretary

*Gary Friskop*  
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Chairman of the Board