

RICHLAND COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
Richland County Courthouse, Wahpeton, ND
February 23, 2021

The Richland County Water Resource Board ("RCWRB") met February 23, 2021 at 9:00 AM at the Richland County Courthouse.

THOSE PRESENT: Managers Clint Arndt, Arv Burvee, Mark Fahsholz (via zoom), Don Moffet, Engineering Technician Justin Johnson, and Secretary-Treasurer Monica Zentgraf.

THOSE ABSENT: Gary Friskop

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Mgr. Moffet, seconded by Mgr. Arndt, and unanimously carried to approve the agenda as presented.

Minutes

The February 9, 2021 minutes were presented. A motion was made by Mgr. Fahsholz and seconded by Mgr. Moffet to approve the February 9, 2021 minutes as presented. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Financial Matters

● February 2021 Vouchers- Vouchers for the month of February 2021 were presented for the Board's review and approval. A motion was made by Mgr. Moffet and seconded by Mgr. Arndt to approve Vouchers #18553 through #18568 and the electronic funds transfer for the IRS payment. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Mail

- 1) Richland County Commission- Minutes of the January 2021 meetings.
- 2) North Dakota State Engineer's Office- Copy of solicitation of comments sent to the Cass County Joint Water Resource District regarding Metro Flood Diversion Authority Application #2489 to construct or modify a dam.
- 3) Stuart Gunness- Request for backsloping the Proj #19 ditch slope to accommodate mowing. (The ditch slope cannot be mowed as a result of the cleaning done in 2020.) A motion was made by Mgr. Moffet and seconded by Mgr. Arndt to defer the request pending inspection of the drain. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. (Gunness #20-052)
- 4) Interstate Engineering- Cost estimate for Proj #95 cleanout in the S1/2 Section 31, Ibsen Township. The estimate also includes purchase of additional right-of-way. Clarification from the Engineer is needed regarding the right-of-way. Is the additional right-of-way to widen the corridor to more fully contain the channel and ensure vegetation is maintained and does it also include the additional right-of-way to correct the location of the channel as it was originally constructed? Board consensus was to secure land values from the Assessor's Office for the additional right-of-way. (RCWRD #20-030)

Applications

The following applications for drain tile were reviewed by the Board:

Appl #21-005	Dave Gauslow	N1/2SE1/4 Section 16, Colfax East Twp
Appl #21-006	Stuart Gunness	S1/2SW1/4 Section 35, Eagle North Twp
Appl #21-007	Ryan Skoog	NW1/4 Section 6, Eagle South Twp
Appl #21-008	Jerry Wirtz	W1/2 Section 33, Waldo Twp

The RCWRB acknowledged Appls #21-005 through #21-008 for drain tile were filed for notification purposes only. No State Subsurface Water Management Permits were required and no action was taken by the RCWRB as these projects involve less than 80 acres.

Legislative Update

Office Staff reported that amended HB 1437 received a 13-0-1 “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Ag Committee this past week and will be on the House Floor today.

SB 2208 was rewritten to establish an interim study to examine combining NDCC Chapters 61-16.1 and 61-21. The full Senate passed the bill as amended 45-2. It will now move to the House of Representatives.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Monica Zentgraf
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Secretary

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Chairman of the Board