

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

The Richland County Water Resource Board ("RCWRB") met March 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 March 5, 2019 minutes were presented. A motion was made by Mgr. Rostad and seconded by Mgr. Burvee to approve the March 5, 2019 minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Mail:

- 1.) Dakota Helicopters- Email regarding spraying services.
- 2.) Northern States Excavating- Equipment rates for 2019.
- 3.) Richland County Commission- Minutes of the February 2019 meetings.

Legislative Matters

The House Energy and Natural Resources Committee has not yet taken action on SB2139 (Snagging and Clearing).

Zach Herrmann, of Houston Engineering, met with the Board to discuss the following projects:

Project #7 Reconstruction

Mr. Herrmann provided the Board with a bid tabulation from the bid opening held March 5, 2019. Low bidder was JAV Construction with the following bids:

	<u>Base Bid</u>	<u>Alt #1</u>	<u>Alt #2</u>
JAV Construction	\$323,850.00	\$382,625.00	\$473,239.00

Considerable discussion followed regarding total estimated cost of the project and funding options. Discussion concluded with a motion made by Mgr. Burvee and seconded by Mgr. Rostad to award Alternate #2 to JAV Construction, based on their bid of \$473,239. The motion carried unanimously. (RCWRD #17-016)

Proj #31 Reconstruction

Mgr. Burvee reported a meeting with Jim Miller has been scheduled for March 13, 2019 for the purpose of discussing reconstruction of a portion of Proj #31 and the need for the District to purchase some right-of-way from the Miller Trust for the project. Mgr. Burvee and Mr. Johnson will meet with Mr. Miller. The Managers reviewed comp sales reports provided by the Richland County Tax Director. Consensus was to offer \$5,000 per acre for the permanent right-of-way and \$150 per acre for two years for temporary right-of-way. (RCWRD #18-022)

Mr. Herrmann left the meeting.

Proj #12 Reconstruction

Mike Bassingthwaite, of Interstate Engineering, met with the Board for the purpose of discussing reconstruction scenarios prior to meeting with the landowners.

The RCWRB moved their meeting to the Richland County Commission Room for the meeting with the landowners. Those present, in addition to the Board Members and staff were Engineer Bassingthwaite, Rudy Dotzenrod, Dan Dotzenrod, Ben Dotzenrod, Bill Dotzenrod, and Brad Hegseth,

Purpose of the meeting was for the Board to respond to the group of landowners who submitted Appl #18-031. The request was for the Proj #12 ditch bottom to be lowered and regraded along the north and east sides of Section 15, Freeman Township. The Applicants also requested the four mainline culverts in that section be lowered. By doing this work a portion of the water from Proj #12 would be redirected to the private ditch in Section 10 where it would again enter the legal drain on the north side of the section. The Applicants were informed that it is not possible to utilize the private drain as an outlet for the legal drain; the private drain would need to be brought up to the standards of a legal drain and adopted as part of the legal drain. Before being adopted as part of the legal drain, the ditch would need to be improved to a 4:1 road side slope, 3:1 field side slope, and approximate 8 foot ditch bottom. That work would have to be paid for and completed by the private individuals. The right-of-way would also need to be donated to the legal drain. Once the work on the private ditch is completed and accepted by the Board, the work on the legal drain, in Section 15, would be done. The Engineer reported the State highway culvert, located in the NECR Section 10, could also be lowered approximately 2 feet. The work in Section 15 and the highway culvert would be paid by the Proj #12 assessment district. Discussion was also held regarding the need for engineering services for the work on the private drain and the associated costs. No action was taken by the Board; the Applicants must decide if they are willing to reconstruct the private drain and donate the right-of-way to the District.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chr. Friskop adjourned the meeting at 11:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Monica Zentgraf
Monica Zentgraf
Secretary

Gary Friskop
Gary Friskop
Chairman of the Board