

RICHLAND COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
Richland County Courthouse, Wahpeton, ND
February 12, 2019

The Richland County Water Resource Board ("RCWRB") met February 12, 2019 at 9:00 AM at the Richland County Courthouse, Wahpeton, North Dakota.

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

THOSE ABSENT: Don Moffet

Minutes

The January 29, 2019 minutes were presented. A motion was made by Mgr. Burvee and seconded by Mgr. Haugen to approve the January 29, 2019 minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Financial Matters

● January 2019 Financial Reports- A motion was made by Mgr. Haugen and seconded by Mgr. Rostad to accept the January 2019 financial reports as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

● Bremer Bank Letter of Credit- 110% of the District's securities totaled 7,273,621.44 on January 31, 2019; the existing Letter of Credit, in the amount of \$7,400,000, adequately covers the District's funds.

Mail:

- 1.) North Dakota State Water Commission- 2019 Water Development Plan has been completed and is available at www.swc.nd.gov.

Computer Equipment

The Secretary's desktop computer as well as the laptop computer need to be upgraded, as the current operating systems will not be supported after January 2020. It is possible the Secretary's printer will not be compatible with the new system. Cost estimates will be secured; target install is early May 2019.

Mike Bassingthwaite, of Interstate Engineering, joined the meeting.

Legislative Matters

It was reported that SB2220 (Changes to Current Drain Tile Law) and SB2174 (WRBs Elected Positions) failed in the Senate. HB1514 (Elimination of Drain Tile Permitting Requirement) is still being worked on by the House Ag Committee.

Proj #12- Mr. Bassingthwaite and the Board reviewed and discussed the cost estimates and proposed work on Proj #12, in Sections 10 and 15, Freeman Township. Consensus was to proceed with a meeting with the affected landowners, to discuss the multiple aspects of the project. (Dotzenrod & Group #18-031)

Proj #31 Reconstruction- Gabe Bladow, of Houston Engineering, met with the Board at this time. Also present, as requested by the Managers, were Kelly Gilles (representing the SE1/4 Section 21, Devillo Township) and Corey Theede (representing the SE1/4 Section 28, Devillo Township). Jim Miller (representing the NE1/4 Section 28, Devillo Township) did not attend the meeting. Purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Board's desire to reconstruct Proj #31 in the SE1/4 Section 21 and E1/2 Section 28. Reconstruction is needed due to the steepness of the drain slopes and concern of erosion and sloughing of the ditch banks. Mr. Bladow provided a condition report and explanation of the project with discussion following relative to the need for purchase of some right-of-way in order for the reconstruction to take place. Mr. Gilles and Mr. Theede agreed to visit with the owners of the land about the project and selling approximately one to two acres to the District. Comparable sales figures will be obtained from the Assessors Office

so the Board can set a purchase price. Mr. Gilles and Mr. Theede will be notified accordingly. The Managers asked for a decision from the landowners by April 1st. (RCWRD #18-022)

Technician's Report

●Drone- Mr. Johnson reported that he recently passed the remote pilot certificate exam.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chr. Friskop adjourned the meeting at 11:40 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Monica Zentgraf
Monica Zentgraf
Secretary

Gary Friskop
Gary Friskop
Chairman of the Board