

RICHLAND COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
Richland County Courthouse, Wahpeton, ND
January 29, 2019

The Richland County Water Resource Board ("RCWRB") met January 29, 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

Mike Bassingthwaite, of Interstate Engineering, met with the Board at this time. The following matters were addressed:

Proj #3 Reconstruction- NW1/4 Section 3, Lamars Township

Prior to meeting with Arnie Anderson, owner of the NW1/4 Section 16, Lamars Township, discussion was held relative to right-of-way easements, deeds, and offering price for the land needed from Mr. Anderson for the proposed reconstruction project. Mr. Bassingthwaite also fielded Board Members questions about the project itself.

Mr. Anderson met with the Board and Engineer at this time to further the discussion about reconstructing Proj #3, along the Anderson property in the NW1/4 Section 16, Lamars Township. (Initial meeting held April 17, 2018) Mr. Bassingthwaite reviewed the proposed plan with Mr. Anderson and explained that the project involved reconstructing the county road side slope to 4:1 and moving the center line of the drain approximately ten feet to twelve feet to the east; the field side slope would be constructed to 3:1. Mr. Bassingthwaite noted that along with the reconstruction project, the bridge in the NWCR of Section 16 would be replaced with a hard surface bottom structure.

Discussion turned to the purchase of the needed right-of-way for the project. Approximately one acre of right-of-way would be required from Mr. Anderson. Mr. Anderson agreed reconstruction is needed. Comparable sales figures, obtained from the Richland County Assessor, were reviewed with Mr. Anderson. Mr. Anderson noted that drain tile was installed on this land fifteen years ago. No agreement was reached on a purchase price; the WRB told Mr. Anderson they would need to further consider the matter.

The meeting concluded with Mr. Anderson telling the Managers he would go along with the project if an acceptable offer was made for the land.

The Managers further discussed the purchase price. Consensus was to base their offer on the comparable sales figures; the Secretary was directed to contact Mr. Anderson accordingly. March 1, 2019 was set as a deadline for Mr. Anderson to respond to the Board's offer.

It was agreed by all that this would be a 2020 project, if Mr. Anderson accepts the Board's offer. (RCWRD #18-004)

Proj #12

The Managers and Engineer prepared for the upcoming meeting with the landowners who requested work on Proj #12 in Section 15, Freeman Township. Mr. Bassingthwaite will prepare cost estimates for the project and meet again with the Board prior to the landowner meeting. (Dotzenrod & Group #18-031)

Mr. Bassingthwaite left the meeting.

Technician's Report

Mr. Johnson provided an update on the January 23, 2019 meeting of the Metro Flood Diversion Authority Board.

Minutes

The January 22, 2019 minutes were presented. A motion was made by Mgr. Burvee and seconded by Mgr. Haugen to approve the January 22, 2019 minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Legislative Matters

- SB2139- The Board supports SB2139 regarding snagging and clearing. Emails will be sent to the District 25 and 26 Senators asking them to support this bill when it comes to the Senate floor for a vote.

- SB2220- The Board supports SB2220 regarding changes to the current drain tile law. Emails will be sent to the Senate Ag Committee Members asking them to give the bill a "Do-Pass" recommendation.

- HB1514- The Board opposes HB1514, which would eliminate all permitting requirements for installation of drain tile. Emails will be sent to the House Ag Committee Members urging them to give HB1514 a "Do Not Pass" recommendation. The hearing on this bill will be held February 1, 2019; Managers Friskop and Burvee will attend the hearing.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chr. Friskop adjourned the meeting at 12:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Monica Zentgraf
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Secretary

Gary Friskop
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Chairman of the Board