

RICHLAND COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT  
Richland County Courthouse, Wahpeton, ND  
February 26, 2019

The Richland County Water Resource Board ("RCWRB") met February 26, 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 February 12, 2019 minutes were presented. A motion was made by Mgr. Rostad and seconded by Mgr. Burvee to approve the February 12, 2019 minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Financial Matters**

●Vouchers- Vouchers for the month of February 2019 were presented for the Board's review and approval. A motion was made by Mgr. Haugen and seconded by Mgr. Rostad to approve Vouchers #17992 through #18012 and the electronic funds transfer for the IRS payment. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Mail:**

- 1.) Richland County Commission- Minutes of the January 2019 meetings.
- 2.) Red River Watershed Management Board & Flood Damage Reduction Workgroup- Agenda for the March 19<sup>th</sup> through 21<sup>st</sup> events.
- 3.) North Dakota State Water Commission- State Surface Drain Appl #5260, for the improvements to Proj #1, was determined to not be of statewide or interdistrict significance. A motion was made by Mgr. Burvee and seconded by Mgr. Rostad to approve State Surface Drain Application #5260. The motion carried unanimously. (RCWRD #17-017)

### **Proj #3 Reconstruction**

In follow up to the Board's meeting with Arnie Anderson on January 29, 2019, Mr. Anderson contacted the District's Secretary and informed her that he would not accept the Board's offer for the right-of-way needed for reconstructing the drain in the NW1/4 Section 16, Lamars Township. Mr. Anderson indicated he is not willing to sell any land to the District for the proposed reconstruction project and he does not want the project done.

After reporting this to the Managers considerable discussion was held. Consensus was to not proceed with the project. The drain and drop structures will continue to be monitored. (RCWRD #18-004)

### **Proj #31 Reconstruction**

Mr. Johnson has attempted to contact Jim Miller several times for the purpose of scheduling a meeting with him to discuss reconstructing Proj #31 and the need for the District to purchase some right-of-way from the Miller Trust for the project. Mgr. Burvee will try to contact Mr. Miller.

The Board reviewed comp sales, prepared by the Richland County Tax Director. Consensus was not to set a purchase price for the required right-of-way until discussion has been held with Mr. Miller. (RCWRD #18-022)

### **Computer Equipment**

Office staff is working on securing bids for the desktop and laptop computers, as discussed at the February 12, 2019 meeting.

### **Legislative Matters**

SB2139 (Snagging & Clearing Funding) will be heard by the House Energy & Natural Resources Committee on March 1, 2019. Mgrs. Burvee and Haugen and Mr. Johnson will attend the hearing.

**Technician's Report**

●North Branch Antelope Creek Watershed Study (RCPP Project)- Mr. Johnson provided an update on the February 15, 2019 meeting attended by himself and Mgrs. Burvee and Friskop.

**Adjournment**

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Monica Zentgraf*  
Monica Zentgraf  
Secretary

*Gary Friskop*  
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Chairman of the Board