

RICHLAND COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT  
Richland County Courthouse, Wahpeton, ND  
June 22, 2021

The Richland County Water Resource Board ("RCWRB") met June 22, 2021 at 8:00 AM at the Richland County Courthouse.

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

THOSE ABSENT: None

### **Approval of Agenda**

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

### **Minutes**

The June 8 and June 15, 2021 minutes were presented. A motion was made by Mgr. Fahsholz and seconded by Mgr. Friskop to approve the June 8 and June 15, 2021 minutes as presented. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

### **Financial Matters**

●**June 2021 Vouchers**- Vouchers for the month of June 2021 were presented for the Board's review and approval. A motion was made by Mgr. Fahsholz and seconded by Mgr. Arndt to approve Vouchers #18626 through #18643 and electronic funds transfers for the IRS and Job Service payments. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

### **Mail**

- 1) TrueNorth Steel- Notification of additional 18% price increase for corrugated metal pipe. New prices go into effect immediately.
- 2) North Dakota State Water Commission ("ND SWC")- Notice of Temporary Water Permit #ND2021-20660, issued to the City of Wahpeton. Source: Wahpeton Buried Valley Aquifer; Point of Diversion: S1/2 Section 2, Dwight West Township; Nature of Use: Aquifer Testing.
- 3) Helendale Private Drain, LLC- Email correspondence with Cam Leedahl, of Helendale Private Drain, Matt Lindsay, of the North Dakota State Water Commission ("ND SWC"), and Sean Fredricks, the District's Legal Counsel.
- 4) ND SWC- Proj #31 Reconstruction Cost-Share Agreement in the amount of \$174,771. A motion was made by Mgr. Fahsholz, seconded by Mgr. Arndt, and upon roll call vote unanimously carried authorizing Chr. Burvee to sign the cost-share agreement. (RCWRD #18-022)

### **Proj #3 County Bridge #128-43.2**

Richland County Engineer Jesse Sedler met briefly with the Board to inform them that he was required to close Bridge #128-43.2, located in the NWCR SW1/4 Section 3, Lamars Township, as it is not repairable. Mr. Sedler asked the Lamars Township Board to prioritize the bridges in their township before proceeding with design plans. Mr. Sedler's goal is to replace one of the bridges in 2022 or 2023. Since this bridge is located on Proj #3, the RCWRD will have a 60% cost-share responsibility.

### **Technician's Report**

#### ●Proj #7:

Site #529- NE1/4 Section 29, Nansen Township: Six foot deep hole possibly within drain right-of-way; dirt was purposely removed. The Managers requested Mr. Johnson determine if the hole is within drain right-of-way.

●Proj #72-

Site #510- W1/2 Section 9, Abercrombie West Township: Water flowing under concrete structure. Appl #21-052 was completed and a motion was made by Mgr. Arndt and seconded by Mgr. Fahsholz authorizing JBX, LLC to make repairs. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

**Proj #66A**

Over the past several months, the Board has investigated and considered several options to try to improve the function of Proj #66A. Financial/bonding constraints severely limit the Board's ability to do a major reconstruction project on this drain. Discussion was held about what could be done to improve the function of the drain with the money on hand; consensus was to do a culvert-to-culvert cleanout of the entire channel in 2022. A meeting will be held with the affected landowners in February to see if they would be willing to give the District room to pile the spoil until after crops are harvested in the fall. The Managers hope is that the landowners will donate the temporary right-of-way. (RCWRD #20-040)

**Southwood Drain #2 ("SW #2")**

Ms. Zentgraf spoke with the Board about her concern that there is no assessment district for SW #2. Work required on the drain in the past has either been paid out of the funds remaining from the construction of the drain or the City has utilized their staff to do the work. Ms. Zentgraf reported that she visited with Dennis Miranowski, Wahpeton Public Works Director, about the District and the City entering into a written agreement for future maintenance of SW #2. Mr. Miranowski and the City's legal counsel support a written agreement in which the City would accept full maintenance responsibility for SW #2 until such time that a maintenance assessment district would be established. At this time Appl #21-053 was completed and a motion was made by Mgr. Arndt and seconded by Mgr. Friskop authorizing Attorney Fredricks to draft a maintenance agreement between the RCWRD and City of Wahpeton for SW #2. Legal fees at SW #2 expense. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

**Regional Conservation Partnership Program ("RCPP")**

As a result of the June 15, 2021 meeting with landowners/tenants regarding two potential detention sites, Mike Bassingthwaite, of Interstate Engineering, provided the office with maps outlining approximate assessment areas for each site. Mr. Bassingthwaite also forwarded information to the District from Christi Fischer, of the NRCS, regarding easement payments, which the Board reviewed. After much discussion, Board consensus was to forego another small group meeting with the landowners who would be directly impacted by a project and to schedule the required interim public meeting. The Managers asked that Mr. Bassingthwaite forward the assessment area maps to the people who attended the June 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. Per the May 25, 2021 meeting with Mr. Bassingthwaite, it was agreed that the small group meetings and interim public meeting would all be held by the end of July. (RCWRD #16-017)

**Secretary-Treasurer Position**

Applications for the Secretary-Treasurer position were reviewed by the Managers. The Managers requested interviews be held June 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Senate Bill 2208 Study Committee**

Ms. Zentgraf updated the Managers on revisions Legislative Management made to the SB 2208 study topics as well as revisions to the Members of the Committee. It was noted that one Water Resource Board Member was removed from the Committee; only one Board Member will now serve on the Committee.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chr. Burvee adjourned the meeting at 12:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Monica Zentgraf*  
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Secretary

*Arv Burvee*  
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Chairman of the Board